

Hillsdale Community Schools
Board of Education

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 21, 2020

I. Call to Order

President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. - Zoom

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Guests

Members Present

Nicole Hoffman
Kathy Petersen
Eric Moore
Kelly LoPresto
Rebecca Portteus
Leslie Bennett – Granata
Jim Bowen

Members Absent

None

Administration Present

Shawn Vondra, Superintendent
Barbara Wheeler, DMS Principal
Laurie VanOrman, Gier Principal
Laura Call, Food Service Director
Chuck Sigler, Transportation Director
Patty Knapp, Business Manager
Shelley Ellis, BECC Director

Guests:

IV. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes – November 16, 2020 – regular board meeting
November 30, 2020 – special board meeting

B. Finance

B1. Treasurer's Receipts

Treasurer's receipts for November 2020 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,159,615.22
Building & Site	\$ 2,837.73
Food Service	\$ 83,251.12

B2. Bills Payable

Expenditures for November 2020 are as follows:

General Fund	\$ 1,092,392.93
Building & Site	\$ 0.00
Food Service	\$ 66,194.25

Moved by LoPresto supported by Bennett-Granata to approve as presented

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

V. Communications

- A. Written: None
- B. Public: None

VI. Information & Proposals from Board, Superintendent & Staff

A. Committee Reports

Personnel & Finance 12/14

B. Superintendent's Report

- Nita Phillips- Bailey EA – resignation 12/31/20. Nita worked for the District on two occasions for a combine service of over 20 years.
- Patricia Newton – FMLA through 1/18/21
- COVID Dashboard Updates for the District (This information is kept & updated on the district's website.)
- Mindy Eggleston - Teacher of the Year Nomination
- HB 4694, a bill addressing the critical shortage issue, has passed the House unanimously. This action follows on last week's unanimous passage by the Senate, so the bill is now on its way to Governor Whitmer's desk. We can refer to the Personnel/Finance notes to see the current unfilled vacancies in the district.

VII. Old / New Business

A. Personnel

1. Karyn Smith – Educational Assistant – Gier Elementary

Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Bowen to hire Karyn Smith as a six hour educational assistant.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

B. Board Affairs

1. Re-Confirmation of Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Moved by Bowen supported by Petersen to reconfirm the District Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

2. January 2021 – Organizational Meeting

Moved by Bowen supported by Moore to make January 18, 2021 the organizational board meeting at Hillsdale High School in the library.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

3. Section 35a (5) Grant

Moved by LoPresto supported by Bowen to accept \$20,585.00 from the State of Michigan Department of Education for additional instructional time and intervention grant.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

4. Policy Updates – 1st reading – EDGAR Revisions October 2020 – First Reading Complete

5. 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Revision Resolution
Moved by Bowen supported by Portteus to adopt the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Revision Resolution as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

6. 2020-2021 Food Service Budget Revision Resolution
Moved by Bennett-Granata supported by Bowen to adopt the 2020-2021 Food Service Budget Revision Resolution as presented.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

7. May 4, 2021 Operating Millage Election Date
Moved by Bowen supported by Moore to designate May 4, 2021 for the district operating millage election date.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

8. School Bus Purchase
Moved by Bowen supported by Bennett-Granata to purchase a 77 passenger school bus from Midwest Transit for \$100,366.00.

7 Ayes 0 Nays Motion passed

VIII. Addenda

A. Public Comment –

Gier Principal Laurie VanOrman thanked the Board of Education and Mr. Vondra for their support and efforts allowing the elementary students to continue face to face learning.

B. Board Member Comment -

Bowen: Thanked Patty Knapp for assistance given to his wife in an HR matter.

IX. Adjournment – President Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

James Bowen, Secretary
Hillsdale Board of Education
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