



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - May 15, 2023 ~ 5:30 pm

Unapproved Minutes

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call.** President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.
- i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Meagan Batdorff, Tara Ward, Marco Cabrera (arrived at 5:45), Ward Kuhn, Constanza Hazelwood
  - ii. Board Members absent: None
  - iv. Board Member attending virtually (not voting): Marguerite Cotto
  - iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker, Recording Secretary Emily Feaster

### II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

- a. Motion to add a Resolution for Partner Solutions to access Criminal History Records and add High School Expansion Lease Amendment to the agenda: Kuhn  
Motion support: Batdorff  
Motion passed: 5-0

### III. Approval of Previous BOE Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approval for Regular April 17, 2023 board minutes as written: Ward  
Support: Kuhn  
Motion passed: 5-0

### IV. Public Comment

- a. Gabriel Hood presented his view of the current issues with the dress code at the high school.

### V. Recognitions

- a. High School Robotics Team: Walker recognized the success of the first Greenspire Robotics Team- The Steel Sturgeons. The Robotics team explained the process of getting to worlds and their plans for the future. The team thanked the board for their support through this process.

### VI. Board Correspondence - None

### VII. Presentations- None

### VIII. Reports

- a. Superintendent's Report – Walker reported on the high school and middle school enrollment for next year. The transition to Partner Solutions is going well and they have gone above and beyond to make this transition successful. Hiring is going

well with many positions being filled at the high school level and a couple of positions are being posted for the middle school. There are currently 62 sign-ups for the summer program. The first district wide event will take place on June 2nd at Thirlby Field. This Wednesday, the high school will host a mental health night presenting on a variety of mental health topics. Implementation II is underway. CTC and NMC are of high interest for our students. June 9, the TC Track Club is partnering for a trail run. Windows for Maple are in Traverse City and are waiting for an install date. There have been no more plumbing issues in Maple and the weather station will be connected in the coming weeks. A large thank you to the volunteers that helped with the pancake lunch. Students raised enough money for a sap boiler for next year.

- b. President's Report - Babin-Ringsmuth submitted a report to the board folder as well as thanked the teachers for all of the work they have been doing as well as congratulating the Robotics team on their success.
- c. Treasurer's Report - Batdorff reported a positive fund balance to end the year once the security grant is released. Walker and Batdorff are working on finalizing next year's budget. Batdorff stated the board needs to look at the sustainability of maintaining two campuses as we move forward.
  - i. CSP Grant - Batdorff stated she is working on reporting and the next step is ordering technology. Implementation III funds will need to be spent in about three months.
- d. Authorizer's Report - GVSU's representative, Matt Missias, congratulated the Robotics Team and reminded the board that the budget hearing notice must be published in a newspaper. Principal's meetings will be happening this week via live stream and the Social Studies Series, in partnership with the National Constitution Center will be offering opportunities for Social Studies teachers. State funding is still in the works but the foundation allowance should be an increase this year.
- e. Faculty Summary - Claire Alexander reported, "We wanted to thank the board for all of the love during Teacher Appreciation Week. We are excited for the future of the middle school with Emily at the helm and for Mike to have the role of superintendent. Congrats to both of them. We are looking forward to the fun events that are to come at the end of the year, including the grade field trips and the Pit Spitters game as well as 8th Grade Graduation on June 13. Please know that you are all invited to join the fun events that come at the end of the year and we hope to see you there."

## **IX. Consent Agenda**

### **a. Committee Reports**

- i. Facilities & Finance
- ii. School Expansion
- iii. Personnel
- iv. Curriculum/School Improvement Team
- v. Student Support Council

Motion to approve consent agendas of those provided:Kuhn

Support: Cabrera

Passed: 6-0

## **X. Discussion Items**

a. Additional EMC Program- Science and Arts (ASA)- Walker discussed the Science and Arts program. Cabrera, Ward, and Batdorff discussed affording EMC for high school students as well as possible caps on the number of students allowed in the program.

b. 2023-2024 Budget Discussion- Walker discussed the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Budget includes health care costs, staff increases, and cleaning services. A budget hearing discussion meeting will be held June 5 at 6pm.

C. Creation of Board Committee: Fundraising and Marketing Committee- Cabrera explained the reasoning behind wanting the committee to be under the Charitable Foundation.

D. Board Policy Updates- Spring 2023: Walker explained the new updates to the board policy.

## **XI. Action Items**

- a. High School- Rabbit Pet Proposal  
Motion to approve High School- Rabbit Pet Proposal: Cabrera  
Support: Ward  
Motion passed: 6-0
- b. High School Graduation/ Pathways Update  
Motion to approve High School Graduation/ Pathways Update:Kuhn  
Support: Batdorff  
Motion passed: 6-0
- c. 2023-2024 Academic Calendar Amendment  
Motion to approve 2023-2024 Academic Calendar Amendment: Kuhn  
Support: Ward  
Motion passed: 6-0
- d. Resolution for Partner Solutions to access Criminal History Records  
Motion to approve Resolution for Partner Solutions to access Criminal History Records: Batdorff  
Support: Hazelwood  
Motion passed: 6-0
- e. NMC Lease- Amendment  
Motion to approve revised NMC Lease- High School Expansion: Kuhn  
Support: Cabrera  
Motion passed: 6-0

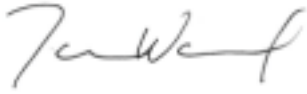
## **XII. Public Comment- None**

## **XIII. Adjournment at 7:05pm**

Motion to adjourn: Cabrera  
Support: Ward

Motion passed: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tara Ward".

Tara Ward, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 5:30pm in Spruce Hall