



East Lansing Board of Education

509 Burcham Drive, East Lansing, MI 48823

Regular Meeting via Zoom due to Executive Order 2020-129
August 24, 2020 - 7:00 PM
Zoom meeting

Agenda



I. Opening of Meeting

- A. *Call to Order*
- B. *Roll Call*
- C. *Mission: Nurturing Each Child, Educating All Students Citizens*
- D. *Approval of Agenda*

Motion: The Board of Education approve the agenda for the August 24, 2020 regular meeting via Zoom due to Executive Order 2020-129.

- E. *Approval of Minutes*
August 10, 2020 regular meeting minutes
August 21, 2020 special meeting minutes

Motion: The Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes of August 10, 2020 and August 21, 2020 special meeting minutes, as presented.

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II. Superintendent's Report

III. Bond Update

IV. Consent Agenda

V. Public Comment: This is the opportunity to address the Board. Speakers are to confine their remarks to five minutes. If a speaker requires more than five minutes, after all other persons who have requested to speak during this part of the meeting have spoken, that speaker will be allowed additional time. The Superintendent or other district staff may comment to clear up or avoid significant misunderstandings.

VI. Board Discussion

VII. Action Items

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. *Academic and Technology Committee*
- B. *Facilities Committee*
- C. *Finance Committee*
- D. *Intergovernmental Relations*
- E. *Personnel Committee*
- F. *Policy Committee*

IX. Announcements

X. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

***Dori Leyko
Superintendent***

Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the
East Lansing Board of Education
Via Zoom due to Executive Order 2020-129
Meeting ID: 827 7196 6185
August 10, 2020
7:00 p.m.

Opening of Meeting

Board President Erin Graham called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Terah Chambers, Kath Edsall (7:03 p.m.), Erin Graham, Hillary Henderson, Chris Martin, Nichole Martin, Kate Powers, and Superintendent Dori Leyko

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion 20-21/012 Moved by Mr. Martin and supported by Dr. Chambers that the agenda for the regular meeting via Zoom for August 10, 2020 be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, C. Martin, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers

Nays – None

Absent – Edsall

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion 20-21/013 Moved by Mr. Martin and supported by Ms. Martin that the minutes of the July 27, 2020 regular meeting via Zoom per Executive Order 2020-129 be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, Edsall, C. Martin, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers

Nays – none

The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities

- We are awaiting further guidance from the MHSAA regarding fall athletics and are continuing to monitor data and guidance. The MHSAA has indicated that they will make a decision on fall athletic competitions no later than August 20. District administrators will make a decision on athletics and all other extra-curricular activities no later than August 20.

Return to School Work Groups

- I'd like to publicly thank all of the members of each of the three Return to School district work groups who have met every Tuesday afternoon for about the past seven weeks. Our team gathered some great feedback and input from the individuals on those advisory groups that informed our plans. We are going to take a few weeks off from meeting as we focus on efforts on our return to school. Then, the groups will reconvene to provide input as we plan details for the transition to in-person instruction.

Return to School Plans

- Our district's COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan (PRP) was linked in last evening's weekly updates. Tonight's brief presentation of the PRP was also attached to the updates. While the plan contains much more information and many more details than the state template requires, our team felt it was important to provide staff and families as much information as possible. Know that we are continuing to work out details around topics such as grading, attendance, device and material distribution, the Orientation week - much more information will be coming out from the buildings in the next week and a half and beyond. Our team is committed to listening to feedback throughout this process and making adjustments or tweaks as needed. We've received a handful of emails with concerns about the elementary start time and will take those concerns back to our district committees and consider the suggestions.

First Day of Remote Learning

- Remote learning will follow the district calendar and will begin with an Orientation Week Tuesday, August 25. More details to come from the buildings and teachers!

Bond Update

- Donley & Glencairn
 - Work is completed at Glencairn, and final Certificate of Occupancy has been received.
 - Exterior finishes are being completed at Donley.
- Pinecrest and Whitehills
 - Parking lots have been paved.
 - Heating and cooling systems are being balanced.
 - Tile is being installed in the main corridor.
 - Ceiling tiles, interior doors, glass, and kitchen equipment are being installed.
 - Furniture is set to be delivered the week of August 10.
- Red Cedar
 - Flooring, casework, and doors are being installed.
 - Furniture is set to be delivered the week of August 17.
- Marble
 - Footings have been set, and the foundations are being poured.

Discussion followed.

Public Comment

Re-Opening of School 2020-21

Tim Akers, ELEA President
Brittani Hall, 142 Smithfield Ave, East Lansing
Nichole Biber, 1037 Blanchette, East Lansing
Sarah Reckhow, 1001 Glenhaven Ave, East Lansing
Dianna Erickson, 726 Whitehills, East Lansing
Dionnedra Reid, 1213 Ferndale Ave, East Lansing
Joseph Rinner, 1413 Old Mill, East Lansing

Presentation

ELPS COVID-19 Preparation and Response Plan and Phase 4 Return to School Updates, Superintendent Leyko

Discussion followed.

Board Discussion

Dr. Chambers – Definitely sees both positions with in-person and online instruction to begin the school year. She appreciates the ability to offer remote learning during Phase 5 and recognizes the option for in-person for the special population who need it. Thank you to the parents and caregivers. There is no one overlooked. The board is ready to step in to help. She feels this is the right plan and is thankful for the time, thought and care for what the administration and work groups have done in preparing the plan.

Dr. Edsall echoed Dr. Chambers’ sentiment. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to email the board. She recognizes groups that need to be back. She doesn’t feel we have crossed the line to where is it safe to be back to in-person instruction. We need to wait to see what will happen once MSU is fully returned. Thankful for the tweaking of the plan to split the elementary and secondary start times. This allows older siblings to assist younger siblings if parents need to go to work.

Mr. Martin stated he is thankful for all of the work that went into this plan. He also recognizes that MSU is a big wild card as to what will happen when students return to campus. He is thankful for the option of holding off until September 30. Grateful for prioritizing for teachers and keeping all staff employed. He appreciates the online option available in Phase 5. However, he would like to see us use the resources available to set an example. How can we bring students in face-to-face, possibly Pre-K – 2 grade, ELL, Special Education students. There needs to be a priority to bring back teachers and students safely. He doesn’t see a plan in place for this to happen. He recognizes we can’t rush into it but what are we doing? He sees talk about athletics and transporting students to events but nothing for the younger students and special populations. He has spoken with teachers and hears that they want to know what we

are doing to keep them safe. He feels we are in a circle. He needs to hear more information about future plans. He doesn't support this plan.

Ms. Henderson wants to thank all the parents for being engaged in this process. Thank you to administration/teachers and feels this is the best plan for health and safety of staff and students. The board is committed to the special population and working very hard to get them back face-to-face. Encourages parent to email the board of education with their experiences – good, bad, funny, etc.

Ms. Martin feels the scheduling provides parents some grace to fail...and this isn't a bad thing. It will allow them to try something to see if it works with their family. There are still a lot of things being worked out. There may be changes still to come. She appreciated Trustee Henderson's comment regarding sharing your experiences. Encourages parents to reach out with their needs.

Ms. Powers also thanked everyone for putting all their time into this plan. This is a challenging, horrible, impossible situation. It becomes very personal and is a hard time for everyone. The ideal situation would be the Coronavirus would just go away and we could return to school as usual. However, this is not going to happen and we need to consider what keeps students/staff safe. She also recognizes we need to see what happens when MSU returns. She is very appreciative to everyone and knows we will get on the other side of this situation. She is confident that this is the best way to ensure safety.

Dr. Graham thanked everyone who has made public comment or sent an email. She heard from members of the community they were surprised at why schedules were different from the first presentation. This is a product of listening to stakeholders. Thank you to the teachers for their willingness to engage in online teaching. Pleased that we are reevaluating and continually reassessing. The variables are continually changing. She recognizes there will not be a unanimous vote tonight and thanked all the board members for their thoughts regarding this item.

Ms. Leyko mentioned she is on a weekly meeting with MSU and is being kept up-to-date on what is happening. Our teachers are amazing and she is grateful they are all stepping up to engage in PD. We have an amazing staff at ELPS.

Action Items

Rescind Purchase of Chromebook Devices

Motion 20-21/014 Moved by Dr. Edsall and supported by Ms. Powers that the Board of Education rescind the approved purchase of Chromebooks from SEHI in the amount of \$466,029.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, Edsall, C. Martin, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers

Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Chromebook Devices

Motion 20-21/015 Moved by Dr. Edsall and supported by Mr. Martin that the Board of Education approve the purchase of Chromebooks from Staples in the amount of \$510,300.00.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, Edsall, C. Martin, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers
Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

ELPS COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan

Motion 20-21/016 Moved by Dr. Edsall and supported by Dr. Chambers that the Board of Education approved the ELPS-COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, Edsall, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers
Nays – C. Martin

The motion passed 6 – 1.

Request for Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority to the City of East Lansing

Motion 20-21/017 Moved by Dr. Edsall and supported by Mr. Martin that the Board of Education approve the Request for Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, Edsall, C. Martin, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers
Nays – None

The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority to Meridian Township

Motion 20-21/018 Moved by Dr. Edsall and supported by Dr. Chambers that the Board of Education approve the Annual Delegation of School Plan Review and Inspection Authority.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, Edsall, C. Martin, Henderson, N. Martin, Powers
Nays – None

The motion carried unanimously.

Academic and Technology Committee:

- The next meeting will be held August 21 via Zoom at 1:30 p.m.
- The link will be posted on the website.
- Thank you to Dr. Chambers for her hard work on Dual Enrollment for our students. Students dual enrolled with MSU this fall will begin paying the in-state freshman rate. This makes taking dual enrollment courses much more affordable for our students.

Facilities Committee: not met

Finance Committee: not met

Intergovernmental Committee: not met

Personnel Committee: not met

Policy Committee:

- Met today, August 10 to work on Racial Equity policy.
- We have been working on this for a while and are reviewing the District Equity policy.

Announcements

- Dr. Edsall congratulated President Graham on her win for Ingham County Commissioner.
- Ms. Leyko mentioned she, along with 3 other local Superintendents, will be presenting how schools re-open to the Lansing Economic Club on Thursday, August 13.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

Minutes of the Special Meeting
Of the
East Lansing Board of Education
Via Zoom due to Executive Order 2020-129
August 21, 2020
Meeting number: 856 5933 7166
8:00 a.m.

Opening of Meeting

Board President Erin Graham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Erin Graham, Terah Chambers, Chris Martin, Nichole Martin,
Dori Leyko

Absent: Kath Edsall, Hillary Henderson, Kate Powers

Approval of Agenda

Motion 20-21/019 Moved by Dr. Chambers and supported by Ms. Martin that the agenda for the special meeting via Zoom of August 21, 2020 be approved.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, C. Martin, N. Martin

Nays – None

Absent – Edsall, Henderson, Powers

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

Motion: 20-21/020 Moved by Dr. Chambers and supported by Mr. Martin that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda to include the following items:

- hiring of Molly Miller, 1.0 FTE MacDonald Middle School special education teacher at BA Step 2.5 level, effective August 24, 2020.
- hiring of Spencer Corbett, 1.0 FTE East Lansing High School art teacher at MA Step 6.5 level, effective August 24, 2020.
- hiring of Jade Bennett, 1.0 FTE East Lansing High School Psychology teacher at BA Step 1.0 level, effective August 24, 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – Graham, Chambers, C. Martin, N. Martin

Nays – None

Absent – Edsall, Henderson, Powers

The motion carried unanimously. 9

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 a.m.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY