

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING AND WORK SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 AT 7:00 PM VIRTUALLY @ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo_Dw2K8ptX5eFKauouPJZQ/

PRESENT: NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, M. DAVIS, LANKERD, LINDSEY, R. DAVIS, JONES

ABSENT: GAMBLE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Nicholson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Trustee Lindsey.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved Lindsey, supported Williams, that the agenda be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice President Nicholson called for any members of the audience to address the Board on agenda items only. There were none.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS – ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR JANUARY 2021-DECEMBER 2021

Superintendent Davis shared that at the December 14, 2020 Combined Work/Business Session Vice President Nicholson assembled a Nominating Committee. The committee included Vice President Nicholson, Secretary Middleton, and Trustee Gamble. Secretary Middleton served as Chair. He indicated the committee met and recommended officer assignments as follows:

President – Richard Lindsey Jr.
Vice President – Carrie Nicholson
Secretary – Lisa Middleton
Treasurer – Larry Williams

Moved Lindsey, supported Middleton, that the Board of Education approve the election of officers for January 2021 – December 2021 as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

ELECTED OFFICERS ASSUME CHAIRS

Elected officers assumed their chairs.

DISCUSSION:

COVID-19 CURRENT IMPACTS: Superintendent Davis reviewed COVID-19 confirmed and probable positive statistical data gathered across the past five weeks. He shared county trends that indicate a downward trend in the number of positive cases and deaths.

He added that vaccination clinics are being set up for school staff; more information will be shared as it becomes available.

RESUME IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION: Superintendent Davis indicated students returned to the district's hybrid in-person instruction today. He noted that some virtual only students will transition to in-person instruction when second semester begins on January 19th. He added the governor announced that every public school in Michigan needs to be ready to provide some kind of in-person learning as of March 1, 2021.

Vice President Nicholson asked if the governor's announcement about in-person instruction for students means that all students will be returning to in-person. Superintendent Davis replied that it did not mean all students would attend in-person. Schools need to have some kind of in-person instruction. He indicated MPS will continue with its hybrid in-person instruction and its virtual only instruction paths.

Secretary Middleton asked how many students would be changing to the in-person hybrid to which the superintendent replied he did not have the numbers readily available.

Superintendent Davis shared that Hughes EL and Gordon EL will be increasing sections by one for each building with Harrington EL increasing two sections. Teachers will be hired for these positions. The additional sections are necessary to keep classes sizes balanced as well as keeping the district's promise of having two sections for each grade in each building.

WINTER SPORTS / ATHLETICS: Athletic Director Dan Coddens reviewed the latest recommendations for winter sports/athletics as announced by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). He indicated that recommendations will likely change as they are dependent upon the trend of COVID-19 cases across the state; it's constantly evolving. He met with Interstate 8 colleagues to develop a new schedule for athletic events. Spectators will be limited at these events.

NEW BOARD RETREAT: Superintendent Davis suggested scheduling two dates in February when board members can meet to discuss vision; goals; anchor expectations; review equity and inclusion; review the merits of a potential capitol improvement bond; explore finding a way to become one district across the two communities; and to work on team building. Board members shared thoughts and ideas of what should be included at the retreat. Thoughts/suggestions were as follows:

- A facilitator should be brought in to help the process.
- All forms of communication and board roles should be covered.
- Work on bridge building.
- Discuss Harrington EL, what would change if a new elementary school is built.
- Define the post annexation outcomes.
- Address why Harrington EL seems to always have new staff; need fewer subs in the building.
- Decide what on the list of items will be going into the bond; solid discussion needs to occur.

- Retreat would last four hours on two different occasions.
- Two Saturdays in February might work if they were not scheduled back to back.
- Bond discussion should be kept separate from strategic planning.
- Feedback should come from community members and teachers.
- Work better together as a team.

REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE DISTRICT’S COVID-19 EXTENDED PREPAREDNESS PLAN FOR LEARNING ONLY

Superintendent Davis asked if there were any comments or questions about the district’s COVID-19 extended preparedness plan for learning now that recommendations have been presented. There were none.

ACTION ITEM – CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION – OTHER

RECONFIRM COVID-19 EXTENDED LEARNING PLAN: As required the district must hold a Reconfirmation Meeting every 30 days to review the COVID-19 Extended Preparedness and Response Plan for Learning and to consider reconfirmation of the plan.

Moved Williams, supported Nicholson, that Action Item – Curriculum and Instruction be approved as presented. A roll-call vote unanimously carried the motion.

ACTION ITEMS – ANNUAL ORGANIZATION:

SETTING THE MEETING DATES, PLACES AND TIMES FEBRUARY 2021 – JANUARY 2022: Set the regular meeting dates for February 2021-January 2022 for the Marshall Board of Education. Sessions will be held on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Community Room (MSCR) or at the Marshall Opportunity High School (MOHS), located at 225 Watson Street Albion, unless otherwise noted as follows:

- February 8, 2021—Work Session at MOHS
- February 22, 2021—Business Session at MOHS
- March 8, 2021—Work Session at MSCR
- March 22, 2021—Business Session at MSCR
- April 26, 2021—Combined Work/Business Session at MOHS
- May 10, 2021—Work Session at MSCR
- May 24, 2021—Business Session at MSCR
- June 14, 2021—Work Session at MOHS
- June 28, 2021—Business Session at MOHS
- July 26, 2021—Combined Work/Business Session at MSCR
- August 9, 2021—Work Session at MOHS
- August 23, 2021—Business Session at MOHS
- September 13, 2021—Work Session at MSCR
- September 27, 2021—Business Session at MSCR
- October 11, 2021—Work Session at MOHS
- October 25, 2021—Business Session at MOHS
- November 8, 2021— Combined Work/Business Session at MSCR
- December 13, 2021—Combined Work/Business Session at MOHS
- January 10, 2022—Annual Organizational Meeting

and Work Session at MSCR
January 24, 2022—Business Session at MSCR

DESIGNATE BANK DEPOSITORIES FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR: Designate as banks of depositories as follows:

Institution	Institution
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Huntington Bank
TCF Bank	Marshall Community Credit Union
Flagstar Bank	Southern Michigan Bank & Trust

DESIGNATION OF BROKERS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR: Designate as brokers TCF Bank, MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corporation, Baker Tilly, Bank of America, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust and Marshall Community Credit Union.

DESIGNATION OF LAW FIRMS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR: Designate as law firms Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Schroeder DeGraw PLC.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE CASBMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE 2021 CALENDAR YEAR: Appoint President Lindsey as delegate and Trustee Lankerd as alternate delegate to the Calhoun Area School Board Members Association Board of Directors to represent MPS.

DESIGNATE THE ELECTRONIC TRANSFER OFFICER (ETO): Designate Becky Jones as the district’s ETO to complete such transactions on behalf of the Board and in accordance with Policy 6144.

Moved Lankerd, supported Middleton, that the Board of Education approve Action Items – Annual Organization as presented. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Lindsey called for any members of the audience to address the Board. There were none.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

President Lindsey called for any members of the board for comment.

Superintendent Davis shared he visited all school buildings earlier in the day. He witnessed much excitement and enthusiasm from teachers and students.

President Lindsey indicated the Community Forum conducted Saturday, January 9th went well.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

KIMBERLY VANWORMER, RECORDING SECRETARY