

# WATERFORD BOARD OF EDUCATION – MINUTES

Regular Meeting  
February 15, 2018

## OPENING

The Regular 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 Halls, Piggott, Himmelspach, Barghahn and Torres  
Absent: Members Sutherland and Petrusha  
Others: Keith Wunderlich, William Holbrook, Lisa McFee, Darin Holley, Nadine Milostan, Carly Stone, Janet McLeod, Rhonda Lessel, Mary Craite, Grant Smith, Rebecca Briggs, Dee Alessi, Bethany Dannewitz, Robin McGregor, Rudie McGregor, Matthew McClure, Ann Kaschner, Megan Roberts and others that did not register.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Member Barghahn and supported by Member Piggott that the February 21, 2018 Study Session be added to the agenda for discussion on location and cost.

Members commented on the motion.

Ayes: Members Torres, Piggott and Barghahn

Nays: Members Himmelspach and Halls

Motion fails due to lack of majority of members serving on the Board.

There were no changes to the agenda.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### a. Parent Engagement Night

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018, the Waterford School District hosted Parent Engagement Night at Pierce Middle School. Teaching and Learning Services shared highlights from the event. Attendance was good and there were a number of opportunities for parents. Thank you to the many community partners who made this a successful event, including Mexico Lindo for providing tacos, Waterford Police Department for the presentation on vaping, Mott students who provided child care, and a number of community organizations who were there to provide resources.

Members Barghahn and Himmelspach offered comments and appreciation for providing this information to our parents.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### a. School Finance Research Collaborative

Dr. Keith Wunderlich, Superintendent, shared information with the Board of Education relative to the School Finance Research Collaborative. A diverse group of business leaders and education experts, from Metro Detroit to the U.P. participated in this non-partisan statewide collaborative to determine what it actually costs to educate students in Michigan.

Member Torres also discussed the Collaborative and commented on the comparison with Waterford. He also encouraged the community to contact their legislators.

Member Himmelspach requested that we get this information out to the community.

### b. MASB Board of Directors Election 2018

The MASB Board of Directors is comprised of elected representatives of active member school boards. The board shall oversee MASB activities, establish operating policies for MASB, speak for member boards between meetings of the Delegate Assembly and appoint an executive director who shall administer the affairs of MASB.

This year, seven (7) seats are up for election; one candidate is unopposed and a Region and Group has no candidates, thus MASB will only distribute ballots for Regions 1, 5, 7 and 8. Waterford School District is in Region 8 (Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne).

The candidates are:

#### **Region 8 (three-year term)**

- \*Donald Hubler—Macomb Intermediate School District
- Robert McLachlan—Romulus Community Schools
- Birgit McQuiston—Lake Orion Community Schools
- Darlene Pomponio, Ph.D.—Southgate Community Schools

\* = *Incumbent*

The board will take action at the March 1, 2018 meeting to approve the one candidate to be submitted on the official ballot on behalf of the Waterford Board of Education. The ballot deadline is 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Official results will be approved at the March 16, 2018, MASB Board of Directors' meeting.

### c. Michigan Department of Transportation Performance and Indemnification Resolution

A Performance and Identification Resolution is required by the Michigan Department of Transportation for purposes of issuing to a Michigan Public School District an "Individual Permit for Use of State Trunkline Right of Way," or an "Annual Application and Permit for Miscellaneous Operations Within State Trunkline Right of Way." A recommendation for approval will be presented on March 1, 2018.

Member Piggott sought clarification that liability would be held by Amcomm.

## AUDIENCE COMMENTS ON ACTION ITEMS

There were no audience comments on action items.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

### **a. February 1, 2018, Interim Meeting**

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education adopt the minutes of the February 1, 2018, Regular Meeting.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Halls, Himmelspace, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (5-0)

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Moved by Member Barghahn and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education approve the accounts payable for the month of January 2018, per the reports included in February 15, 2018 materials.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Halls, Himmelspace, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (5-0)

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Board of Education is in receipt of the financial statements ended January 2018.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **(1) Recommendation 73-17-18 Relative to Teaching Contract Changes/Appointments**

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

Bicknell, Catherine – Teacher  
Mott High School  
100% Probationary Contract  
Effective February 7, 2018

Ennis, John - Teacher  
Mott High School  
Increased from 100% to 117%  
Second Semester, Tenure Contract  
Effective January 29, 2018

Robinson, Ryan, - Teacher  
Mott High School  
Increased from 100% to 117%  
Second Semester, Tenure Contract  
Effective January 29, 2018

Haller, Nancy - Teacher  
Mott High School  
Increased from 100% to 117%  
Second Semester, Tenure Contract  
Effective January 29, 2018

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Halls, Himmelspace, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (5-0)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

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

#### **(2) Recommendation 74-17-18 Relative to Reinstatement of Student A**

Moved by Member Piggott and supported by Member Halls that the Board of Education approve recommendation of the Reinstatement Committee reinstating Student A, previously expelled by the Waterford School District, with conditions.

Ayes: Members Barghahn, Piggott, Halls, Himmelspach, and Torres

Nays: None

Motion carried. (5-0)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **a. Future Items**

- (1) Information – Bid Pack 18-03: Mason Renovations/Mott HVAC Upgrades
- (2) Information – T2 Video Surveillance and Cabling Infrastructure
- (3) Action – Resolution: National School Breakfast Week, March 5-9
- (4) Action – MASB Board of Directors Election
- (5) Action – MDOT Performance and Indemnification Resolution
- (6) Board Study Session on 17-18 Budget, February 21

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

Member Barghahn spoke regarding board discussion on bylaws and policies, the meeting held on February 8, the location change of the Study Session scheduled on February 21, and presented a PowerPoint regarding hiring practices outlined in policies.

Member Piggott spoke about bringing Blue Book staff forward for approval and the location of the study session on February 21. He also talked about the Waterford Youth Recognition Awards Night on April 25.

Member Torres discussed the recent MASB Bylaws Committee meeting, meetings with legislators to discuss funding, and Youth Recognition Awards and shared information.

Member Halls congratulated Member Sutherland and her family on the birth of her twin grandchildren.

Member Himmelspach addressed Board/Superintendent ethics and the Annual WF Golf Outing honoring Don and Marge Arsen.

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

Mary Craite spoke about the Seven Habits and the focus on students.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Wunderlich spoke about 8<sup>th</sup> grade visits to the high schools, Dinner and a Movie hosted by the Coalition, Backyard Battle, Kettering's Bowling Team, PAVA productions and Rotary reading awards. He also addressed the very difficult week we have had and the compassion shown by staff.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by President Himmelspach at 7:18 PM.

A copy of the DVD is on file with the official minutes.

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Secretary, Board of Education

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