

## WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 18, 2024

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Mahoney, Jimmy TenBrink, Tim Cross, Paula Martin, Shannon McGoran, Melissa Moore, Rachel Fekken

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDowell, Steve Aardema, Kirsten Bolles, other staff and community members

Ms. Fekken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Approval of Agenda

Motion Cross/Martin to approve agenda as presented.

Ayes (7) Cross, Martin, McGoran, TenBrink, Mahoney, Moore, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

### WDS Student Highlight – Varsity Wrestling Team

Varsity Coach Justin Zeerip brought some of the wrestling team members before the board to recognize their success this season, placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the state. Assistant Superintendent CJ Van Wieren awarded Coaches Justin Zeerip and Craig Christensen with certificates in recognition of their awards for D-3 regional head coach and assistant coach of year, respectively.

### Public Comment

K. Martin, C. Cook, T. Hayes, A. O'Connell – Band Boosters

### Consent Action Agenda

Motion Cross/McGoran to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (7) Cross, McGoran, Martin, Mahoney, TenBrink, Moore, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Items Approved: Minutes of meetings dated February 12, March 15, 2024; disbursements for the month of February 2024: general fund \$660,499.12, community education \$30,020.01, food service \$15,746.68, technology and security fund \$197.75, activity accounts \$28,828.17, common debt \$0, capital projects \$0; High School Student Trip Request, Athletic Co-Op Agreement.

### WDS HS Presentation – Power of a Choice Summary

High School Social Worker Sue Gerstweiler Muskegon County Prosecutor DJ Hilson gave a summary of the parent information night which was recently, and highlights how to keep your kids safe in a world of vaping and other choices made in regards to addiction, etc.

### Committee Reports

Personnel committee member Moore, shared that the committee reviewed the support staff salary scale that is being adjusted over the next couple of years.

Unfinished Business – Secretary Martin shared MASB's Acknowledgement of Award Recipient, Rachel Fekken, for her Level 3 Award of Distinction.

### Monthly Financials

Finance Director Aardema shared monthly financials with the Board.

### Band Uniform Purchase

Motion Mahoney/Moore to approve the purchase of 70 band uniforms from Stanbury Uniforms, LLC in the amount of \$36,528.80.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, Moore, TenBrink, Martin, Cross, McGoran, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Martin asked if we can increase the number of uniforms if necessary? Dr. McDowell replied that yes, we have five years to order additional uniforms as our band program grows.

### Bus Purchase

Motion McGoran/Cross to approve the purchase two used buses from National Bus Sales in the amount of \$146,045.00.

Ayes (7) McGoran, Cross, McGoran, Mahoney, Martin, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

### Second Reading – WDS Policy

Motion Martin/TenBrink to approve the second reading and adopt the November, 2023 policy update provided by our School Policy Services Provider, Miller Johnson.

Ayes (7) Martin, TenBrink, McGoran, Moore, Mahoney, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

### Emergency Communications Purchase

Motion Moore/Martin to approve the purchase of emergency communication equipment from Chrouch Communications MI-Deal Contract #190000001544 in an amount not to exceed \$58,808.30.

Ayes (7) Moore, Martin, McGoran, Cross, Mahoney, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

### MAISD Spring Annual Budget Review Representative

Motion Martin/Cross to appoint Jimmy TenBrink to attend the Spring MAISD Budget Review on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and Chris Mahoney as an alternate.

Ayes (7) Martin, Cross, TenBrink, Mahoney, Moore, McGoran, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

### Periodic Evaluation of Superintendent

Motion Mahoney/Martin to rate the Superintendent Highly Effective for 2023-24 school year, using the MASB Superintendent Evaluation Tool.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, Martin, Cross, McGoran, Moore, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

The board members provided input and worked on building a consensus for each line item in the rating categories. The next step will be to develop goals.

### Closed Session – Exempt Materials

Motion TenBrink/Mahoney to enter into closed session to consider exempt materials – attorney-client privileged documents 8(h), MCL 15.243(1)(g).

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) TenBrink, Mahoney, Martin, Moore, McGoran, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Moved into closed session at 7:06 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:05 p.m.

Adjournment


Motion Cross/Moore to adjourn.

Ayes (7) Cross, Moore, McGoran, Martin, TenBrink, Mahoney, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Board Secretary or Designee