

APPROVED  
MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD  
MEETING  
3.13.17

A regular meeting of the Essexville-Hampton Board of Education was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, in the Garber High School Library, 213 Pine Street, Essexville, MI.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Martin at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE RECITED

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present

John Martin, Joseph Pergande, Charles Rochow, Jill Urban, Amber Davis-Johnson, Michael O'Neill, Student Representative Payton Wolbert

- Member Absent

Dean Verhaeghe (excused) and Student Representative Emily Walther

ALSO PRESENT

Matthew Cortez, Lori Flippin, Leigh Ann Foret, Eric Allshouse, Janel Blaire, Suzanne Brown, Cuck Burrows, Nate Chologer, Shannon Flippin, Tim Hoffman, Barry Kenniston, Sarah Knapp, Stacy Maze, Bonnie Middleton, Nancy Reder

ADDITIONAL ITEMS  
FROM BOARD /  
SUPERINTENDENT

None

STATEMENTS  
FROM THE  
PUBLIC

None

MINUTES  
APPROVED

Moved by Pergande, supported by Urban, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on February 13, 2017, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill

No: None

TREASURER'S  
REPORT  
ACCEPTED

Moved by Rochow, supported by O'Neill, to accept the treasurer's report, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Martin

No: None

EXPENDITURE  
REVIEW  
COMMITTEE  
REPORT  
APPROVED

Moved by Martin, supported by Davis-Johnson, to approve the Expenditure Review Committee report in the amount of \$1,386,740.65 for the month of February, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Martin, Pergande

No: None

**STUDENT  
REPRESENTATIVE  
REPORT**

Student representatives Payton Wolbert reported on the following:

1. April 22, 2017 is Prom – Night at Gatsby’s is the theme
2. 5 students will be attending the state leadership conference held in Grand Rapids at the Amway, March 23-25, 2017.
3. Payton Wolbert elected President of the MI Association of Student Councils State Board of Delegates.
4. Garber Student Council currently rewriting their constitution so that it’s in accordance with Robert’s Rule of Order, 11<sup>th</sup> edition.

**CURRICULUM &  
STATE/FEDERAL  
DIRECTOR  
CONTRACT  
APPROVED**

Moved by Davis-Johnson, supported by Pergande, to approve the contract of Eric Allhouse for Curriculum and State/Federal Director, as presented. Diane Hurley, retiree from Bangor school district in the same position, will be an interim until Allhouse’s start date.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, Davis-Johnson, O’Neill, Martin, Pergande, Rochow

No: None

**OUT OF STATE  
TRAVEL  
BASEBALL/  
SOFTBALL SPRING  
TRAINING TRIP  
APPROVED**

Moved by Urban, supported by Rochow, to approve the out of state travel to Fort Meyers, FL for baseball/softball spring training from March 24-April 2, 2017, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Davis-Johnson, O’Neill, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban

No: None

**SEX EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM  
UPDATE  
APPROVED**

Moved by O’Neill, supported by Martin, to approve the update of the sex education curriculum with the addition of HIV/AIDS lessons and videos, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: O’Neill, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson

No: None

**GARBER POOL  
BID - APPROVED**

Moved by Pergande, supported by O’Neill, to approve the bid from Bayside Builders of \$392,644.50 for the complete restoration of Garber’s pool, as presented. This will include all decking, diving board, piping, updating controls and separating chemical rooms. These repairs are in line with the SME failure points.

Roll Call: Yes: Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O’Neill

No: None

**WONDERS  
CURRICULUM  
PROPOSAL  
APPROVED**

Moved by Urban, supported by Rochow, to approve the Wonders curriculum proposal for grades 2-5, as presented. This curriculum has been piloted in grades 2-5. An overview was presented by literacy specialist, Stacy Maze. DRA averages have been on the rise, proving the effectiveness of this curriculum.

Roll Call: Yes: Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O’Neill, Martin

No: None

CASH FLOW BID  
SOLICITATION  
APPROVED

Moved by Pergande, supported by O'Neill, to approve soliciting bids for the cash flow loan for the 2017-2018 school year, not to exceed \$4.5 million, as presented.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Martin, Pergande

No: None

MESSAGE TO  
LANSING

Moved by Davis-Johnson, supported by Urban, to approve a letter to the State of Michigan siting the negative impact changes in Lansing are having on our students, as read by President Martin.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Martin, Pergande, Rochow

No: None

EXPULSION  
HEARING  
GT-2017

The parents of GT-2017 were informed of their right to be present at the Board of Education hearing to review the expulsion recommendation. It was indicated by the father before the meeting of his preference for a closed session.

CLOSED  
SESSION

President Martin requested that the board move into closed session for the purpose of an expulsion hearing.

Moved by Urban, supported by O'Neill, that the Board of Education, and those persons recommended by Superintendent Cortez, namely Lori Flippin, Tim Hoffman, Suzanne Brown, GT-2017 and his parents, move into closed session for the purpose of an expulsion hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes: Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban

No: None

CONVENE  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Board convened into executive session.

The executive session convened at 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AND  
RECONVENE  
CLOSED  
SESSION

Adjourn executive session and reconvene into closed session with GT-2017 and parents.

The closed session reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

TRUSTEE  
EXITED

President John Martin exited at 8:25 p.m. (excused)  
Vice President Joseph Pergande took over as President

RECONVENE  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

Board reconvened into executive session.

The executive session reconvened at 8:45 p.m.

ADJOURN  
EXECUTIVE  
SESSION AND  
RECONVENE  
CLOSED  
SESSION

Adjourn executive session and reconvene into closed session with GT-2017 and parents.

The closed session reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

ADJOURN  
CLOSED  
SESSION AND  
RECONVENE  
OPEN  
MEETING

Moved by Rochow, supported by Urban, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session.

Roll Call: Yes: O'Neill, Martin, Pergande, Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson

No: None

The open session reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

MOTION NOT  
TO EXPEL  
GT-2017

Moved by Davis-Johnson, supported by Urban, not to expel GT-2017 from the Essexville-Hampton Public School District, but to enter into a Last Chance Agreement drafted by Superintendent Cortez and administration.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill

No: Pergande

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
EVALUATION

Superintendent Cortez requested a closed session to begin his evaluation process.

CLOSED  
SESSION

Vice President Pergande requested that the board move into closed session for the purpose of beginning the superintendent's evaluation process.

Moved by Rochow, supported by Urban, that the Board of Education, and those persons recommended by Superintendent Cortez, namely Lori Flippin, move into closed session for the purpose of the superintendent's evaluation process at 9:21 p.m.

Roll Call: Yes: Rochow, Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Pergande

No: None

ADJOURN CLOSED  
SESSION AND  
RECONVENE  
OPEN MEETING

Moved by Urban, supported by Davis-Johnson, to adjourn the closed session and reconvene into open session.

Roll Call: Yes: Urban, Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Pergande, Rochow

No: None

The open session reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT  
EVALUATION  
REDRAFT  
APPROVED

Moved by Davis-Johnson, supported by O'Neill, that Superintendent Cortez waive his required evaluation date of March 15, 2017 to a later date. Cortez will work with attorney, Bill Allsopp, to redraft his contract language. This change will state future evaluations will take place annually in November. This year, the superintendent's evaluation will take place at a special board meeting to be scheduled in April 2017, with results reported at the regular May 2017 board meeting.

Roll Call: Yes: Davis-Johnson, O'Neill, Pergande, Rochow, Urban

No: None

STATEMENTS  
FROM BOARD/  
ADMINISTRATION

Pergande stated that he participated in Assistant Superintendent Flippin's exit interview with Barry Kenniston. Kenniston will compile the information. Pergande also thanked Flippin for all of her work in the district.

STATEMENTS  
FROM THE  
PUBLIC

None

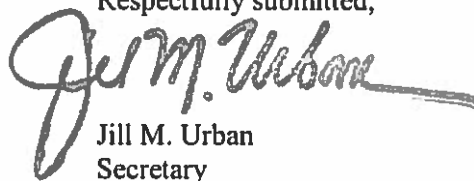
ADJOURN

Moved by Urban, supported by Davis-Johnson, to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jill M. Urban  
Secretary