BOARD BRIEFS

January 18, 2021

Presentation

Gerri Allen, Executive Director, Michigan School Public Relations Association, joined the Board Meeting to recognize the Public Relations and Communications department with the Gold Medallion Award for the Headlee Special Education Restoration Millage Information Campaign which passed by 72% of voters on March 10, 2020.

January is Board Appreciation Month. Jason Mellema shared sentiments of appreciation for the Board of Education’s continued commitment to students and staff especially during the pandemic.

Action Items

The Board approved the Consent Docket as follows:

• Regular Meeting Minutes
• Human Resources Report
• Calendar of Events
• Gifts
• Payment Summary Report
• Investment Report

In other action, the Board:

• Approved the reclassification of the Payroll/Benefits Analyst position as presented.
• Approved the recommendation to increase the teacher FTE for the Evergreen program as presented.
• Authorized the Superintendent to execute an agreement with Public Policy Associates, Inc. of Lansing to provide research, evaluation, data collection and strategic consultation support for Project SEARCH for the period beginning January 2022 with an estimated completion date of September 30, 2022, in an amount not to exceed $60,000.
• Approved the 2nd Amendment to the Superintendent's employment contract as presented.
• Approved the new position of Director, Special Education Program Accountability and the addition of 1.0 FTE for the Technical Assistance Provider position as presented.
• Authorized the Superintendent to execute a StarNet Internet Bandwidth agreement with one or more awarded vendors at an amount not to exceed $27,600 per year to provide internet bandwidth for a period of three years from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
• Authorized the Superintendent to execute addendums to the Master Contracts with the
vendors Maxim Healthcare Staffing Services, Inc., Birch Agency and Soliant Health LLC d/b/a the BlazerWorks division of Soliant Health, LLC, at agreed upon hourly rates to provide temporary staffing services from January 18, 2022, through June 2022, as needed to cover open paraprofessional positions, in an amount not to exceed $225,000.

Discussion Items

Susan Tinney provided the rationale to increase the number of weeks from 40 to 45 for the pupil accountant positions.

Becky Hills presented updates to the 2021-22 budget, all funds.

Information Items

Daryl Tilley shared an update regarding the technology agreement with Holt Public Schools.

Susan Tinney shared the retirement plans for Heather Walls, Director, Business Operations, effective June 30, 2022.

Susan Tinney shared the retirement plans for Nancy Corner, Director, REMC SAVE Project, effective June 30, 2022.

Superintendent’s Report

Jason Mellema shared options for a Board Work Session with the Board of Education.

Jason Mellema shared the timeline for filling the Dansville Superintendent position. He is currently helping Dansville in an interim role.

The Board went into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s mid-year review.

February 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
March 15, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
April 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
May 12, 2022, Student Showcase, 4:00-7:00pm – Wilson Talent Center
May 17, 2022, Regular Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
June 21, 2022, Public Budget Hearing / Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center
July 19, 2022, Organizational / Board Meeting, 6:00pm – Thorburn Education Center

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