

**Wolverine Community Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
January 13th, 2021
In Person and via ZOOM**

The organizational/regular meeting of the Wolverine Community Schools Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 13th, in the MSHS gym conference room via ZOOM and in person. Senior Board Member Ashenfelter called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.—twenty minutes late because the board secretary did not note the starting time or check her email.

**CALL TO
ORDER**

PRESENT: Ashenfelter (via ZOOM), Sloan, Hill-Scheffler, Stafford, Poznanski, Brado, and newly elected board member Diana Dunham

**ROLL
CALL**

ABSENT: None

Board approved the agenda with the additions:
Facility Needs Update under Old Business
Approval of New Science Teacher under New Business.

AGENDA

The Board pledged Allegiance to the Flag and observed a moment of silence in preparation for school decisions that must be acted upon for the children, staff and our school.

**ALLEGIANCE/
SILENCE**

At this point, Board President Brado informed the board of the personnel committee's recommendation to fill the seat vacated by Douglas Whitcomb. As there were no questions or objections, Brado made the motion seconded by Ashenfelter to appoint Dr. Emily Hill-Scheffler to fill Mr. Whitcomb's position effective till the next board election (2022). Roll call: Sloan yes, Poznanski yes, Brado yes, Stafford abstained, Ashenfelter yes, Dunham yes. Five yes, one abstention. Motion carried.

**HILL-
SCHEFFLER
APPOINTED**

Before Member Hill-Scheffler took her place at the board table, superintendent Baughman administered the Oath of Office.

**OATH OF
OFFICE**

Member Ashenfelter made the motion to re-elect Brado to the position of President; member Hill-Scheffler seconded. Roll call: Hill-Scheffler yes, Poznanski yes, Ashenfelter yes, Sloan yes, Stafford yes, Dunham yes, Brado abstained. Motion passed. Eric Brado re-elected President.

**ELECTION
OF
OFFICERS**

Member Brado made the motion to re-elect Garth Stafford II to the position of Vice-President; member Ashenfelter seconded. Roll call: Poznanski yes, Sloan yes, Stafford abstained, Dunham yes, Ashenfelter yes, Hill-Scheffler abstained, Brado yes. Five yes, two abstentions. Motion carried. Garth Stafford II re-elected Vice-President.

Member Brado made the motion to re-elect Linda Poznanski to the position of Secretary; member Sloan seconded. Roll call: Poznanski abstain, Ashenfelter yes, Dunham yes, Stafford yes, Hill-Scheffler yes, Brado yes, Sloan yes. Six yes, one abstention. Motion carried. Poznanski re-elected Secretary.

Motion by member Brado and seconded by member Stafford to elect Tansy Sloan to the position of Treasurer. Roll call: Poznanski yes, Hill-Scheffler yes, Dunham yes, Sloan abstain, Ashenfelter yes, Stafford yes, Brado yes. Six yes, one abstention. Motion carried. Tansy Sloan elected Treasurer.

After discussion, the Board agreed to take a \$5 pay cut per meeting as a show of good faith and support for the district. Motion by Brado with support by Sloan to reduce the board's meeting stipend from \$80 to \$75. (Board secretary is exempted). Roll call: All yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to continue to hold meetings as we have in the past year. Regular board meeting dates set for the second Wednesday of each month, at 6 p.m. In the MS/HS Gym Conference Room.

Awakon Credit Union Account Removal

Motion by Brado with support by Stafford to close the Awakon Federal Credit Union Food Service Account ending in #19298 and remove Douglas Whitcomb, James Emery, Jennifer Levernier and all other signatories listed on this account. Roll call: Ashenfelter yes, Poznanski yes, Brado yes, Dunham yes, Hill-Scheffler yes, Stafford yes, Sloan yes. All yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

Awakon Credit Union Accounts Addition

Brado made the motion with support by Poznanski to add Superintendent Matthew Baughman, Board President Eric Brado, Board Treasurer Tansy Sloan and Finance Director Kris Vizina as signatories on Awakon Credit Union Activity Account #19299 and Scholarship Account #20790. And to authorize the removal of all other signatories, including Douglas Whitcomb, Jennifer Levernier and James Emery. Roll call: Poznanski yes, Stafford yes, Dunham yes, Sloan yes, Hill-Scheffler yes, Brado yes, Ashenfelter yes. All yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

It was also noted that only the superintendent OR two designees have authorization to sign.

Citizens Bank Account

Member Brado made the motion with a second by member Poznanski to approve the following signatories: Superintendent Matthew Baughman, Board President Eric Brado, Board Treasurer Tansy Sloan and Finance Director Kris Vizina. And to authorize removal of all other signatories, including Douglas Whitcomb, Jennifer Levernier and James Emery.

Account #'s: #26066263 Sinking Fund
#26069475 Food Service
#26066387 General Fund Checking Account
#842497 General Fund IMMA* Account
*Municipal Money Market Account
#26066271 Bond Debt Account

Roll call: Sloan yes, Hill-Scheffler yes, Ashenfelter yes, Stafford yes, Dunham yes, Brado yes, Poznanski yes. All yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

Motion by Brado with support by Hill-Scheffler to appoint Secretary to the Superintendent Marsha Jones as person designated for posting public notice of meetings. All aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

**BOARD
SALARIES**

**MEETING
DATES/
LOCATION**

**CLOSE
ACCOUNT/
SIGNATORIES**

**BANK
DEPOSIT-
ORIES &
SIGNATORIES**



**DESIGNEE
FOR POSTING
MEETINGS**

Sloan made a motion to approve membership in MASB (Michigan Association of School Boards) with support by Stafford. Roll call: All yes, none opposed. Motion carried.

**ORGANIZATIONAL
MEMBER-
SHIPS**

Motion by Brado with support by Poznanski to authorize Secretary to the Superintendent Marsha Jones as Election Assistant Designee. All aye, none opposed. Motion carried.

**ELECTION
ASSISTANT
DESIGNEE**

Finance Report—

Finance Director Kris Vizina gave an update on school financials from the State level; 2013-2017 Office of Retirement Tax Refund issue; and \$380,000 windfall from the C.A.R.E.S Act.

FINANCE

At this time, Supt. Baughman opted to introduce the Science position candidate and recommend hire in order that she may be permitted to exit the meeting early. Brado made the motion with support by Stafford to hire Nancy Sloan in the MS/HS Science position. Roll call: Ashenfelter yes, Stafford yes, Sloan abstained, Brado yes, Poznanski yes, Dunham yes, Hill-Scheffler yes. Six yes, one abstention, Motion passed.

**NANCY
SLOAN/
SCIENCE
POSITION**

Consent Agenda—

At this juncture of the meeting, the Board agreed to add *Teacher Resignation* under Item D, on the Consent Agenda,

Motion by Stafford with support by Sloan to approve the following Consent Agenda Items:

- A) Payment of bills in the amount of **\$262,194.40 (summary attached)**
- B) Approve December 9th, 2020 minutes
- C) Approve Policies #6114 and 6325 second reading
- D) Accept resignation of teacher Holly St. Amour*

**CONSENT
AGENDA**

Roll call on the above: Poznanski yes, Hill-Scheffler yes, Sloan yes, Dunham yes, Stafford yes, Ashenfelter yes, Brado yes. Motion passed.

*Supt. Baughman paused to thank Holly for over twenty years of service to the district and for all her accomplishments. The superintendent and the board wish her the best.

Communications from the Public: Former board member Doug Whitcomb, now speaking as a community member, expressed his thanks and appreciation to the board, superintendent and teaching staff for all they do.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Board Comments: Board President Brado suggested that the board eliminate standing committees and instead choose committee members only as the need arises. The Board was agreeable to the recommendation.

**BOARD
COMMENTS**

Member Dunham expressed her concern how staff is dealing with change and suggested an anonymous survey be distributed.

Member Sloan addressed some problems associated with the a.m. drop-off procedure.

OLD BUSINESS

Supt. Baughman and Board President Brado updated the Board on their meeting with Joe Powers from Wolgast concerning our facility needs. The superintendent, in a lengthy discussion, touched on some of the pressing issues that were drawn up on the three-page list and asked that a Facility Committee be formed to help identify and prioritize potential improvements and make recommendations for the district. Members Brado, Sloan and Stafford volunteered and Member Hill-Scheffler as an alternate.

**FACILITY
NEEDS
UPDATE**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Reconfirmation of the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan and Review of 2-Way Interaction Rates was brought forward by the superintendent. The plan was reviewed and there were no public comments

**RECONFIRM
COVID-19
PLAN.**

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Baughman gave a synopsis of his report (copy attached to official minutes)

**SUPT.
REPORT**

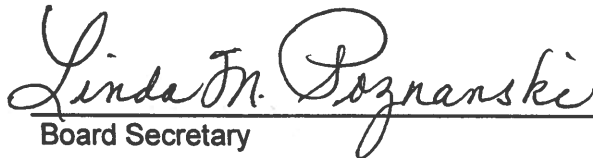
ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principal Olds gave her report via ZOOM; shared elementary staff and students' wish to honor the memory of former teacher Karen Heide by planting a garden and installing a plaque near the school entrance to show their appreciation for all she has done for the students. A fund raiser will be held to help offset the cost.

**ELEM.
PRINCIPAL
REPORT**

There being no further business, member Stafford made the motion to adjourn with a second by member Hill-Scheffler. Roll call: All yes, none opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

**ADJOURN-
MENT**


Board Secretary