MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2021
Jasonville, Indiana

The Board of School Trustees of the Metropolitan School District of Shakamak met in regular session at 6:15 p.m., in the Shakamak Jr/Sr. High School, following an Executive Session at 5:30 p.m, and the Board of Finance Meeting at 6:00 p.m.; with the following people present: John Gambill, Robert Wise, Jodi Barton, David Smith and James Gadberry, Board Members; Jeff Gambill, Superintendent; Jennifer Barcus, Corporation Treasurer; Brenton Anderson and Michelle Baxter, Building Administrators; and Cortney Givens, School Attorney.

Board of Finance Meeting

The Board of Finance meeting was called to order by President Robert Wise, at 6:07 p.m.

A motion to appoint Robert Wise as President, and John Gambill as Secretary, was approved unanimously.

President Robert Wise reported that MSD of Shakamak currently doesn't have any funds invested.

There being no further business, the Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Regular Session

The public meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m., by Board President, Robert Wise.

Reorganization of Board

A motion to elect John Gambill, as President, was made by Robert Wise. John Gambill declined the nomination.

A motion to elect Robert Wise, as President, was made by James Gadberry and seconded by John Gambill. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Robert Wise abstained.

A motion to elect John Gambill, as Vice President, was made by James Gadberry and seconded by Jodi Barton. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. John Gambill abstained.

A motion to elect James Gadberry, as Secretary, was made by John Gambill and seconded by David Smith. Motion carried by a vote of 4-0. James Gadberry abstained.

Schedule – Regular Board Meetings

A motion to schedule regular Board Meetings for calendar year 2021 at 6:00 p.m., on the third Thursday of each month, made John Gambill and seconded by David Smith, was unanimously approved.

Set Board Member Compensation
A motion to set the compensation for School Board Members for calendar year 2021 at $2,000, made by John Gambill, failed to gain a second.

A motion to set the compensation for School Board Members for calendar year 2021 at $1,000, made by Robert Wise and seconded by David Smith, passed with a vote of 4-1. John Gambill voted against the motion.

Approve - Minutes
A motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 regular Board Meeting, made by Jodi Barton and seconded by John Gambill, was unanimously approved.

Approve - Claims
A motion to approve accounts payable claims 20967 through 21026, payroll direct deposit advices 46564 through 46847, and Payroll Checks 50460 through 50465, made by David Smith and seconded by James Gadberry, was unanimously approved.

Patron Comments
Patron Mike Mogan congratulated Jeff Gambill on becoming Superintendent, and welcomed the new Board Members.

Resignation – J. Gallagher
A motion to accept the resignation letter from Jessica Gallagher as School Nurse, made by John Gambill and seconded by James Gadberry, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Hiring of School Nurse
Superintendent Gambill noted that interviews will begin next week. John Gambill inquired about the number of applications. Superintendent Gambill noted that there have been four applications submitted at this time. James Gadberry asked if there would be a substitute nurse for the interim. Superintendent Gambill confirmed that a substitute nurse will be here until the position has been filled. A motion to approve hiring a School Nurse pending approval at February Board meeting, made by David Smith and seconded by John Gambill, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Pre-payment of Claims Resolution
Corporation Treasurer Jennifer Barcus explained that this is a resolution that the Board passes each year, allowing claims to be paid prior to the regular Board Meeting, in order to meet due dates. The claims would then be approved at the next Board Meeting. A motion to approve the Pre-payment of Claims Resolution, made by John Gambill and seconded by James Gadberry, was unanimously approved.

Approve – 2020-2021 Covid 19 Wage Policy
Superintendent Gambill explained the Wage Policy, regarding employees being compensated for working from home during quarantining or isolation. John Gambill asked Principal Brenton Anderson his opinion. Principal Anderson responded that it is challenging to work from home, but that the policy is needed. A motion to approve the 2020-2021 Covid 19 Wage Policy, made by David Smith and seconded by Robert Wise, was unanimously approved.

Approve – Apex Digital Learning Fee
Principal Anderson explained that this fee would be charged to full time virtual students for use of the Apex Learning platform. The fee will be assessed per credit, and charged to students in the same manner as textbook rental fees. Jodi Barton inquired about the average credit per student. Principal Anderson replied that the average full time student has 6 or 7 credits, whereas a student in credit recovery would average 1 or 2 credits. Jodi Barton and David Smith asked if students would be offered pay assistance. Principal Anderson noted that free/reduced applications are available, as well as payment plans. A motion to approve the Apex Digital Learning Fee of $15.00 per credit, made by Robert Wise and seconded by John Gambill, was unanimously approved.

Item Tabled – Administrative Consultation
A motion to approve tabling a line item on the agenda to approve Administrative consultation, made by Robert Wise and seconded by David Smith, was unanimously approved.

Approve – BPA Field Trip
John Gambill inquired about the number of chaperones. Superintendent Gambill responded that there would be a sufficient number of chaperones attending. A motion to approve the BPA State Conference field trip on March 7th-9th, made by Robert Wise and seconded by David Smith, was unanimously approved.

Superintendent's Report
- Congratulated Jenny Scott on obtaining a Substance Prevention Grant for the Junior High
- Work Session scheduled for January 21st at 6:00 p.m.
- Professional Development for the Digital Learning Grant will begin on January 21st
- Welcomed new Board Members
- Congratulated the new Board Officers

Principals' Reports
Brenton Anderson and Michelle Baxter reported on current news and activities in the Jr/Sr. High School and Elementary School.

Other Board Business
John Gambill – inquired about the timeline for going 1:1. Superintendent Gambill noted this is set to begin next school year.

Jodi Barton – asked what the school is going to do for substance prevention in the High School. Superintendent Gambill responded that we will be applying for another grant that can be used for this.

James Gadberry – asked if drug testing is being considered. Superintendent Gambill responded that the Board would need to make those policies.

David Smith – asked if we are working on policy suggestions. Superintendent Gambill responded yes.

There being no further business, the public meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.; motion made by John Gambill and seconded by James Gadberry; approval was unanimous.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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