

BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
 ST. JOSEPH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 BOARD MEETING – APRIL 27, 2020
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 3275 LINCOLN AVENUE, ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

The meeting was called to order by President Conybeare at 6:01 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Barry Conybeare
 Vice President Kerry Wright
 Treasurer Chris Cook
 Secretary Amy Marohn
 Trustee Rick Dyer
 Trustee Kathy Weykamp
 Trustee Brett Wier

ROLL CALL

It was moved by Trustee Wier, supported by Vice President Wright, to hire Brenda Graham as Chief Financial Officer for the district effective March 23, 2020. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER HIRE

Dr. Bruce provided an update on e-learning and other items related to the district. Student engagement for e-learning is currently 91% at the high school, 88% at the middle school, and 97% at the elementary level. Teachers participated in various video training courses for remote learning over a two day period. The guidance department developed a new website that offers a great deal of information for students and parents regarding social and emotional support. The technology department rebuilt the helpdesk to streamline technology requests for parents and over 140 chromebooks and 40 hotspots have been distributed to families. Food service began distributing approximately 80 lunches per day back in March and now are distributing over 240 breakfast/lunches per day. Maintenance and custodial has spent over \$20,000.00 for deep cleaning, equipment and supplies and also delivered hot spots to families in need of internet access.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Student Senate Presidents Will Christy and Leah Terry provided a student senate report. Bears of the Month for April are Megan Fairchild and Alex Wingate. A virtual 5k run took place across all grade levels. Sports teams have been posting videos and showcasing their talents on Twitter @stjoebearssports. Virtual spirit days took place in March and was a good way for students to get involved and stay connected. Student Senate is working on ways to virtually thank teachers in May for teacher appreciation week.

STUDENT SENATE REPORT

It was moved by Vice President Wright, supported by Trustee Dyer, that the minutes of the board meeting on March 11, 2020, be approved. The motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Treasurer Cook, supported by Trustee Wier, that General Fund expenditures in the amount of \$1,552,278.50, Food Service Fund expenditures in the amount of \$43,265.17, and Building and Site Fund expenditures in the amount of \$58,424.52, for the month of March 2020 be approved and ordered paid. The motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHERS

It was moved by Treasurer Cook, supported by Trustee Dyer, to adopt the Resolution to Grant Emergency Powers to the Superintendent to Comply with Executive Order 2020-35 as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.

RESOLUTION TO GRANT EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT

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<p>It was moved by Vice President Wright, supported by Trustee Wier, to adopt the 2019-2020 MSBO Bus Purchase Resolution and purchase an 88-passenger bus from Holland Bus Company for a total of \$109,357.00 with 2020 Series II Bond Funds, fiscal year 2020-2021. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.</p>	<p>MSBO BUS PURCHASE RESOLUTION AND BUS PURCHASE</p>
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<p>It was moved by Trustee Dyer, supported by Treasurer Cook, to award the E. P. Clarke and Lincoln Elementary Schools HVAC temperature controls update to Andy Egan Company in the amount of \$165,959.00, to be paid from 2020-2021 Building and Site Funds. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.</p>	<p>E. P. CLARKE AND LINCOLN ELEMENTARY TEMPERATURE CONTROLS</p>
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<p>It was moved by Treasurer Cook, supported by Trustee Wier, to award the Upton Middle School fire suppression system contract to IBID County Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$173,846.67, to be paid from 2020-2021 Building and Site Funds. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.</p>	<p>UPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM</p>
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<p>It was moved by Trustee Dyer, supported by Trustee Weykamp, to approve the 2020-2024 custodial negotiations agreement as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.</p>	<p>CUSTODIAL AGREEMENT</p>
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<p>A first reading of NEOLA Policy Update Vol. 34, No. 2 took place and included policies 2210, 2412, 2414, 3362.01, 4162, 5200, 5335, 6107, 8210, 8400, 8462, 8600. A second reading and recommendation for adoption will take place at the May 2020 meeting.</p>	<p>NEOLA POLICY UPDATE VOL. 34 NO. 2 FIRST READING</p>
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<p>Dr. Bruce shared a comment that Principal Hubble forwarded to him from a parent posted who on Facebook: "My daughter shared the St Joseph Public Schools continued learning plan with me, and I am so impressed. Amazing teachers, working so hard for kids."</p>	<p>OTHER</p>
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<p>It was moved by Secretary Marohn, supported by Vice President Wright, to meet in closed session to discuss the superintendent evaluation per Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: President Conybeare, Vice President Wright, Treasurer Cook, Secretary Marohn, Trustee Dyer, Trustee Weykamp and Trustee Wier. Nays: None.</p>	<p>CLOSED SESSION</p>
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The board convened in closed session at 6:46 p.m.
The board convened in open session at 7:18 p.m.

<p>There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Trustee Wier, supported by Trustee Weykamp, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
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Amy Marohn, Secretary
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