

**Mendon Community Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 19, 2021**

**I. General Business**

**A. Call to Order**

Board President, Regina Schinker, called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Lynn Cool, Roger Cupp, Jesse King, Sonya Moyle, Regina Schinker, DyAnn Steinberger, and Bob Stuart.

Members Absent: None

Administrative Staff Present: Leasa Griffith, Bobby Kretschman, Glen Samson, and Lisa VanZoest

Others Present: Caleb Stephenson

**C. Approval of Minutes, Bills, and Receipts and Financial Report**

Motion was made by Moyle and supported by Stuart to approve the Regular Board Meeting minutes and Closed Session minutes for March 15, 2021, as well as the Bills & Receipts, and Financial Report as presented.

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays, 0 absent

**II. Communication**

**A. Oral.**

**a. Parent/Guardian Comments Regarding COVID 19 Instruction and Delivery.**

None was presented.

**B. Written**

None.

**C. Board Communication**

None.

**III. Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the Consent Agenda.

#### **IV. Board Reports**

##### **A. Athletic Report - Glen Samson**

Samson reviewed all of the winter sports' accomplishments and awards.

All League for Basketball: 1st Team - Payton Griffith, 2nd Team - Ryley Mullin, Honorable Mention - Dahntae Bailey, Jozryl Meeks and Makennah Mullin. All League for Wrestling: Team Captain - Kyle Drewer; 1st Team - Bodhi Miller, 2nd Team - Nathan Verguawen, Noah Iobe and Lincoln Allen,

Honorable Mention - Juan Calderon. Samson went on to discuss spring sports which have begun. In addition, he informed the Board that the Trident Athletic Scholarship would be awarded again this year as will the SW10 Scholar Athletes.

##### **B. Elementary - Leasa Griffith**

###### **1) Student Count**

GSRP	K	1	2	3	4	5	Online	Total
24 (not included in our total)	28	34	26	32	33	21	5	179

*Down 3 students from March.*

###### **2) Celebrations**

Griffith thanked the Carol Haas Foundation for their generous \$5000 donation for K-3 Summer School Literacy. She went on to inform the Board that the elementary would be offering a summer school program for K-5th grades from 8:30am-11:30am. The program will run 2 weeks after school is out and 2 weeks before school starts. Kindergarten Round-Up has begun. Griffith thanked the GSRP teachers and assistants for giving current GSRP parents the Kindergarten enrollment packets.

###### **3) Upcoming Events**

Griffith reported that testing in the elementary building would begin on April 20th. She also reported that Mr. Wenzel and Mr. Langlois are discussing and planning their spring activities.

### C. Middle/High School – Bobby Kretschman

#### 1) Student Count

6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	Total
34	52	52	38	43	40	45	304*

\*9 Students from the ISD (not included in the total number)

*The count this month stayed the same as the March count.*

#### 2) Celebrations

Band Recognition - The High School Band got a rating of II which is considered “Excellent.” Great job, Mr. Langlois and Band members! Mr. Kretschman explained that final exams are planned and letters will be sent to families as well as all of our end of the year senior plans.

#### 3) Other Updates

Kretschman informed the Board that the 2021-2022 professional development plans have begun with the ISD consultants. In addition, Kretschman explained that the SAT and PSAT tests were all administered the previous week with the M-Step beginning this week. He thanked Leigh Ann Hagenbuch for all the work that goes into setting up the testing.

#### 3) Upcoming Events

Kretschman discussed the upcoming Jr/Sr Awards Night. This will be new beginning this year. Usually it is after the Senior Breakfast and no other parents are able to attend. Kretschman went on to explain that the intent is to make it a little more formal and celebratory event. He went on to discuss that Graduation is planned for Thursday, May 27th at

7pm. The tentative plan is to hold graduation inside with a limit on the number of people a graduate can invite. Steinberger asked why the event is not scheduled to be held outside like a lot of others are doing. Kretschman explained that last year we had great weather, but that weather is a concern. He said even if the event was held outside, there would need to still be a limit on the number of guests. Steinberger asked if a list of dates and events could be sent to parents of graduates.

## D. Superintendent's Report

### 1) Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation Meeting April Report

#### Reconfirmation Meeting for April, 2021

**Reconfirm how instruction (Return to Learn Plan) is going to be delivered during the 20/21 school year:**

(Recommendation: Explain in narrative form any modifications to the original Extended Learning Plan)

Mendon is continuing with the hybrid scheduling in both buildings. We will continue to give opportunities for students to attend at the Middle/High School on days when they are not scheduled to be in attendance for more chances to improve their grades. Even with the governor's recommendation for high schools to go remote for two weeks, we believe Mendon High School's hybrid schedule lessens the number of students in classrooms and hallways more than those schools who are attending face-to-face five full days a week with 100% of their student body in attendance.

**Document Public Comments:**

None were given.

#### Review Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates for Elementary Building

Week Of:	All Students	100% Virtual	Not 100% Virtual
3/10-3/16	96.2%	100%	96.1%
3/17-3/23	96.7%	83.3%	97.1%
3/24-3/30	97.3%	100%	97.1%
3/31-4/6	91.8%	100%	91.5%
4/12-4/13	93.9%	100%	93.7%

**Review Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates for Jr/Sr High School Building**

<b>Week Of:</b>	<b>All Students</b>	<b>100% Virtual</b>	<b>Not 100% Virtual</b>
3/10-3/16	92.4%	90.3%	92.6%
3/17-3/23	94.7%	93.3%	94.9%
3/24-3/30	91.4%	96.7%	90.8%
3/31-4/6	67.0%	70.0%	66.7%
4/12-4/13	86.5%	70.0%	88.3%

**Review Weekly 2-Way Interaction Rates for District-wide**

<b>Week Of:</b>	<b>All Students</b>	<b>100% Virtual</b>	<b>Not 100% Virtual</b>
3/10-3/16	93.8%	91.9%	94.0%
3/17-3/23	95.5%	91.7%	95.8%
3/24-3/30	93.6%	97.1%	93.3%
3/31-4/6	76.3%	74.3%	76.4%
4/12-4/13	89.2%	74.3%	90.4%

**V. Discussion Items****A. Administrative Outlook for 2021-2022**

Griffith discussed the administrative team for next year. She feels that an Elementary Principal is necessary in order to move that building forward with all of their initiatives. She stated that the elementary building deserves to have someone fully dedicated to their needs, and she feels that with all of the other hats she wears - she has done them a disservice. Stuart asked why Griffith was acting as Elementary Principal in the first place and Cupp responded that it was done to save money. In addition, Griffith said that there has been some communication going on with a few individuals regarding the Transportation Director position that will be vacated by Candace Hostetler at the end of the school year. Steinberger asked if there was any way the Transportation Director position could be combined with another position to make it full-time with benefits, and she suggested that we look into what other districts are paying. She felt that we need to make it more attractive. Griffith stated that we are looking into all options at this point. Stuart asked about how we can make our district even more attractive to schools of choice students. It was suggested that

we look into a return of the signs at the edges of the village to announce all of our accomplishments. One suggestion was to create a sign that had removable advertisement slots to help pay for the sign.

**B. Bond Update - Caleb Stephenson**

Stephenson shared the construction schedule with the Board for this summer. He explained that each building has quite a bit of work being done at various times. He included that there is money in this phase for technology and transportation as well.

**C. Pre-Bond Contract Work**

Stephenson explained that work has begun for a Bond Renewal which will be no tax increase for taxpayers. We have begun the work with Baker Tilly and Tower Pinkster to get things ready for a November 2022 vote. Stephenson went on to explain that we do have quite a few irons in the fire, with a walk-through taking place last week. He went on to indicate that we will need to form committees with various representatives including Building and Site, administrators, teachers, parents and perhaps even students. This Pre-Bond agreement will address the fees we will pay for aspects that Tower Pinkster will be helping coordinate.

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Approval of Triangle App #72000A-00001 - \$9217.43**

Motion was made by Cool and supported by Cupp to approve the payment of Triangle App #72000A-00001 in the amount of \$9217.43.

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent

**B. Approval of Triangle App #72000A-00002 - \$3,555.42**

Motion was made by Cupp and supported by Moyle to approve the payment of Triangle App #72000A-00002 in the amount of \$3555.42.

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent

**C. Approval of Triangle App #7 - \$11,300.00**

Motion was made by Cupp and supported by Stuart to approve the payment of Triangle App #7 in the amount of \$11,300.00.

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent

**D. Approval of Tower Pinkster Letter Proposal - Mendon Community Schools FAS Assessment & Pre-Bond 3/31/21.**

Motion was made by Cupp and supported by Moyle to approve the proposal by Tower Pinkster regarding Mendon Community Schools fAS Assessment and Pre-Bond.

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent

**E. Approval of NEOLA Volume 35 No. 2. Non-Discrimination/Anti-Harassment Policies Update/Edgar Revisions.**

Motion was made by Steinberger and supported by King to approve NEOLA Volume 35 No. 2.

Motion Carried: 7 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent

**VII. Good of the Order**

Kretschman reminded the Board that he would get a list of end of year events for all of them.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm by King and supported by Stuart.

Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent

Respectfully Submitted by,

Regina Schinker  
Board President

Leasa Griffith  
Superintendent