



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – August 22, 2022 – 5:30 pm

Unapproved Minutes

I. Call to Order & Roll Call. President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Meagan Batdorff, Ward Kuhn, Tara Ward, Marguerite Cotto

ii. Board Members absent: Kurt Sanford, Marco Cabrera,

iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker, Recording Secretary Emily Feaster

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda - None

a. Motion to Keep Agenda as posted

Motion: Kuhn

Motion support: Batdorf

Motion passed: 4-0

III. Approval of June 20, 2022 BOE Meeting Minutes

a. Approval for previous BOE minutes as written

Yvette asked for Item 8 in the president's report to state preliminary reinstatement, instead of preliminary approval. Amendment between items 15 and 16 superintendent's performance was discussed.

Motion: Yvette

Support: Kuhn

Motion passed: 4-0

IV. Public Comment - None

a. Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services - None

V. Recognitions - None

VI. Board Correspondence - None

VII. Presentations

a. 2021-2022 Annual Survey Results- Walker reported on the Community Survey Results. High rate of return on survey results. He reported an increased feeling of being rushed and not having enough time at the middle school. Students report a high level of learning through project-based learning and student interactions with teachers are positive and supportive in both middle school and high school.

VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report – Walker reported high school enrollment is 126 with a

cap at 132. Middle school currently has 122 students with a cap of 132. The middle school is fully staffed. The high school has filled most positions but is still looking for a .5 special education teacher, 2 special education assistants, and substitute teachers. Summer camp ran for 8 sessions with 83 registrations for the camps. Feedback has been sent out to staff as well as campers. Implementation 1 is complete for Mercantile. Torre will be working with Wes to coordinate purchasing. This process will be evaluated in a few months. Both schools will be switching our yearbook company to Entourage. Walker is working with NMC to look at expanding to the first floor. The Greenspire exit has been completed based on a student design. High school hallways have been painted. 13 Students have signed up for NMC classes and 7 for the Career Tech Center. Middle school floors have been refinished. Furniture has been purchased for all spaces. Thank you to the Slawnik's for watering our plants over the summer. New wireless ports have been installed in the middle school. Walker met with Garfield township and Fitzpatrick will take over going to the meetings going forward.

- b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth welcomed Margaurite Cotto to the board. The board will meet with the staff at the high school on Monday. Babin-Ringsmuth also reported she is working on finding a new treasurer so Batdorff can focus on grant writing. She has reached out to Wayne Shidmt to coordinate land acquisition.
- c. Treasurer's Report - Batdorff reported the budget will have about a 2.5% reserve with the deficit decreasing. The board will need to plan the whole school count budget for the next few years to work with NMC on lease terms. Batdorff will be working with GVSU to come up with lease terms and the duration of the lease.
 - i. CSP Grant - implementation 1 is closed out. Implementation 2 has been approved.
- d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias, reported they have been researching retaining early career teachers. Emergency drills must be posted on the website. Registration for GVSU campus visits are now open. GVSU CSO offers \$1,000 to GVSU charter school students for up to 4 years if they attend GVSU. Personal finance classes must be added to course offerings in the coming years. MEMPSA meetings are returning in October. Board training is coming up as well.
- e. Faculty Summary - Emily Feaster reported on behalf of the district. The staff enjoyed having the summer program this year and they are excited for the new school year. We have had two productive planning days so far and are excited to welcome new staff to our team. Along with new staff, we are looking forward to the additional support for students this year with the new administration positions created - counselor and dean of students.

IX. Consent Agenda

- a. Committee Reports
 - i. Facilities & Finance
 - ii. School Expansion
 - iii. Personnel

- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
- v. Student Support Council
 - Approval of consent agendas of those provided
 - Motion: Kuhn
 - Support: Ward
 - Passed: 4-0

X. Discussion Items

- a. High School Furniture Order
- b. Volunteer Policy - Additions will be made to expand the volunteer policy.

XI. Action Items

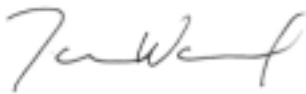
- a. Approval of High School Pathways
 - Motion: Kuhn
 - Support: Batdorff
 - Motion passed: 4-0
- b. Approval of Middle School Handbook 2022-2023
 - Motion: Ward
 - Support: Kuhn
 - Motion passed: 4-0
- c. Approval of High School Handbook 2022-2023
 - Motion: Kuhn
 - Support: Batdorff
 - Motion passed: 4-0
- d. Approval of Middle School Security Proposal
 - Motion: Ward
 - Support: Kuhn
 - Motion Passed: 4-0
- e. Approval of Robert Walker as Chief Administrative Officer Designee
 - Motion: Ward
 - Support: Kuhn
 - Motion Passed: 4-0

XII. Public Comment- None

XIII. Adjournment at 7:14 pm

- a. Motion: Kuhn
- Support: Ward

Respectfully submitted,



Tara Ward, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 5:30pm in Spruce Hall