

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
100 Price Avenue Ste A
Stockbridge, Michigan 49285

Board of Education

Regular Meeting #8 – March 14, 2022
Junior/Senior High School Media Center– 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Graham at 6:30pm

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Members Present: President Graham; Vice President, Gee;
Secretary, Heeney, Trustee, Ogden,
Trustee, Numinen; Treasurer, Lance;
Trustee, Rochow

Members Absent:

Others in Attendance: Superintendent, Brian Friddle; Principal,
Meghan Kunzelman; Principal, Brad
Edwards; Principal, Jeff Trapp; Principal
Mark LaLonde; Director, Michelle Hilla

IV. Public Comments Addressing Action Items

None

V. Board of Education Comments

Treasurer Lance was a guest barista with Mrs. Borowy's coffee cart. It was a great experience and is a well-run business.

Trustee Ogden was at Heritage on Friday to judge doors for the door decorating contest. All of the doors were well done, it was a great addition to March is Reading Month.

VI. Board Committee Reports

Finance - Treasurer Lance reported about an early childhood grant that Dena Sommer applied for and received. It will be used for playground

enhancements and other updates to the Early Childhood programs. The committee also discussed savings that could come with a bond refinance. Facilities - Treasurer Lance noted that the committee discussed what facility needs could be met if the district refinanced the current bond. Superintendent Friddle added that the committee also discussed adding a pole vault pit as well as the early childhood pavilion and playground.

VII. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Friddle reported March is Reading Month opportunities to read to the elementary students, the festival of tables auction is open, reengagement has increased throughout the district as a result of lifting the mask mandate, field trips and volunteers are opening back up. He also thanked Kristie Knieper and Jennifer Goble for keeping up with the central office accounting items.

VIII. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Heeney and seconded by Ogden to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2022 regular meeting, as amended to reflect accurate information regarding the FFA program. Passed 7-0

2. Softball Trip – Mr. Hejnal

Motion made by Gee and seconded by Lance to approve all members of the softball team to travel to Lake City, Mi. May 20 and 21, 2022, to participate in a tournament, as presented. Passed 7-0

3. Band Trip - Mrs. Pniewski

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to approve band members from grades 6-12 to travel to Cedar Point for a performance on Friday, May 27, 2022, as presented. Passed 7-0

4. FFA Presentation - Mr. Salow

Officers of the FFA program presented the board with information about the program and what the members have learned. How to treat animals, raising and harvesting broilers, homecoming float, national FFA convention, job interview competition, leadership competition, growing and propagating succulents, Ag. business in plant growth, hydroponics, possibly participating in field competition and future projects.

5. Building Updates - Mr. Trapp, Mrs. Kunzelman, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lalonde

Edwards: Lower elementary engagement has increased since the mask mandate has been lifted, Kindergarten roundup is coming up and is in person again, Smith student had the first in person assembly this year. Lalonde: Heritage had a visit from an author for March is Reading Month, they held a door decorating contest, book give-aways, friendship building activities, friendship groups, gave a staff culture survey and 6th grade

students are working to develop and build learning libraries for the community

Trapp: Spring sports have started, the building is approaching the end of marking period and spring break, they're working on a culture shift, had an interactive assembly and NHS induction last week, the band earned a perfect score at competition and scheduling for next year has started.

Kunzelman: There is a student teacher that is staying on in the Middle School science department, students have started scheduling for next year and they've participated in March is Reading Month activities.

6. Second Reading NEOLA Update 36.1 – Mr. Friddle
Motion made by Rochow and seconded by Heeney to approve the second reading of NEOLA updates 36.1, as presented. Passed 7-0

7. Business Manager - Mr. Friddle
Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to appoint Kristie Knieper to the position of Business Manager, effective March 15, 2022, as presented. Passed 7-0

8. Authorized Account Signer Update – Mr. Friddle
Motion made by Lance and seconded by Rochow to approve the following signers on all bank accounts at all district approved financial institutions, effective March 15, 2022. Passed 7-0

Title	Name
Business Manager	Kristie Knieper
Superintendent	Brian Friddle
Board Treasurer	Cynthia Lance
Board President	Carrie Graham

9. Resignation - Mr. Friddle
Motion made by Numinen and seconded by Rochow to approve the resignation of Secondary Teacher, Lana Magnuson, effective March 10th, 2022, as presented. Passed 7-0
10. Track & Field Purchase - Mr. Friddle
Motion made by and seconded by to approve the purchase of Varsity Pole Vault Pit in the amount of \$18,880.00 from Richey Athletics, as presented. To be reimbursed at 50% of cost. Passed 7-0
11. IXL Purchase - Mrs. Hilla
Motion made by Rochow and seconded by Heeney to approve the three-year renewal of IXL Math for grades K-12, in the amount of \$38,862.00, to be paid from ESSER III Funds, as presented. Passed 7-0

12. Payroll Specialist Contract Amendment - Mr. Friddle
Motion made by Lance and seconded by Numinen to approve the amended contract for Jennifer Goble, Payroll Specialist, effective March 15th 2022, as presented.

13. Support Staff - Mr. Friddle
Motion made by Gee and seconded by Ogden to increase hourly support staff wages per the attached Schedule A, effective, March 7th 2022, as presented. Passed 7-0

14. Financial Reports and Accounts Payable
Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to approve spending of \$218,933.59 from General Fund, \$23,658.83 from Cafeteria Special Revenues Fund, \$0.00 from 2020 Capital Projects Fund, \$6600.94 from Student Activity Special Revenues Fund, and payroll transfers in the amount of \$880,045.47 for the month of February, as presented. Passed 7-0

- IX. Schedule of Meetings
Personnel Committee on March 21st at 6:00pm
Leadership class meeting on April 7th at 6:00pm

- X. Acknowledgements
Mr. Trapp acknowledged Karen Bradford for her commitment to the district and noted that she has worked in the district for 33 years.
Mrs. Kunzelman acknowledged the student athletes who went to the elementary school to read to students for March is Reading Month
Mr. Edwards acknowledged Lara Whitaker for organizing the December and March building activities. He also acknowledged Bonnie Rattai for decorating the building and lifting everyone up.
Mr. Lalonde acknowledged Ashley Moore for organizing professional development to help close gaps in instruction.
Vice President Gee acknowledged Bonnie Rattai for interacting with community members on social media.

- XI. Old Business
None

- XII. Public Comments
Bonnie Rattai addressed the board to tell them she is very proud to work for the school district. She has been an employee for 13 years and enjoys it very much.

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Heeney and seconded by Gee that regular meeting # 8 of the Stockbridge Community School District Board of Education be adjourned at 8:09pm.