



Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2024

Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

Called to Order	6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach. 5 members present. 2 members absent with notice (Antoine, Demas).
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	Agenda for April 22, 2024 Regular Meeting. Young moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.
Bulldog Spotlight	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs. Brush explained the new marketing work-based learning team. Students from the team introduced themselves and gave an overview of their roles. They presented some of their completed projects and things they are currently working on – fundraisers, a team logo, photos and videos, etc. Mr. Young asked them to elaborate on what they've learned. The students agreed that the greatest thing they've learned is teamwork. They've come from different backgrounds but have learned to work collaboratively to accomplish their goals.• Ms. Beck spoke about the week of the young child and explained different activities that took place throughout the week. Preschool Teacher Mrs. Arbic explained one of the activities in which students learned about various famous artists and then made their own versions of artwork inspired by these artists. A video of preschool students presenting their artwork was shared.• Dr. Robinson congratulated Mr. Phillips and the music dept. on receiving the 'Best Communities for Music Education Award' for the second year. Mr. Phillips explained the Solo and Ensemble Festival where students plan and perform a selection of their choice, without a director, for adjudication. Three groups of students performed their selections for the board and audience.
Presentations	None
Approved	Consent Action Items. Young moved. Rice supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Fund Bills (check register)• Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)• Wire Transfer report• Purchasing Card Expenditures• Minutes from Regular Meeting held on March 18, 2024• Minutes from Workshop Meeting held on April 16, 2024
Informational Updates/New Business	Communications – A bereavement thank you card and an email from the GSOPS group was shared with the board. Committee Reports – <i>Curriculum</i> – Mrs. Eichhorst gave an overview of the meeting and stated that the main

action had to do with Resolution #32 – to approve an additional ELL teaching position at the elementary level. There has been a large increase in students needing this support. They discussed CKLA and the feedback that came back from the PD Day. MSTEP & NWEA testing are currently underway. There are various open elementary positions that need to be filled. There were some CKLA issues and a curriculum item that have been brought forth by stakeholders. Secondary updates included discussions on a couple of trips that will be taken next spring at the high school level.

Mrs. Rice asked when they can expect more info on CKLA concerns. Ms. Eichhorst encouraged board members to read thru the meeting notes and stated there will be follow-up discussion at the next curriculum subcommittee meeting.

Facilities – Ms. Banach gave an overview of the meeting and stated their main discussions revolved around Resolution #33 - change orders for mechanical at Indian Hills, electrical, the fire alarm system. They discussed Croswell, Amanda Moore and Hevel door and hardware, athletic field improvements & drainage issues. These are on the agenda tonight and fit within contingency funds. They had lengthy conversations regarding these change orders and received updates from Mr. Storm and Mr. Nelson. There will be another change order coming to the full board soon. Discussions also took place on the multi trades position, vehicle purchasing and new legislation on water filtration.

Superintendent's Report –

Academic Services Update - Mr. Murray gave an update at the elementary level. He explained the Summer Skills Program and mentioned that they are currently finding students and staff for the program. Hi-dosage tutoring will be offered for math in partnership with the MISD. He explained the Little Inventors program which takes place each year for 4th graders. Students receive an inventor's challenge and create a model on paper. Local manufacturers then make a decision on which invention they want to prototype. Mr. Murray gave an update on the Read by Grade 3 law. New revisions to the law removed the retention piece. If students fall below a certain score, there will be no retainment - parents will receive a letter to let them know what interventions will be provided.

Ms. McFarlane gave an update at the secondary level. She commented on the Little Inventors Program and stated that high school students will be doing prototypes of the 4th graders work as well. Spanish teachers have been meeting to do curriculum alignment. Secondary math and social studies teachers have been meeting as well. Transformation planning is getting close to finalizing what year 1 implementation will look like and they are getting close to being able to present to the staff & board. Interviewing is heavily underway for vacancies at the high school. State testing is ending and we are heading into NWEA season. Ms. McFarlane reminded everyone that K-12 student artwork is still on display at Starkweather and that the Wizard of Oz production is taking place at the middle school.

Academic Services Update – ESSER III and 11t updates

Grants are winding down and the funds need to expended. A percentage of 11t funds were designated for summer and afterschool programming (after school tutoring, enrichment opportunities & summer programs).

Mrs. Eichhorst asked who composes the middle school transformation team. Ms. McFarlane responded that there were full staff discussions and then they broke into smaller teams of students, parents, community partners and some staff members to do master planning.

District Leadership Team Priorities 2024-2025 -

Group 2 Priorities – Dr. Robinson shared four Group 2 priorities that pertain to Resolution 31 on the agenda (ELL teacher, IRR teacher, 5 elementary classroom teachers and RMS transformation support).

2024-25 School Year – Planning is underway for next school year. An update was received from Plante Moran and a virtual follow-up will be held to finalize the enrollment assumptions for next year. SOC applications are coming in and staffing is being

addressed. Dr. Robinson stated that there have been questions regarding the calendar and he reminded everyone that the calendar is part of negotiations with the Education Association and negotiations are underway. Once an agreement is complete, the calendar will be shared. There are no dramatic changes anticipated with school times.

Construction Updates – Group 1 projects (Croswell, Indian Hills) are nearing their final phase. Dr. Robinson stated that we are hopeful for a mid-May occupancy at Indian Hills. Group 2 projects (Amanda Moore, Washington & RMS) are currently underway.

Staff Appreciation Days – Dr. Robinson gave a reminder that there are 2 staff appreciation days this week - Transportation Appreciation Day & Administrative Professionals Day and gave a shout-out to those staff members.

**Public
Comment**

None

Approved

Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #30– Personnel Update**

Rice moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Eichhorst asked if we do exit interviews. Dr. Robinson responded that every employee is offered the opportunity to have an exit interview.

- **Superintendent Resolution #31 – District Leadership Priorities 2024-25 Group 2**

Conner moved. Eichhorst supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Banach commented that she appreciates how the leadership priorities tie in to the strategic plan and she appreciates all the work that goes into it.

- **Academic Services Resolution #32 – 2024-2025 Additional Teaching Positions**

Young moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #33 – Change Order Approvals (2021 Facilities Bond Change Orders April Update)**

Young moved. Banach supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #34 – Food Service Equipment Purchase**

Rice moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #35 – CTE Technology Equipment Purchases**

Young moved. Conner supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Mrs. Eichhorst stated it was Resolution 31 that she was referring to when giving the curriculum meeting update not 32 as she stated.

**Board
Discussion/
For the Good
of the District**

Mr. Young commented that he feels we have a Hallmark movie kind of scenario going on in our community with the green space community and stated it's been exciting and inspiring.

Mrs. Rice stated that WA township put in a beautiful sidewalk but there is a section which was not done which causes an unsafe situation for students and residents.

Mr. Conner stated there is an open position for the board of directors at MASB and that he would like to put his name in and asked for the support of the board. Ms. Banach mentioned that according to the MASB bylaws, if someone wants to run, it has to be communicated at the board meeting. She mentioned that the elected person has to be a qualified trustee and that Mr. Conner has certainly dedicated his time and taken his CBA courses.

Ms. Banach gave a shout-out to the Transportation Dept & Administrative Assistants and thanked the board for attending the workshop meeting. She mentioned that the notes are in progress and mentioned that neither she nor Mr. Antoine will be able to attend the safety meeting on the 29th.

Mr. Conner stated the Teacher of the Year banquet was great and he was happy he could attend. He stated he appreciates everything the teachers do.

**Public
Comment**

Lou Welch spoke about the Prospect property. He mentioned that the time has come for each board member to state their position on this. He feels they owe it to the public and mentioned the need for less attorneys and more collaboration to work with the group instead of against them.

Mr. Folino thanked Dr. Robinson for sharing his email. He stated they are working hard to bring this project to fruition and gave an update on the most recent fund raiser which raised \$30,000. They have raised \$326,000 thus far. He asked if the workshop could be scheduled to take place after the 10th of May due to one of their members being out of the country.

Adjournment 7:31 p.m. Conner moved. Rice supported. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____