

## **WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – MINUTES**

**Interim Meeting  
February 1, 2018**

### **OPENING**

The Interim Meeting of the Waterford School District Board of Education, held at the Waterford Township Hall Auditorium, 5200 Civic Center Drive, Waterford, Michigan, was called to order by President Himmelspach at 6:00 PM.

### **PLEDGE**

The audience joined the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Members Petrusha, Piggott, Sutherland, Barghahn, Himmelspach, and Torres  
Absent: Members Halls  
Others: Keith Wunderlich, William Holbrook, Janet McLeod, Carly Stone, Darin Holley, Rhonda Lessel, Michelle Sullivan, Jonnie Yates, Rudie McGregor, Grant Smith, Cindy Amboian, Lindsay Achtman, Taylor McEvelly, Kristie Moore, Alyssa Jackson, Laura Smith, Carla Conzalez, Kelly Powell, Melissa Pless, Thomas Agee, Kelly Raible, Jessica Pumfrey, Heather Hernandez, Amanda Beltrame, Sarah Furney, Rebecca Matthews, Pam Bower, Katie Bower, Beth Dannewitz, Yvette Latimer, Mary Craite, Anne Kruse, Michelle Chaffin, Rebecca Briggs, Angie Klausen, Sarah Yates, Julie DeGeorge, Dee Alessi, Robin McGregor, Alex Velez, Megan Roberts and others that did not register.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was approved by President Himmelspach.

### **CELEBRATIONS OF LEARNING**

#### **a. STEM**

The Waterford STEM Academy opened in the fall of 2016 for district junior and senior students in which students could earn core science and math credits. This fall, the STEM Academy has expanded its math and science offerings so that ninth and tenth graders are also able to be a part of the program. Students from the STEM Academy shared what they have been working on so far this school year.

Members of the Board asked questions of the students and offered positive comments on their presentation skills and the content of the presentation. Members also commented on the importance of STEM in college and the workforce and acknowledged the parents and teachers.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **a. Parent Dashboard**

Lisa McFee, Carly Stone and Darin Holley from Teaching and Learning Services presented information relative to the Michigan Department of Education Parent Dashboard, including how to access it and the information available. Parents will have the opportunity for further assistance and information at the Parent Engagement Night to be held February 6, 2018, at Pierce Middle School.

Member Barghahn asked for clarification and Mrs. McFee addressed how growth is defined and gauged. President Himmelspach thanked staff for ensuring parents are familiar with the Dashboard.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **b. Future Meetings**

President Himmelspach facilitated a discussion relative to future Board of Education meetings. A member emailed Dr. Wunderlich to establish a special meeting scheduled on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM and continue forward, with the support of two other members, referencing Bylaw 0164.2-Special Meetings. President Himmelspach expressed concern that a regular schedule of every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at the same time may not fit the definition of a special meeting. In checking with MASB, they felt that establishing a regular schedule of special meetings is outside the intent of the law. Further, he explained that the majority of the Board supersedes the bylaw. President Himmelspach encouraged Board discussion and suggested a board study session be scheduled for a date and time that works for all members and allows for the information necessary to discuss budget to be available.

Members engaged in dialogue and offered comments and suggestions relative to special meetings and study sessions, topics for special meetings and study sessions, availability and scheduling, budget planning.

The Board will proceed with a special meeting on February 8, 6:30 PM at Town Hall with appropriate public notice. In addition, we will reach out to members with various dates at the end of February to check for availability for a Study Session on budget.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS**

There were no audience comments on action items.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **a. January 18, 2018, Organizational/Regular Meeting**

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education adopt the minutes of the meeting listed above.

Ayes: Members Himmelspach, Barghahn, Torres, Sutherland, Piggott and Petrusha

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Superintendent's Recommendations**

#### **(1) Recommendation 69-17-18 Relative to Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence Expirations**

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Torres that the Board of Education approve the following resignations:

Konieczny, Sharon - Teacher  
Kingsley Montgomery  
Retirement  
Effective June 30, 2018

Scott, Peter – Teacher  
Mott High School  
Resignation  
Effective February 9, 2018

## NEW BUSINESS

### a. Superintendent's Recommendations

- (1) Recommendation 69-17-18 Relative to Resignations/Retirements/Leave of Absence Expirations  
(*continued*)

Ayes: Members Himmelpach, Barghahn, Torres, Sutherland, Piggott and Petrusha

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

- (2) Recommendation 70-17-18 Relative to Teaching Contract Changes/Appointments

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Sutherland that the Board of Education approve the following teaching contract changes/appointments for the 2017-2018 school year.

Feldman, Olivia, Teacher  
Mott High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective February 1, 2018

Fenton, Juliana, Teacher  
Knudsen Elementary School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective January 25, 2018

Ayes: Members Himmelpach, Barghahn, Torres, Sutherland, Piggott and Petrusha

Nays: None

Motion carried. (6-0)

- (3) Recommendation 71-17-18 Relative to Resolution: Career and Technical Education

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Petrusha that the Board of Education approve the following resolution in support of Career and Technical Education Month, February 2018.

**WHEREAS:** career and technical education prepares students to have the academic, technical, and work-behavior skills to enter, compete, and advance in education and their careers; and

**WHEREAS:** career and technical education provides a diverse delivery system that provides students with leadership opportunities in various career fields and allows them to experience rigorous and relevant application of workplace skills as well as incorporating reading, writing, and mathematical skills throughout their program; and

**WHEREAS:** career and technical education serves as a career and college ready connection and is the backbone of a strong and well-educated workforce; and

**WHEREAS;** career and technical education provides students with work-based learning experiences to provide a highly skilled, sustainable workforce; and

**NEW BUSINESS**

a. Superintendent’s Recommendations

- (3) Recommendation 71-17-18 Relative to Resolution: Career and Technical Education (*continued*)  
**WHEREAS:** during this month, we join with the State of Michigan, Michigan Department of Education, and the Association for Career and Technical Education to encourage both youth and adults in Waterford to be ambassadors for career and technical education, and to send the message that the significance of career and technical education is ensuring students are prepared for 21<sup>st</sup> century high demand, high skilled, and high wage jobs;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED;** the Waterford Board of Education hereby recognizes February 2018 as Career and Technical Education Month.

Ayes: Members Himmelspach, Barghahn, Torres, Sutherland, Piggott and Petrusha  
 Nays: None  
 Motion carried. (6-0)

b. Consideration of Certain Purchases

- (1) Recommendation 72-17-18 Relative to Contract Award: Bid Package 18-02 Haviland and Houghton Elementary Renovations and Additions

Moved by Member Sutherland and supported by Member Piggott that the Board of Education approve the awarding of contracts for Bid Package 18-02 on the following summary of bids for Haviland and Houghton Elementary renovations and additions. Funding source is the 2016 Bond Series II.

Category	Contractor	Amount
Selective Demolition	DKI International	\$193,400
Concrete/Foundations	CI Contracting	\$160,840
Concrete/Foundations	Villanova Construction	\$141,890
Masonry	D’Aloisio Masonry	\$1,056,000
Steel	B&A Structural Steel	\$479,500
Carpentry	Titan Retail Development	\$498,000
Metal Wall Panels	Silverline Contracting	\$312,300
Roofing	LaDuke Roofing & Sheet Metal	\$409,000
Roofing	Royal Roofing	\$375,000
Aluminum Framing	Architectural Glazing Systems	\$592,000
Hard Tile	Southeastern Tile	\$108,979
Flooring	Cohns Commercial Floor Covering	\$271,111
Painting	Seven Brothers Painting	\$194,018
Gym Equipment	Gardner Vose	\$45,920
Casework	Stonecreek Interior Systems	\$307,150
Mechanical	Contrast Mechanical	\$2,126,000
Electrical	Livingston Power	\$499,860
Electrical	Omega Electric	\$417,200
Site Work	Cortis Brothers Trucking & Excavating	\$1,793,700
<b>TOTAL AWARDS</b>		<b>\$9,981,868</b>

Ayes: Members Himmelspach, Barghahn, Torres, Sutherland, Piggott and Petrusha  
 Nays: None  
 Motion carried. (6-0)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

a. Future Items

- (1) Information – School Finance Research Collaborative

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **b. Board of Education Reports**

Member Barghahn presented a PowerPoint highlighting Board of Education bylaws and concerns with violations.

Member Piggott addressed respectful disagreements and the active shooter situation, thanking first responders.

Member Torres spoke regarding the Waterford Coalition for Youth Movie Night, declining enrollment and respect for the Board, administration and Superintendent.

Member Petrusha discussed the Board Recognition Luncheon and thanked everyone for the acknowledgement during Board Recognition Month.

Member Himmelspach addressed comments relative to Board of Education bylaws and talked about the upcoming Parent Engagement Night.

Member Sutherland shared information on upcoming events (Twelve Angry Jurors, Little Shop of Horrors, Peter Pan Jr., Parent Engagement Night and Backyard Battle). She also acknowledged the teachers and thanked everyone for recognizing the Board in January and made comments relative to board relations.

Member Himmelspach also spoke regarding the 3% employee return from the State.

## **AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS**

There were no audience comments on non-action items.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Wunderlich spoke regarding superintendent/board relations.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by President Himmelspach at 7:53 PM.

Full comments are available by video recording on a DVD attached to the official minutes.

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Secretary, Board of Education

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