

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on May 13, 2020 at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center. All in attendance practiced social distancing guidelines.

The following board members were present: Eric Richardson, Bob Clark, Cary Rhoades, Dan Davis, and Shaun Lieberman. Guests present were: Madison Davis, Belinda Locke, Rachel Sheeley, Peggy Muller, Erin Morgan, Emily Schaeffer, David Tyner, Braden Albert, and Dawn Sonsini and family.

The following guests were present via Zoom: Drew Cooper and Ron Cross, School Attorney.

## **CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order by Mr. Davis at 6:30 p.m. at Hagerstown Elementary Media Center.

Dr. Barrentine certified compliance with the open meeting law.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rhoades/Lieberman moved to approve the Public Meeting minutes of April 8, 2020. Motion carried 4/0/1. Mr. Clark abstained from the vote.

## **FINANCIAL ITEMS**

The following items that were voted on are about renewing the bonds that Nettle Creek will be using for the purchase of iPads and MacBooks. Nettle Creek anticipates money left over that they have the flexibility to take care of some construction and building issues as well.

Clark/Rhoades moved to approve the preliminary Bond Resolution. Motion carried 5/0.

Richardson/Clark moved to approve the Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures. Motion carried 5/0.

Richardson/Clark moved to approve the Terms of Engagement with BBFCS. This is the local counsel for the latest bond issue. Motion carried 5/0.

Richardson/Lieberman moved to approve payroll claims totaling \$608,901.76 and claims totaling \$1,188,789.65. Motion carried 5/0.

Dr. Barrentine asked if the Board had any questions regarding the financial items they received in their packets. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Cooper: when State Board of Accounts were in for the audit, they discussed the reconciliation of money from online payments for lunch accounts. Mr. Davis noticed that the lunch account was still operating in the red. Mr. Cooper stated he has not reconciled that yet. However, it will only affect that by \$10-15,000. This will still be operating in the red once that is reconciled.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Dr. Barrentine stated he is conducting Facebook Live meetings every Wednesday at 3 pm to give the community updates regarding items going on in the school. The community is also able to ask questions and he will do his best to answer them while live or will look into finding the answer and try to have an answer the following week.

To follow our current transportation policy, the plan is to provide transportation to students who are enrolled in the Career Center at New Castle. Right now we have approximately 64 students that are enrolled at the Career Center for the 2020-2021 school year. As of right now, we do not know what the transportation will look like. We hope to see how many students will take advantage of this to determine if we use a full size bus or a mini bus.

The weight room is almost completed. Dr. Barrentine has shared photos on his Twitter account.

Dr. Barrentine walked the halls at the High School to check progress of the door project. All of the drywall is completed. They are ready now for the installation of the doors.

CARES money is applied for through the Title I process. Right now they have allotted money towards sanitation products, Technology (more iPads and hotspots), and transportation. We are looking into the option of leasing more busses to lessen the number of students on certain routes. Right now this comes in at approximately \$197,000.

The meal distribution on Mondays is going great. Nettle Creek is distributing approximately 5,000 meals each week. We currently have five sites. This will continue for one more Monday. Following that, we will have one site at the Elementary that will begin on Tuesday following Memorial Day then will run on each Monday through the month of June, ending on June 22.

Mr. Albert and his team is offering IT support every Monday as well.

Mrs. Hokey stated that all elementary teachers would be providing pass/fail grades this semester. Mrs. Hokey also stated that they are working on plans for a Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduations. The tradition of waiving checkered flags will continue. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, parents can drive their students through the parking lot at 2:45 so the teachers can waive their flags. Teachers will be practicing social distancing guidelines. Also on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30, there will be a Senior parade. It will follow the same route as the Jubilee Day parade.

The High School will be filming honors night. Mr. Tyner is overwhelmed with the amount of money that they will be handing out for scholarships. Jostens is having production issues with diplomas. Diplomas will not arrive until June 1<sup>st</sup>. This issue is on Jostens side.

Mr. Clark, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Rhoades and Mr. Davis all wanted to thank all of the teachers and Dr. Barrentine for the dedication to the community. They also thanked everyone else that is assisting during this time.

Mr. Davis also wanted to give kudos to Mrs. Muller. A student was struggling with assignments. Mrs. Muller, while practicing social distancing, went to the student's house and assisted the student through the assignment. That made the student's day. Mr. Davis stated he is so proud of the teachers at Nettle Creek for constantly going above and beyond.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Rhoades/Richardson moved to approve the following personnel changes:

Dawn Sonsini, Director of Learning, at a salary of \$85,000 per year. This is an initial two-year contract.

Kristia Weireter, HES Teacher, at a salary of \$32,833.00

Scott West, HHS Math Teacher, at a salary of \$60,775.00.

The retirement of Julie Gose, HES Teacher.

Motion carried 5/0.

Rhoades/Richardson moved to approve the hiring of Maddie Davis, HES Teacher, at a salary of \$35,833.00. Motion carried 4/0/1. Mr. Davis abstained from the vote.

Rhoades/Lieberman moved to approve the Administrators' Contract Renewal. This will extend their contract to June 2022. Motion carried 5/0.

**OTHER ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION/APPROVAL:**

Richardson/Clark moved to approve the 2020-2021 Hagerstown Jr-Sr HS Handbook and the 2020-2021 Hagerstown Elementary School handbook. Motion carried 5/0.

**OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Next Board Meeting is June 10, 2020 at the Hagerstown Elementary Media Center.

**ADJOURN**

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

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