

**Hillsdale County Intermediate School District
Board of Education Meeting
January 16, 2020 ~ 5:30 P.M.
DRAFT MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Brandes, Grossheim, Gutowski, Nye, Vanlerberg Absent: --

HCISD Staff: Reehl, Svacha, Shaffer, G. Jones, Quigley, Lawless, R. Anspaugh, D. Anspaugh, A. Smith, Slamka, Magda, Rathburn, Wilson, O'Heran

Guests: Nicole Yager, candidate for hire; Gary Morrison, Camden Board; Debby Kerr, Retiree; Liz Young, The Arc of Calhoun County; Stacie Clark, Pittsford Board; Connie Varney, Pittsford; Jessica Butler, Pittsford; Karrie Hughes, Pittsford; Brandi Revers, Pittsford

CALL TO ORDER

President Laura Nye called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes, December 19, 2019, Regular Meeting
- B. Minutes, December 19, 2019, Closed Session
- C. Report on Investments
- D. Bills Payable

Brandes/Vanlerberg to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

COMMENTS FROM GUEST

Brandi Revers, Pittsford parent, read a statement expressing her concern for the safety of students and staff at Pittsford Area Schools.

Liz Young, ARC, reported they are still actively involved in multiple districts in the county: The findings show non-compliance. Liz reported that Leah Ortiz will present a training at the Principals' meeting: she is looking forward to seeing everyone there.

BOARD MEMBER APPRECIATION

Troy Reehl thanked the board for all they do for the students in Hillsdale County.

Liz Quigley, on behalf of the professional staff, thanked the Board for their service and dedication. On behalf of the members, a donation to Domestic Harmony has been made in the Board members' names.

Shivawn O'Heran, on behalf the Support Staff Union, presented the Board with a card and cookies. Shivawn stated they appreciate the time and service to kids and supporting staff, and are looking forward to working together to make everything better for students and staff.

OTHER BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

- A. New Hires

Brandes/Grossheim to approve the hire of Brianna Brooks and Nicole Yager for para-professional.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

- B. Jackson County ISD Technology Services Contract (2020-2025)

Gutowski/Brandes to approve the technology services contact with JCISD for 2020-2025.

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

A. Budget Amendments (2019-2020)

SUPERINTENDENT GOAL UPDATE

President Nye reported that the Board of Education has established three goals for Superintendent Reehl:

1. Work collaboratively to improve the relationship with the local schools and communities
2. Work collaboratively to strengthen the special education system in the county local schools and communities
3. Work collaboratively to enhance the vocational education programming and services in the local schools and communities

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Director Shaffer included a report in her board report. Belinda presented the month-end budgets.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Reehl reported that there is a countywide board meeting scheduled for February 6 at 6:00 pm. The agenda will focus on the services the HCISD provides, how the HCISD is funded, CTE Collaborative work, special education collaborative work, and the superintendent's goals.

GENERAL EDUCATION

A report was submitted in the board book.

Superintendent Reehl reported that there is a PD scheduled for Monday. Each district is providing a team for the Xello training on the new model and new process. Some of the LEAs are doing their own PD. The Arc of Calhoun County will be present at the Principals' Meeting to share PD.

The Michigan Merit Curriculum meeting was focused on personal curriculum. In the meeting, it was stated that a parent can go to the school system and request personal curriculum and the district is obligated to work through it.

Stefanie Rathburn reported that the Great Start Collaborative "Teaching Community" campaign has had additional funding from the State. Four staff members have been trained as facilitators. A forum on Childcare is scheduled to talk about the drastic shortage of childcare in Hillsdale County.

Mindy Wilson reported that the School Readiness Advisory team met in regard to Kindergarten Readiness.

MILLAGE UPDATE

Superintendent Reehl provided an update on the March 10 vocational education millage. Publications are currently being created. Troy asked the superintendents if they would like him to come to their board meetings and talk about the millage, and requested key meetings that he should attend. The LEAs are asking the Board for their endorsements of the millage.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Susanne Masters included a report in the board book.

HILLSDALE AREA CAREER CENTER

Jamie Mueller provided a report in the board book.

CLOSED SESSION FOR ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE

Gutowski/Grossheim to convene to closed session at 6:30 pm for the purpose of attorney-client privilege.

Roll Call Vote: Vanlerberg, Brandes, Grossheim, Gutowski, Nye

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

Present in closed session: Board Members Laura Nye, Laurie Brandes, Scott Gutowski, Ron Grossheim, and Maxine Vanlerberg; Employees Reehl, Svacha, and Shaffer.

President Nye to convene to open session at 6:00 pm.

OTHER MATTERS

Ron Grossheim questioned the situation at Pittsford. Troy Reehl reported that the HCISD is working through the process and working with the superintendent.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Stacie Clark asked a question about student evaluations. The question was followed by discussion regarding general practices and law to include Troy Reehl, Stacie Clark, Brandi Revers, and the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Grossheim/Gutowski to adjourn at 6:32 PM

Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Svacha