

**Hillsdale County Intermediate School District
Board of Education Meeting
October 17, 2019 ~ 5:30 P.M.
DRAFT MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Brandes, Grossheim, Nye Absent: Gutowski, Vanlerberg
HCISD Staff: Reehl, Svacha, Shaffer, McDowell, Rathburn, Wilson, Hayne, Trott, Masters, O'Heran
Guests: Wendy Playford, candidate for hire; William Bishop; Dick Storehalder, Waldron Board; Chuck Sigler, Hillsdale Transportation Center

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, Meeting on September 12, 2019, Regular
- B. Report on Investments
- C. Bills Payable

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

COMMENTS FROM GUEST

No comments.

OTHER BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

- A. New Hire

Brandes/Grossheim to approve the hire of Wendy Playford as the Parent Liaison for GSC.
Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

- B. Employee, Unpaid Days Off

Brandes/Grossheim to approve C. Dunten and R. Davis for unpaid days off.
Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

- C/D. Out-of-State Travel

Brandes/Grossheim to approve out-of-state travel for P. Hayne and T. Reehl.
Ayes: All Nays: None ***Carried***

BUSINESS ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- A. Great Start Readiness Program, 2019/2020 Contracts
- B. Audit Presentation and Acceptance, Maner Costerisan CPAs (Dave Nielsen)
- C. Annual Summer Tax Resolution (City of Hillsdale)

BUSINESS OFFICE REPORT

Director Shaffer included a report in her board report. Director Shaffer highlighted the upcoming WCA audit.

Chuck Sigler, Hillsdale Transportation Center Supervisor, provided an update on fleet summary. Chuck is working on a grant with Volkswagen: the criteria for this grant has been met through the collaboration of transportation services.

The HCISD should look at replacing one bus this year and selling two (081 and 071). Bus 081 passed bus inspection. Bus 071 did not have the inspection done. 071 has a mechanical problem that is estimated to be repaired for \$1,200 to \$1,400.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Reehl provided a brief legislative update. Superintendent Reehl reported that Camden has received 11 candidates for the posted position of superintendent.

Mindy Wilson, Paula Hayne, and Melissa Trott gave a presentation on the Early Childhood program. Mindy shared that Sherri Selph and Kristin Klump are very valuable team players. Mindy read a statement from Stephanie Hines and Jennifer Cook. Melissa Trott introduced herself and talked about the positivity in the classroom - when you focus on every one growing it works better for all. Universal supports work for all students. Paula Hayne talked about the change from self-contained to inclusive environments; the coaching from special education to general education teachers; using supports and adaptations; and peer modeling. Paula would like to see - moving forward - inclusion in elementary classrooms.

Superintendent Reehl talked about unpaid time off. Troy stated that it is a practice not a policy, and it is not a financial piece. In most districts, the supervisor and superintendent would sign off. The Board will discuss further at the Board Workshop on Saturday, November 16. Out of state travel is not a policy, however, Troy recommended keeping this practice. Troy reported that the HACC has been financially running in the negative for 3-4 years. Troy reported that the same programs cannot be sustained much longer. The LEAs are in favor of a CTE millage. The Cybersecurity program has expanded and welding has grown. The students coming to CTE are able to get jobs immediately. Nursing, Engineering, Construction Trades, and Criminal Justice are growing. There is not a charge to the LEAs for students to attend the HACC: it is sustained through a local millage. A special education millage has also been discussed. This would be a flow through model to help the locals with their special education costs.

Two common, PD days for 2020-2021 are being planned through Resilient Hillsdale County. The PD will be on trauma-induced behaviors, as many students do not qualify for special education but have trauma that impacts their education.

GENERAL EDUCATION

A report was submitted in the board book.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Susanne Masters included a report in her board report. Director Masters reported that a few counties came to visit the EI classroom and coaching work for MTSS. Ionia County spent the day in Early Childhood Programs. Mindy Wilson and Susanne Masters presented in Lansing.

Susanne reported that she will bring proposals next month for 18-26 year olds programming location. The Transition students would appreciate housing that is close to town and that does not look like a school. There is roughly \$179K in the capital projects fund. There are about 25 students in the program.

HILLSDALE AREA CAREER CENTER

Jamie Mueller provided a report in the board book. Manufacturing day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 23.

OTHER MATTERS

The Fall Fest 2019 is scheduled for Thursday, October 24.

GENERAL COMMENTS FROM GUESTS

Troy commented that he has been blessed with an amazing staff; They work hard and he respects them all.

ADJOURNMENT

Grossheim/Brandes to adjourn at 6:20 PM

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Carried

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Svacha