

MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE MARSHALL BOARD OF
EDUCATION HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM VIRTUALLY @
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PRESENT: DESMET, NICHOLSON, MIDDLETON, WILLIAMS, DAWSON,
GAMBLE, LINDSEY, DAVIS, JONES

ABSENT: NONE

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President DeSmet. A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Treasurer Williams.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

President DeSmet explained since the meeting was being held virtually individuals were asked to complete an online Public Comment Request Form by 7:00 p.m. May 4, 2020. Only individuals that completed the online request form would be invited to provide comment. There were no requests for public comment received.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OPERATIONS UPDATE RELATED TO CLOSURE OF SCHOOL: Superintendent Davis the district continues to provide distance learning for all students for the remainder of the school year. He shared informative information and responded to Board member questions/comments.

- Approximately 90% of our students are engaging in learning. The district continues to reach out to parents and students that the district has not heard from.
- Principals evaluated the following on a scale of 1-4, with 4 being the best, as it relates to teacher and student contacts: engagement process 3.2; delivery of curriculum 3.8; and quality of what is being provided 3.4. Primary focus should be social emotional learning.
- Teacher to teacher collaborations and partnerships with administration has been outstanding.
- Need teacher direction learning, multiple platforms, viable and challenging content, create accountability, and the need to be as flexible as possible about what may have to happen with the 2020-21 school year.
- Parents will want to know how their student is doing even though current school work is not being evaluated.
- Curriculum Camps are being explored for the summer as a way for students to continued engagement.

COMMENCEMENTS: Superintendent Davis shared that plans for recognizing seniors before the end of the school year are being developed for both Marshall High School Seniors and Marshall Opportunity High School Seniors. A video, to include students' pictures and their high school involvements will be produced with the help of BluFish Consulting. A program commemorating the Class of 2020 is also being considered as a keepsake. There may be a car parade as well. There will be no prom, honors assembly, or scholarship night. The district is looking at ways to showcase and celebrate students with the community.

Superintendent Davis indicated the Michigan Youth Challenge Academy will be completing the current cycle earlier than planned and will conclude on May 15. Due to the current situation with COVID-19 there will be no group celebration. Cadets will be released by platoon at different school buildings across the district.

INCOMING KINDEGARTEN STUDENTS: Superintendent Davis indicated a video is posted for parents to view about their incoming kindergarten student with the information they need to register their student on the district's web site. Student assessment will not take place until it is feasible to do so.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Superintendent Davis reported that food distribution continues and has been extended to June 30, 2020. The Summer Feeding Program begins on July 1 and runs through August 20.

PLANNING FOR 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR: Superintendent Davis believes there are too many unknowns to begin planning for the upcoming school year. Everyone is learning to adapt and adopt.

FACILITY NEEDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (FNAC): Superintendent Davis explained that the FNAC Core Team continues to meet. Communication will be sent to the FNAC soon to regroup and discuss how to proceed.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM – FINANCIAL

2020-21 SCHOOL LUNCH PRICES: Approve setting the 2020-21 school lunch prices; student breakfast and milk prices will remain unchanged as follows:

	<u>2020-21</u>
Breakfast K-12	\$1.60
Milk	\$0.50
Lunch Grades K-5	\$2.75
Lunch Grades 6-8	\$2.80
Lunch Grades 9-12	\$2.90
Adult Lunches	\$3.75

**APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEM
– CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION - OTHER**

APPROVE CREATION OF A DISTRICT-WIDE PD ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Approve the creation of a District-wide Professional Development Committee, whose

membership will be determined by the superintendent and must comply with the requirements in 388.1701(10).

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Middleton, that the Board of Education approve Action Item – Curriculum and Instruction - Other as recommended. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Secretary Middleton reminded everyone that it is Teacher Appreciation Week and just how special they all are.

Superintendent Davis read aloud an email he sent all teachers sharing his appreciation for all they do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Lindsey, supported by Gamble, that the Board move into executive session under Section 8 (c) of the Open Meetings Act for a strategy and negotiation session connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. A roll-call vote carried the motion unanimously.

The Board entered closed session at 7:57 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to open session at 8:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

LISA MIDDLETON, SECRETARY

KIMBERLY VANWORMER, RECORDING SECRETARY