

MT. MORRIS BOARD OF EDUCATION

12356 Walter St.
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

MINUTES

- Board Members Present: Rauschenberger
Sprague
Lovelady
Mitchell
Plyler
Wilborn
- Board Members Absent: Tracey
- Other Participants: Kujat, Bueche, Carr, Telder, Laney, Mason,
Ellison, Stotler, Basista, Romzek
- Patrons and Guests: 11
- Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rauschenberger. Mr. Romzek led in the pledge of allegiance.
- Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that the minutes of the September 20, 2023, special meeting be approved as circulated. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.
- Reports: Student of the Month
Mr. Carr presented the students of the month for E. A. J. High School. Mya Jackson and Colby Carper (Goode).
- E. A. Johnson High School Presentation
Mr. Carr and Mrs. Telder highlighted the high school, building goals and positive school culture. They are focusing on restorative practices, putting new policies in place to build stronger relationships with staff and students.
Mr. Carr presented the board with activities students are participating in this year; student news, CGI, Mott partnership, PIVOT, Sports, Quiz Bowl, SADD, Robotics, Theater, and many more. As well as the AP

classes students are able to take, Dual enrollment to earn collage credits. Mr. Carr let the board know about upcoming events that will be happening at the high school as well, homecoming activities for the week, powder puff was on Monday and seniors lost, daddy daughter dance coming, haunted halls, blood drive, the theater will be putting on a play and they are making preparations for the mock crash.

Mrs. Telder touched on academics happening at E. A. J. Students have taken the fall benchmark assessment and there was a 96% completion rate this year. Mrs. Telder talked about 5D rubric, creating routines for students to be successful. The high school has implemented the SAVASS Math curriculum. The Chromebooks are in place in every classroom for every student at the high school now.

Lightspeed is up and running to help teachers make sure students are on task in class.

Hearing the Public: Mr. David Tompkins, a parent of a high school student addressed the board with concerns regarding they new cell phone policy and how parents are notified when their student receives ISR.

Board Comments: Mrs. Lovelady thanked the students of the month and E.A. J. team for the presentation.

Mr. Rauschenberger said the senior's loss was rough, he thanked Mr. Tracey for his years of service on the board, as he turned in his official resignation as he faces health challenges.

Financial Report: Mr. Romzek addressed the board with his monthly financial report. The Business office is in the process of finalizing the audit report and will have it for the board in the coming weeks, for presentation and acceptance at an upcoming board meeting. The Business office has also completed several of the required annual financial cost reports that are due this time of year. With the audit nearly complete, and staff in place for the year, we turn our time and attention to the first budget amendment for the current year. We will be working with the administrative team on the amendment in the coming weeks in order to bring the amendment to the board for adoption, likely in December or January.

Accounts Payable: A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the accounts payable in the amount of \$2,329,465.02 be approved as presented. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Communications: Mrs. Kujat let the board know that it is Homecoming week, the parade is on Friday and if they would like to walk, line up is at the Middle School at 5:15 p.m. with the game starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Rauschenberger reminded the board to wear Mt. Morris attire for the parade.

Old Business: None

New Business: Employment Recommendation – Moore Elementary School Principal
A motion was made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Mrs. Diana Stotler as the Principal at Moore Elementary School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Special Education Teacher Consultant
A motion was made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Lisa Roark as a Special Education Teacher Consultant for the district effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – E. A. Johnson High School Food Service
A motion was made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Mrs. Stefanie Lewis as a Food Service Worker at E. A. J. High School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Moore Elementary Third Grade Teacher
A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Samantha Cowell as a Third Grade Teacher at Moore Elementary School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Moore Elementary Paraprofessional
A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Mitchell, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Jessica Kujat as a Paraprofessional at Moore Elementary School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Moore Elementary Food Service

A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. April Pea as a Food Service Worker at Moore Elementary School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Middle School Food Service

A motion was made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Mrs. Leslie Berry as a Food Service Worker at the Middle School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Pinehurst Special Education Teacher

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Mrs. Delynn Fairbanks as a Special Education Teacher at Pinehurst Early Elementary School effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – Transportation Monitor

A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Mrs. Dawn McCloud as a Monitor at the Transportation Department effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – High School Tech Captain

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Mitchell, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Jean Herta as a High School Tech Captain effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – High School Tech Captain

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Mitchell, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Tyslee Thomas as a High School Tech Captain effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – E. A. Johnson High School National Honor Society Advisor

A motion was made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Laura Perkins as a High School National Honor Society Advisor effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – E. A. Johnson High School Freshman Class Advisor

A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Mr. William Vaughn as a High School Freshman Class Advisor effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Employment Recommendation – E. A. Johnson High School Sophomore Class Advisor

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Mitchell, that the board approve the recommendation to employ Ms. Hope Ash as a High School Sophomore Class Advisor effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Nomination of Board Treasurer

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that that board approve the recommendation to nominate Mrs. Mitchell as the Board of Education Treasurer effective the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

2023-2024 MASB Official Voting Delegates and Alternates

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that the board designate two delegates Mrs. Sprague; Mrs. Plyler and two alternates Mrs. Mitchell; Mrs. Lovelady to serve as MASB official voting delegates and alternates representing the Mt. Morris Board of Education during the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Recommendation to Purchase Device's

A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that the board approve the recommendation to purchase device's for teachers at the High School and Middle School. The entire \$40,299.00 will be paid from ESSER funds. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Recommendation to Purchase Updated Audio System for E. A. Johnson High School

A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that the board approve the recommendation to purchase an updated audio system for the High School Auditorium. The entire \$35,499.90 will be paid from General funds. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Recommendation for E. A. Johnson High School Rooftop Units

A motion was made by Mrs. Mitchell, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the recommendation to purchase rooftop units for E. A. Johnson High School. The entire \$416,130.00 will be paid from ESSER III funds. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

MMAEA Contract

A motion was made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady, that the board approve the MMAEA Contract for the 2023-24 school year, as presented. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Student Discipline Hearing Disposition

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that as a result of the high school student discipline hearing held on September 25, 2023, @ 4:30 p.m., the board supports the committee's recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Student Discipline Hearing Disposition

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Mitchell, that as a result of the high school student discipline hearing held on September 26, 2023, @ 4:30 p.m., the board supports the committee's recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Student Discipline Hearing Disposition

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that as a result of the high school student discipline hearing held on September 26, 2023, @ 5:00 p.m., the board supports the committee's recommendation to expel the student for the remainder of the 2023-24 school year. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Student Discipline Hearing Disposition

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that as a result of the middle school student discipline hearing held on September 26, 2023, @ 5:30 p.m., the board supports the committee's recommendation to expel the student for 180 school days. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Student Discipline Hearing Disposition

A motion was made by Mrs. Lovelady, supported by Mrs. Sprague, that as a result of the middle school student discipline hearing held on September 26, 2023, @ 6:15 p.m., the board supports the committee's recommendation to expel the student for 180 school days. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Hearing the Public: None

Board Comments: Mrs. Mitchell is excited for all of the new staff.

Mr. Rauschenberger thanked the board committee for being part of the hearings.

Mrs. Sprague welcomed the new board members. As well as thanked Mrs. Mitchell for stepping up as the treasurer.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. on a motion made by Mrs. Sprague, supported by Mrs. Lovelady. The motion passed; all members present voted yes.

Amie Lovelady, Secretary