



Fruitport Community Schools
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, May 15, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:

Fruitport Community Schools Central Office
Board of Education Meeting Room
3255 E. Pontaluna Rd.
Fruitport, MI 49415

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Board President, Dave Hazekamp.
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance at Regular Meeting.
- III. **ROLL CALL:** Present – Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, and Steve Kelly. Absent - Susan Franklin and JB Meeuwenberg

Designation of Kris Cole (Vice President) as Acting Secretary, per Board of Education Policy #2406 - Board Officers' Duties.

IV. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Item 23-68. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the agenda, as presented

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

V. **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Mark Mesbergen reviewed a slide presentation and had a discussion with the Board on the completion of the 2016 Bond Project.

VI. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A communication was received by the MAISD indicating that they were offering to purchase some student artwork for their permanent collection that was

showcased at Expressions 2023, the 41st Annual Muskegon Area Student Art Exhibit at the Muskegon Museum of Art. The MAISD would purchase the artwork directly from the student, provide the student with a color print of their work, provide the student with a set of notecards with their artwork on it, and the student would sign an Agreement to Purchase document.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT/ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- **Technology and Security Enhancement Millage Update**

An update was provided to the Board pertaining to the Regional Technology and Security Enhancement Millage renewal that was on the ballot on May 2, 2023. The MAISD will be providing a copy of the certified Canvass of Votes in the next few days to Districts; with the unofficial vote tally indicating that the ballot question had passed.

- **Update on OK Conference Realignment**

A copy of the approved OK Conference Realignment for 2024-2028 was provided to the Board, along with a communication from the OK Conference Commissioners indicating that the realignment vote had been passed by the Conference.

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

Item 23-69. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Buckner to approve the Consent Agenda as listed below:

1. Approval of Bill Listing in the amount of \$431,966.57
2. Acceptance of Monthly Financial, Bond, and Capital Projects Report
3. Acceptance of Student Activity Summary Report
4. Acceptance of Credit Card and Utilities Report
5. Approval of Transfers and ACH Transactions Report
6. Approval of Personnel Report (includes confirmation of new hires, resignations, retirees, and transfers)
7. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes: April 17, 2023

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

X. GENERAL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. **MAISD Biennial Election of Board Members Resolution**

Item 23-70. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the MAISD Biennial Election of Board Members Resolution, as discussed. The Board designates Kris Cole as its representative to serve on the 2023 electoral body, and Tim Burgess as alternate representative. The Board supports candidates Kathy Six and Wanda Lee Suits, at least on the first ballot taken at the June 5, 2023 election, for a term of six years, ending on June 30, 2029, on the Muskegon Area Intermediate School District Board of Education.

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0; 1 abstain; 2 absent.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Elroy Buckner, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, and Steve Kelly

Nays: None

Abstain: Tim Burgess - Conflict of Interest

Absent: Susan Franklin and JB Meeuwenberg

2. MAISD 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Resolution

Item 23-71. MOTION by Cole, SECOND by Burgess to approve the MAISD 2023-2024 General Fund Budget Resolution, as discussed. Dave Hazekamp represented the Board at the General Fund Budget Review on May 4, 2023. A copy of the General Fund Budget and the presentation shared with district representatives on May 4th was provided to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, and Steve Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Susan Franklin and JB Meeuwenberg

3. Staff Appreciation Week Resolution (May 8-12, 2023)

Item 23-72. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the Staff Appreciation Week Resolution, recognizing the week of May 8-12, 2023 as Staff Appreciation Week in Fruitport Community Schools, as discussed and presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Elroy Buckner, Tim Burgess, Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, and Steve Kelly

Nays: None

Absent: Susan Franklin and JB Meeuwenberg

XI. BUSINESS AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 9, 2023

Elroy Buckner reported on a Business and Finance Committee meeting held on May 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Kris Cole, Dave Hazekamp, Jason Kennedy, Elroy Buckner, and Mark Mesbergen were present. The Committee discussed the MAISD Biennial Election of Board Members, was presented with a proposal for audit services from Rehmann, was presented with a recommendation from Kyle Nielsen to purchase chromebooks for the upcoming year, discussed the compensation recommendation for non-affiliated employees, and was presented with the L-4029 for the upcoming fiscal year. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

2. District Audit Proposal - Contract Extension with Rehmann

Item 23-73. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the 5-year audit proposal from Rehmann in the amount of \$21,500 for the first year, and increasing by \$700 for each year, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

3. Chromebook Purchase Recommendation

Item 23-74. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Kelly to approve the purchase of 588 Chromebooks and 428 Chromebook cases using the REMC Bid consortium, in the amount of \$154,546.92, using Technology-Security Millage proceeds, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

4. L-4029 2023 Tax Rate Request Form

Item 23-75. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Cole to approve the L-4029 for the fiscal year 2024, as discussed.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent.

XII. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Report of committee meeting held on May 8, 2023

Jason Kennedy reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on May 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. Dave Hazekamp and Jason Kennedy were present. The Committee discussed the May 2023 Personnel Report, discussed the need to consider a resolution to designate a representative from the Board to serve on the 2023 electoral body for electing members to the MAISD Board of Education, and discussed an increase in compensation for the non-affiliated employees of the District equivalent to the same percentage increase as provided to other bargaining units across the District. The meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.

2. Non-affiliated Employee Compensation Increase Recommendation

Item 23-76. MOTION by Burgess, SECOND by Cole to approve the increase in compensation for the non-affiliated employees of the District, as discussed and presented.

Financial Impact

- Non-affiliated Employees: FY 2023: \$15,157; FY 2024: \$43,920

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent

XIII. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORTS & RECOMMENDATIONS

- The meeting scheduled for May 8, 2023 was canceled. As such, there were no recommendations coming out of the Student Affairs Committee.

XIV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Tim Burgess expressed his appreciation to Pam Gustafson for always helping his daughter bring library books home.

Dave Hazekamp provided an update on the Instructional Council meeting for the month of May 2023.

Kris Cole shared a robotics update with the Board of Education. This included information on a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings for robotics, information on STEAM on the Lakeshore at the Fab Lab, and an update on the team's appearance in the championship game for the West Michigan Ironmen as the team's robot delivered the game ball to the officials to begin the Arena Football Championship game. Kris also shared information about a fundraiser for the senior secret getaway at Buffalo Wild Wings.

XV. AGENDA ITEMS for FUTURE MEETINGS & SCHEDULING OF ANY SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. The Business and Finance Committee will meet on June 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Personnel Committee will meet on June 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.
3. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on June 19, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.
4. The Truth and Taxation Public Hearing will take place on June 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
5. The Organizational Meeting will take place on June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
6. The Board of Education will meet on June 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

XVI. REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Pam Gustafson addressed the Board of Education and shared concerns that she has with middle school students taking Chromebooks home. Pam stated that middle school students do not take care of the Chromebooks, and that many of the students are on their second or third Chromebook due to damage and lack of care. Pam would like the District to re-think the way in which it deploys Chromebooks to students at the middle school.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Item 23-77. MOTION by Buckner, SECOND by Burgess to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED: 5-0; 2 absent. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Cole, Acting Board Secretary (Vice President)

Danielle VanderMeulen, Recording Secretary