

The Board of School Trustees of the Nettle Creek School Corporation met in regular session on August 12, 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, Shaun Lieberman, Marcie Houghton, and Lyle Finney.

Guests present were: Rachel Sheeley, Emily Schaeffer, Drew Cooper, Levi Lanning SGT USMC, Rebehah LaVere.

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

Lieberman/Clark moved to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of the Public Meeting on July 29, 2020. Motion carried 7/0.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

Rhoades/Lieberman moved to approve payroll totaling \$387,375.42 and claims totaling \$1,592,192.29. Motion carried 6-0-1. Houghton abstained from the vote.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dr. Barrentine has asked all of the building Administrators to send him any information they would like shared to keep the attendance numbers down at the meetings.

Mr. Tyner wanted to thank everyone that made Graduation such a huge success. He commended the work of the counselors for working all summer to keep class sizes as small as possible and for getting the schedules prepared.

Mrs. Hokey stated that the first three days were rough but we are headed in the right direction. She wanted to thank all of the teachers for using the extra time before school to plan, meet with virtual students, and using it for Professional Development. Mrs. Hokey also wanted to give a big thank you to Katie Bymaster, school Nurse, for all the extra work she has put in to getting school off to a wonderful start.

Mr. Hillman stated that the Lacy roof project is almost complete. The only thing we are waiting on are the gutters to arrive to installation. He wanted to thank Houghton Enterprises for the excellent customer service and work. The pool filter project is beginning. This is a project that will be more economical.

Mr. Albert stated that the Technology Department has been very busy getting everything ready for the beginning of school. The ERATE project is complete. He is looking into purchasing more access points to handle the rise in Technology use in the buildings. Mr. Albert has also implemented a ticket system for staff and students. They have closed 137 staff tickets since school began out of 175 tickets. Mr. Albert has also ordered hot spots for virtual students who do not have internet at home.

Dr. Barrentine stated that the preliminary enrollment numbers are a little low. We just graduated a class of 84 students. This year's Kindergarten class is at 66. Overall, we have 1,115 students enrolled. At official count day last September, we were at 1,122. Dr. Barrentine stated we have 115 virtual students; 47 at the Elementary and 68 at the High School.

Dr. Barrentine stated we have had only one positive case of COVID. He does not plan to disclose each time we have a positive case due to privacy laws. Dr. Barrentine wanted to thank the Corporation Nurse on an outstanding job during all of the contact tracing she has to complete.

During the opening meeting with staff, we recognized our teacher of the year, Julie Drake.

Dr. Barrentine stated that him and Emily Schaeffer, Director of Learning, met with all of the new teachers this morning. He stated it was a great meeting and good for the soul. Each new to Nettle Creek Teacher was asked what they were thankful for in the first week; all of them were thankful for the community and the people for welcoming them and willingness to help.

Mrs. Houghton wanted to thank the Nurse and Mrs. Hokey for caring for a child that was quarantined. For the record, the Houghton family was not COVID positive but quarantined due to having symptoms. Each day, the Nurse called to make sure the child was ok.

Mr. Lieberman fully respects the decision of not disclosing each positive case but did ask that we keep the communication lines open to prevent panic in the community.

Mr. Richardson wanted to thank Dr. Barrentine for his Facebook Live updates. Mr. Richardson has heard nothing but positive feedback from the community.

Mr. Rhoades wanted to thank Dr. Barrentine and the Administrators for all the planning that went into getting school back in session. He feels that our plan was very well thought out due to being pro-active about it over the summer.

Mr. Davis shared that he had a parent that wanted to thank the Board for everything they have done to ensure that we had students back in school.

Sgt. USMC Levi Lanning asked the Board what the procedures were to continue the relationship with the school for lunch displays and class visits. Dr. Barrentine understood the need to have them in the building but advised him to speak to Mr. Tyner. Dr. Barrentine stated we could get creative and do something virtual so those meetings could still happen as students plan for the future.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Clark/Rhoades moved to approve the following personnel changes:

Caleb Blaase	HES/HJSHS Special Ed. Teacher	\$32,833.00
Luke Smith	HES SRO	\$35,500 (grant funded)
Rick Wilcox	HHS SRO	\$35,500 (grant funded)
Anita Whiteley	Substitute/Instructional Assistant HES	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Barbara Sullivan	Substitute/Instructional Assistant HES	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Nancy Williamson	Substitute/Instructional Assistant HES	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Tammy Andis	Substitute/Instructional Assistant HHS	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Jeff Becker	Substitute/Instructional Assistant HHS	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Rachel Mull	Substitute/Instructional Assistant HHS	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Cody McMillian	Instructional Assistant HHS	\$11.13/hour (29 hours per week)
Jessica Thompson	Bus Driver	\$84.47 per day (177 days)
Sherrie Pangborn-resigned	Special Ed. Teacher-HHS	\$52,217.98
Lindsey Denney-resigned	Instructional Assistant-HHS	\$11.13/hr

Motion carried 7/0.

OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION

The next meeting will be September 9, 2020 at Hagerstown Elementary School Media Center at 6:30 pm.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.

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