

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Lawrence at 6:00

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Roll Call**

**Board Members Present:** Bhatti, Burroughs, Hodgins, Lawrence, Lilje, Lopez, Moore, Rodriguez, Willis

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Executive Team Present:** Benavides, Black, Chapman, Corbin Diaz, Keck, Laing, Sinicropi

**Executive Team Absent:** None

**IV. Additions to the Agenda:** None

- V. Public Comment:** Mr. Brian Hagler has a Special Education student that attends Dwight Rich. He said that it appears that the Board is not taking into account the needs of Special Education students. Mr. Hagler said that his son is visually impaired and also needs in person instruction. He stated there is poor information release and no mention of the impact on Special Education students. He also stated that the changes the Board makes does not take into account the time needed to make arrangements. He would like to see an increase of direct contact with Special Education and parents.

**VI. Presentations:**

**Nurses Report** – Mrs. Sue Wheeler and Ms. Randi Trumble gave a PowerPoint presentation with Covid Metrics Dashboard information as well as Tip of the Month. There was a time of discussion and questions which were addressed by Mrs. Wheeler, Superintendent Sinicropi and President Lawrence.

**Bilingual Education Update** – Mr. Sergio Keck gave a Bilingual Education PowerPoint that included in-depth information regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Lansing School District. Comments made by Board Members praising the Lansing School District staff for all their commendable work.

**VII. Report from Superintendent**

Tomorrow is the end of the first semester. We can count our blessings, for the most part even with all the uncertainty. I want to thank the Community, staff, students and families and the Board of Education for the support and resilience shown.

I want to share some good news. As of today we have had 49 students enroll or reenroll for the second semester in the past few weeks.

We have entered into a partnership with the ISD and the Ingham County

Health Department to provide vaccinations to all interested staff, the first round of vaccinations will take place in the first few weeks of February.

The Executive Team will be planning for the next few months out and have come up with a catchy slogan that will give us important direction on what steps should occur for the 6-8 months and beyond.

And now for the did you knows, Dr. Chapman--

**Delsa Chapman** – Did you know that the Executive Team has developed a 6-strategy model designed to impact student achievement for the next 6 months January – June 2021? Through a collaborative effort between the instructional and operational divisions along with school level, community, and business stakeholders the model will:

Provide culturally responsive teaching and learning

Provide a safe environment for teaching and learning

Provide social, emotional and mental health support to optimize learning

Provide academic support targeting grade levels and needs

Prepare for the New Normal

Preserve fund balance based on budget projections for FY'22

The model has been branded as Equip with Six: A Short-Term Strategy for Long-term Impact

**Suzy Corbin** - Did you know in order to continue our Culturally Responsive Objective, we will be incorporating the Star Grant, our Marzano Evaluation Tool and our Equity Audit as supports for growth?

**Camela Diaz** - Did you know as we continue to develop academic supports targeting grade levels and the specific needs of our students that we are focused on several targeted initiatives? We are developing programs to support our English learners through an afterschool tutoring program, designing a robust summer learning program for students K-12, expanding the use of our Early Warning Systems to support struggling students PreK-12 and working to redesign our instructional systems for educational equity across the board. As we continue this work, I look forward to sharing additional updates.

**Jon Laing** – Did you know in order to provide a safe environment for teaching and learning the Lansing School District in partnership with SodexoMagic will be installing ultra violet light systems that will purify and filter the air in our schools? This will include adding equipment to central air ventilation systems where available and individual units

installed in over 600 classrooms. We will also be adding eight ultra violet disinfecting units that will be able to disinfect an entire classroom in one night and two vehicles to transport this equipment between schools.

**Cordelia Black** – Did you know the social, emotional, and mental health supports positively affect learning? In the effort of providing culturally responsive supports, we will enhance our implementation of CRPBIS, introduce evidenced based practices, improve multi-tiered system of support, and provide professional learning in subjects such as social emotional learning, crisis intervention, restorative practices, therapeutic counseling, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. I look forward to sharing additional updates.

**Sergio Keck** – Did you know as we prepare for the New Normal, the administrative team has created the following initiatives and/or committees?

- 1) Beyond Screen to Screen
- 2) Redesigning Instructional Systems for Educational Equity
- 3) Pandemic Positives
- 4) Instructional Process and Operations Review Protocol

All these efforts will guide our school district to successfully open our schools for our children to have an opportunity to participate in an effective face to face instructional model.

**Jessica Benavides** - Did you know that part of the Equip with Six is Preserving the Fund Balance to maintain financial stability? In order to achieve this the school district will be looking closely at our budgets and staffing levels, seeking supplemental funding sources, such as grants, and performing program evaluations to maximize our return on our investment.

## **VIII. Routine Matters/Old Business**

### **A. Committee Reports**

1. Facilities Committee – Mr. Guillermo Lopez reported the Facilities Committee met 01.15.21 where they discussed Bid Recommendations for: North Elementary Phase 3 Interior Upgrades, Wexford Montessori Upgrades, Attwood Elementary Electrical Service Upgrades and Group 5 Furniture Recommendations. The committee discussed facilities cleaning and air quality. They are in the process of preparing a proposal between Sodexo and Facilities. Also discussed was the potential buyers for Otto.
2. Promise Committee – Mr. Guillermo Lopez reported the Promise Committee met 01.21.21. They have received \$684,000 in donations. There was a clean audit. The Promise has handed out 3 million dollars in scholarships. There were 360 students illegible for the Promise scholarship; 178

approved for scholarships. The Promise Committee initiated a Promise Hub to help students network with each other and the community. They are also working on setting up the Jack and Susan Davis Legacy Fund.

3. Equity Committee – Mrs. Rachel Willis stated the Equity Committee met last week and had the opportunity to interview the 2 top firms. The next meeting is scheduled for 01.22.21. The committee is hoping to have a recommendation for the Board the beginning of February.

**B. Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of 01.07.21 Annual Organizational Meeting Minutes and the 01.07.21 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. Receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2020 as presented.
3. Approve Bid Recommendations for North Elementary Phase 3 Interior Upgrades, Wexford Montessori Upgrades, Attwood Elementary Electrical Service Upgrades and Group 5 Furniture Recommendation.
4. Dr. Burroughs presented highlights from the Treasurer's Report

**MOVED BY RODRIGUEZ SUPPORTED BY BHATTI that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.**

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes: Bhatti, Burroughs, Hodgins, Lawrence, Lopez, Lilje, Moore, Rodriguez, Willis

No: None

MOTION PASSED: 9-0

**IX. Action Items**

**X. New Business/Discussion Items**

**XI. Report from Secretary and Announcements - Dr. Nino Rodriguez**

**XIII. Comments from the Board** – Discussion surrounding return to face to face learning by various board members.

**XIV. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm