

Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 2020 6:30 PM Eastern

WSEC
500 Washington St
Chelsea, MI 48118

Laura Bush: Present
Dana Durst: Present
Jason Eyster: Present
Tammy Lehman: Present
Keri Poulter: Present
Shawn Quilter: Present
Kristin van Reesema: Present
Present: 7.

Student Liaison, Peggy Smith was in attendance. Jason Eyster arrived at 6:58 PM; Tammy Lehman arrived at 7:15 PM

1. Call to order/roll call/adoption of agenda/consent agenda.

The meeting was called to order by President Quilter at 6:32 PM.

Motion to adopt the Agenda. This motion, made by Kristin van Reesema and seconded by Keri Poulter, Passed.

Jason Eyster: Absent, Tammy Lehman: Absent, Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

2. Special Presentations

2.a. 2019-2020 Audit - Nathan Balderman, Rehmann Robson

Nathan Balderman of Rehmann Robson discussed the results of the district's 2010-2020 Audit. The district received a clean, unmodified audit.

Kristin van Reesema praised Michelle Cowhy, the Business Office team, and the administrators for their excellent work keeping within the budget.

Michelle Cowhy also praised her staff and the district staff for their part in maintaining the budget.

2.b. SRSly MiPHY Data - Lindsay Baker and Kate Ankenbauer

Lindsay Baker and Kate Ankenbauer of SRSly provided the Board with the MiPhy results; a report that tracks at-risk behaviors and perceptions by Chelsea's students.

- Jason Eyster, how to involve the community?
- Keri Poulter, what percentage of students participated? How did you reach out to students?
- Dr. Helber, this data is not specific to Chelsea, it is state-wide.

Discussion ensued.

3. * Approval of the minutes from the October 12, 2020, Board meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes. This motion, made by Jason Eyster and seconded by Laura Bush, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. * Staff Reports

4.a. CHS - Mike Kapolka

4.b. Beach Middle - Nick Angel

4.c. Finance and Administrative Services - Michelle Cowhy

4.d. Human Resources and Community Education - Marcus Kaemming

4.e. Curriculum and Instruction - Heather Conklin

4.f. Athletics - Brad Bush

5. Communications – None

6. Board Member and Student Liaison Reports

- Peggy Smith - reported that the high school is currently participating in spirit week and she gave an update on high school sports.
- Kristin van Reesema - attended the Success of the Superintendent workshop. If a superintendent is successful, then students are successful. Glad to see Dr. Helber is mentoring a new superintendent. Succession planning - it is recommended to have a plan and review it annually.
- Shawn Quilter - appreciated Kristin's sharing of the Workshop's content

7. Public Input

- Kerry Plank, a district parent, thanked the Board, administrators, and teachers for the successful start of school and for the safe implementation of sports; he also thanked the Board for its recent equity statement. He asked that the Board please consider its own harassment policy and hold the Board to its own standards.
- Ezra Peiter spoke about bigotry and discrimination and how it remains in Chelsea and our nation.

8. Superintendent/Board Discussion - Dr. Helber and President Quilter thanked the public comment speakers for their viewpoints.

9. * Individual Action Items

9.a. Action Item 25-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the 2019-2020 Audit, as presented.

Motion to approve the audit. This motion, made by Tammy Lehman and seconded by Jason Eyster, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.b. Action Item 26-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the hiring of Dawn Schell as a part-time Music teacher at South Meadows and be placed on MA Step 4 of the Master Agreement.

Motion to hire Dawn Schell. This motion, made by Dana Durst and seconded by Kristin van Reesema, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.c. Action Item 27-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the Reconfirmation Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

Motion to reconfirm the extended continuity of learning plan. This motion, made by Dana Durst and seconded by Kristin van Reesema, Passed.

Dr. Helber explained the reason for the reconfirmation.

Discussion ensued.

- Jason Eyster, what has been the experience in the schools?
- Shawn Quilter stated the MDE requires this for compliance.
- Keri Poulter, what is the two-way interaction and how is it recorded?

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.d. Action Item 28-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Gardner Corporation in the amount of \$420,800 for the foundations and flatwork.

Motion to approve the bid from Gardner Corp. This motion, made by Tammy Lehman and seconded by Kristin van Reesema, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.e. Action Item 29-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Davenport Masonry Inc. in the amount of \$1,177,000 for masonry.

Motion to approve the bid from Davenport Masonry Inc. This motion, made by Tammy Lehman and seconded by Dana Durst, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.f. Action Item 30-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Kirby Steel, Inc. in the amount of \$627,700 for the structural and miscellaneous steel.

Motion to approve the bid from Kirby Steel, Inc. This motion, made by Dana Durst and seconded by Tammy Lehman, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.g. Action Item 31-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Moore Trosper Construction Co. in the amount of \$460,400 for general trades.

Motion to approve the bid from Moore Trosper Construction Co. This motion, made by Kristin van Reesema and seconded by Jason Eyster, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.h. Action Item 32-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Absolute Fire Protection in the amount of \$66,264 for fire protection.

Motion to approve the bid from Absolute Fire Protection. This motion, made by Dana Durst and seconded by Kristin van Reesema, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.i. Action Item 33-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Monroe Plumbing & Heating Co. in the amount of \$714,900 for HVAC.

Motion to approve the bid from Monroe Plumbing & Heating Co. This motion, made by Laura Bush and seconded by Tammy Lehman, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9.j. Action Item 34-20-21. Superintendent Helber recommends the Board approve the bid from Tri-County Electric of Washtenaw County in the amount of \$967,800 for electrical.

Motion to approve the bid from Tri-County Electric of Washtenaw County. This motion, made by Jason Eyster and seconded by Dana Durst, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Information and Discussion

10.a. In-Person Board Meetings

In-person meetings can be both in-person for the Board and on Zoom for the public and board members. Distance requirements must be maintained and cleaning protocols followed. We can also continue remote meetings. Dr. Helber asked for guidance regarding face-to-face meetings.

Discussion ensued.

- The Board had questions on the procedures for holding in-person meetings.
- A few Board members stated they are comfortable with in-person meetings.

10.b. Equity and Social Justice Work Session Series

Equity and Social Justice series during Board Work Sessions. Several Board members felt this is important work that should be done in person.

Discussion ensued.

10.c. COVID Response

Covid response - Dr. Helber provided the Board with data she uses for tracking Covid within the county. District-specific data is provided on district's main webpage.

Discussion ensued.

11. Public Input – None

12. Superintendent Report

- The election is coming up. Dr. Helber thanked Dana Durst and Tammy Lehman for running for re-election and their commitment to education.
- Operating millage is on the ballot and Dr. Helber has been getting the word out in print, community club meetings, radio interviews, and every other way possible. This is extremely important for the district to run properly.
- Looking at opening the pre-school
- Staffing needs: custodians, para-educators, bus drivers, a secretarial position at South Meadows, substitutes, and a Social Worker.

13. Commendations/Thank-you – None

14. Upcoming Events

- Monday, November 9 - 6:30 PM - Board Meeting - TBD
- Monday, November 23 - 6:30 PM -Work Session - TBD
- Monday, December 14 -6:30 PM - Board Meeting - TBD

15. Closed Session, for the purpose of negotiations. (MCL 380.503)

Motion to go into Closed Session. This motion, made by Laura Bush and seconded by Tammy Lehman, Passed.

Laura Bush: Yea, Dana Durst: Yea, Jason Eyster: Yea, Tammy Lehman: Yea, Keri Poulter: Yea, Shawn Quilter: Yea, Kristin van Reesema: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:38 PM

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:01 PM

16. Other - None

17. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM