

School District of Stockbridge

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

May 20, 2021

Minutes

1. The Regular Meeting of the Stockbridge Board of Education was called to order by Clerk Ann Holzer at 5:00 p.m. Joanne Propson, Bill Parsons, Dave Levknecht, Jennifer Funk, Sarah Willett, Julie Grebe, and Ann Holzer were present. Mr. Marx, Mr. Meshak were also in attendance. Guests present at the meeting included Nikki Olson, Malaree Gruetzmacher, Ann Zitzelsberger, Shari Bunnell, Ashley Montour, Linda Aliota-Ramirez, Darel Schoening, Shannon Peterson, and about 20 other members of the community.
2. Mr. Marx noted this meeting was posted in three public places per Wisconsin Statute 19.84(1) and on-line.
3. Nominations – Joanne Propson nominated and Jennifer Funk seconded Bill Parsons as President. Nominations were closed. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. Dave Levknecht nominated and Joanne Propson seconded Jennifer Funk as Vice President. Nominations were closed. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. Jennifer Funk nominated and Dave Levknecht seconded Ann Holzer as Clerk. Nominations were closed. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote. Sarah Willett nominated and Jennifer Funk seconded Joanne Propson as Treasurer. Nominations were closed. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
4. Ann Holzer moved and Dave Levknecht seconded to approve the Consent Items including the Agenda, Minutes of the 04/15/2021 Regular Meeting, vouchers totaling \$65,639.51 and the April Treasurer's Report with revenue of \$273,860.34 and expenditures of \$259,096.68. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
5. Forum Issues: Several individual spoke on the current mask requirement for staff and students. Nikki Olson spoke and asked the School Board to make mask wearing optional. Malaree Gruetzmacher spoke and asked the Board to end the mask requirement. Ann Zitzelsberger talked about the health and physical problems of wearing a mask and asked for masking to be optional for the rest of the school year, summer school, and 2021 and beyond. Shari Bunnell spoke and was in support of mask wearing being optional. Ashley Montour spoke and felt the school year should be finished with masks required, and wait 2 months to decide for next school year. Linda Aliota-Ramirez spoke about a staff survey regarding the mask requirement. Linda reported most staff felt they didn't want to change the policy with six school days remaining. Darel Schoening spoke about the research his students did for health. The Health class studied COVID-19 throughout the school year. The students found all things we have done this year have helped to control the virus and spread. Darel and his health class recommended masks be optional for next school year. Shannon Peterson spoke about the negative effects of masks.

6. Reports and Communications:
 - A. Mr. Meshak reported on summer school planning. Summer School will be held Monday – Thursday from June 7-24th with 58 students enrolled. A report was given on the end of the school year and the Stockbridge Cares Program survey results. Mr. Meshak spoke about two youth apprenticeship awards given to Gavin Johnson and Zach Daun. There will also be two student teachers joining the Stockbridge School District for the 2021-22 school year.
 - B. Mr. Marx reported on updated BOE committees and contact information which was included in board member packets. Second personal day requests were received from Katie Woelfel (5/19), Angie Schorer (06/01), and Todd Fischer (05/17). Mr. Marx also reported on the 2021 CESA 7 Annual Convention representative and the 25, 50, and 75 year graduates letter. Knitted hats and mittens along with a monetary donation towards letter jackets was given to the school by Carole Leith – Thank You Carole! Mr. Marx reported on open enrollment numbers for 2021-22, the 2021-22 CESA contract, and DPI Seamless Summer options lunch program (free lunches) for the 2021-22 school year.
7. Board of Education Discussion
 - A. Summer School Face Coverings – There are 58 students enrolled in courses with the majority of students being in Elementary. Most of the classes are held outside (weather permitting) and crafting classes have limits.
8. Action Items:
 - A. Face Coverings Optional – Julie Grebe moved and Sarah Willett seconded to keep the current masking requirement throughout the remainder of the school year, but to make masks optional for the summer school session. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - B. CESA 7 Convention – Ann Holzer moved and Jennifer Funk seconded to appoint Joanne Propson as the District representative for the CESA 7 convention. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - C. Coaching Resignation – Dave Levknecht moved and Joanne Propson seconded to accept resignation from Dale Forstner as Head Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - D. Coaching Resignation – Joanne Propson moved and Dave Levknecht seconded to accept resignation from Erin Diefenthaler as Assistant Varsity Soccer Coach. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - E. Open Enrollment In – Jennifer Funk moved and Julie Grebe seconded to act on 5 new applications of non-resident students to open enroll into Stockbridge. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

F. Open Enrollment Out – Joanne Propson moved and Sarah Willett seconded to act on 12 new applications of resident students to open enroll out of Stockbridge. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

9. Board of Education Comments - None

10. Ann Holzer moved and Joanne Propson seconded to adjourn. The next meeting is set for Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 5:00pm. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Holzer
Clerk