

HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

November 23, 2020

President, Jack Richert called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Virtually

Members present: Town, Ferguson, Whited, Szawara, Roupe, Richert and Cornwall

Members absent: N/A

Pledge to the flag was given.

20/21-150. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Roupe that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting and Executive Session of November 18, 2020, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried

Public Concerns and Comments: Cathy Farrell read a statement from the Wayne County Health Department with regards to their recommendation to remain on a “pause” into January 2021.

Carolyn Melnychenko commented on all of the work Mr. Rowe and the administrators have put into the hybrid, and that we all need to work as a team.

Communication: There were no communications

20/21-151. Moved by Szawara, seconded by Ferguson, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the Board Policy updates from the Volume 35 Fall update, the 6000 Series Audit, the 9000 Series Audit and the following policy numbers: 1165, 3215, 4215, 5512, 7434, 8540 and 8450.05 as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried

20/21-152. Moved by Ferguson, seconded by Szawara, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of Board Policy 2266 and 7544, as presented

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried

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20/21-153. Moved by Roupe, seconded by Ferguson, that the Board of Education approve and re-confirm how instruction is going to be delivered during the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried

Mr. Richert wanted to comment regarding the advisement from the Health Department. We will keep an eye on the return date and the administrators will continue to discuss this.

Mr. Rowe stated that this letter, from the Health Department, just came out this past Friday evening. He is meeting with administrators and downriver superintendents to discuss the impact of this letter and the timeline.

Board Policy Committee:

Nate thanked Donovan and Laura for their hard work on the polices and getting them prepped for review. The plan is to start digging deeper when the new year begins.

Facility Needs Committee:

Trena stated that the last meeting was cancelled, but we are on task for everything.

Finance Committee Report:

Alice had nothing new to report.

Strategic Planning Committee Report:

Dana said that the new addition is looking great.

LDFA Report:

Scott said that there is nothing new to report.

20/21-154. Moved by Whited, seconded by Ferguson, that the Board of Education approve the Accounts Payable totaling \$3,839,354.07, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried

Investment Report

Note & File

Statement of Revenue & Expenditures

Note & File

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Comments from the Board of Education:

Scott stated that even with the short notice from the Health Department, the staff have been doing a great job with all of the changes that happen so quickly. He would also like to thank them for their hard work with all of the changes.

Cory agrees with Scott, this year has been quite the roller coaster. He also thanked everyone for all of their hard work as well.

Trena is proud of the crew for their hard work and keeping our students education in the forefront. She also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alice stated that it takes everyone to make this district what it is. We have done a great job with everyone working together. She is very proud of the district and also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Dana thanked everyone for their patience and communications. Wishes everyone a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Nate appreciates that all three of his children were able to attend Huron Schools from kindergarten through graduation. He thanked the administrators and staff for being completely committed to kids.

Jack agreed with everyone's comments he stated that the Board is committed to being flexible and do what is in the best interest of the students and staff moving forward.

Superintendent's Comments:

Donovan appreciates the spirit of cooperation with our staff members. It has been a challenging year with all of the changes that keep happening. This new letter from the Health Department is just another challenge on the need to keep students in the classroom, or keeping them remote. Student and staff safety will be looked at help to make a decision. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and hopes that you can take time to spend with your families.

20/21-155. Moved by Richert, seconded by Roupe that the Board of Education go into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation at 6:22 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried

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The Board of Education resumed Open Session at 8:05 p.m.

20/21-156. Moved by Richert, seconded by Town, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Ferguson, Richert, Cornwall, Whited
Roupe, Szawara. Town - - - - AYES

Motion carried