

MARCELLUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
Marcellus, Michigan  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 15, 2024  
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Tone at 7:00 p.m. at the Marcellus High School Library.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Tone, Schug, Essex, Engstrom, Ware, Hackenberg

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Asmus

**ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT:**

Pauley, Bohan, Bischoff, Cropsey, Wagner, Price, Anderson

**ADMINISTRATORS ABSENT:**

Schuur

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Schug, to appoint Dana Mikel as the recording secretary for the Board of Education. Roll call vote. Ayes 6, Nays 0. Motion Carried.

**MINUTES:**

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Ware, to accept the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Board meeting as presented. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

A motion was made by Schug, supported by Engstrom, to appoint Joe Tone as President. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Schug, supported by Ware, to appoint Ed Asmus as Vice President. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Tone, supported by Schug, to appoint Nicki Hackenberg as Secretary. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ware, supported by Tone, to appoint Laura Schug as Treasurer. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

**BOARD COMMITTEE SELECTIONS:**

A motion was made by Tone, supported Engstrom, to appoint members to committees:

Finance/Personnel Committee – Tone, Schug, and Hackenberg

Facilities Committee – Tone, Ware, and Asmus

Board Affairs Committee – Tone, Engstrom, and Ware.

Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**BOARD MEMBERS ON DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE:**

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Tone, to appoint Hackenberg to the District Improvement Committee. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**FOOD SERVICE HEARING AND CERTIFICATION OFFICER:**

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Schug, to appoint Engstrom as the Food Service Hearing and Certification Officer. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**ATHLETIC COUNCIL:**

A motion was made by Schug, supported by Engstrom, to designate Hackenberg and Essex to the Athletic Council Committee. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**BERRIEN/CASS SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION:**

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Essex, to designate Asmus to serve as a member of the Berrien/Cass School Board Association. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT AS EXECUTIVE OFFICER:**

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Schug, to name Superintendent Nanette Pauley Executive and Elections Officer. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Hackenberg, to approve the accounts payable in the amount of \$155,257.56. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

Elementary Principal Sarah Bischoff reported on benchmark testing, ELA interventions, and Reward School celebration plans.

Middle School Principal Tracy Cropsey reported on math interventions, quarter testing schedules, and upcoming events.

High School Principal Lynn Wagner reported on benchmark testing and the revised exam schedule. Wagner also announced that the FFA district competition will be held at MHS on January 24 from 4 – 8 pm.

Volinia Principal Amy Anderson reported on students' schedules and Maplefest which is scheduled for March 23, 2024.

Athletic Director Don Price announced that Sports Recognition Night is scheduled for March 13, 2024 and the high school wrestling tournament is scheduled for Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Price also reported that My Way wrestling will be using our facilities for their fundraiser tournament on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Mindy Bohan reported on our Reward School Accomplishments, interventions, and benchmark testing.

**COMMENTS FROM GUESTS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Schug, to approve the NEOLA Vol. 38, No. 1 policies. as presented. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

January is Board Member Appreciation month. The administration expressed great appreciation to the District's Board Members for their dedication and service to the district and our students. Each member was presented with a wildcat t-shirt and a certificate of appreciation.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Ware, to approve the 2024 Committee Meeting schedule as presented. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Hackenberg, to accept resignations from Stephanie Fletter, April Stewart, and Phil Small. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hackenberg, supported by Engstrom, to purchase a 2023 Chevy Silverado from C Wimberly for \$42,316.00 using 61c Grant funds. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Ware, supported by Schug, to approve the architectural services proposal by CARMi Design group as presented. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

NEOLA Special PERA Update policy recommendations were presented to the Board as a 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

Coaching evaluations were provided to the Board as informational.

A motion was made by Engstrom, supported by Hackenberg, to accept the Resolution for the Refunding Outstanding 2014 Building & Site Bonds as presented. Roll call vote. 6 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Monthly Budget Update was presented as informational.

Superintendent Pauley publicly thanked Tim Schuur and the maintenance personnel for the hard work and time they have devoted during the winter storm. Pauley also reported on ALICE training and Reward School celebrations.

A motion was made by Schug, supported by Engstrom, to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. All in favor vote. Motion Carried.