

## Record of Proceedings

### Minutes of the October 20, 2020, Regular Meeting HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2020-16

#### Call to Order

Mrs. Donna Green, Board President, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Huron City School District on October 20, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room. Also present: Dennis Muratori, Superintendent, Randy Drewyor, Treasurer, Dr. Julie McDonald, Curriculum Director, Holly Charville, Director of Special Education, Denise Zielske, Director of Operations and nine members of the staff and community.

#### Roll Call:

Mr. John P. Jones	Present
Mrs. Donna Green	Present
Mr. Paul Ward	Present
Mr. Scott Slocum	Present
Mrs. Jody Mast	Present

Mrs. Green announced that the meeting was recorded with audio.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Green lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Agenda Approval

Upon recommendation by Mr. Muratori, Mr. Ward moved for approval of the October 20, 2020, regular meeting agenda. Mr. Slocum seconded the motion.

#### Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

#### Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2020, Regular Board of Education Meeting and the September 22, 2020 Special Meeting.

#### Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

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Agenda  
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Approval of  
Minutes

Motion Passed.

### **Audience/Community Participation**

**Mary James** 310 Portland Dr

Ms. James is a teacher in the district and Co-President of the Huron Education Association (HEA). Ms. James reported on a survey HEA gave to its members. Over 70% of the members participated with 70% expressing an opinion not in favor of the district returning to full return at this time. The association members feel it is unsafe to return due to social distancing concerns and the ability to keep up with sanitizing and disinfecting needs. The association believes the hybrid model is working providing students with more small group and individual attention. The teaching staff supports a full return but not at the expense of the student, staff and community safety.

**Leslie Dieter** 3515 Scheid Rd

Ms. Dieter expressed that the hybrid model was good for the first quarter but that the children need to be back in school five days per week. Failure to return to school full-time is putting children behind academically and their educational levels cannot be maintained on the hybrid model. Ms. Dieter cited the CDC and the pediatricians association that children need to be in school. The five layers of protection are working and we've managed so far without issue. Ms. Dieter cited state data that Erie County is doing fine and we're not at level 3 (red). Parents should have the option to send their children back five days if that is their decision.

**Dr. Elizabeth Laffay, DO** 417 Anchorage Circle

Dr. Laffay communicated that there is no end in sight with this disease and that we need to move forward. The district has the power to consider other data than just what is provided by the Erie County Health Department. Dr. Laffay cited infection, hospitalization and fatality rates suggesting that the disease is no worse than the flu and that, like with the flu, we just need to work through it. Dr. Laffay expressed that students should be back to school full-time and that the Erie County Health Department's recommendations are not the only advice to consider.

**Tina Wilson** 829 Stowbridge Dr.

Ms. Wilson has two boys in the district ages 15 and 12. The 15 year-old is handling the hybrid schedule well but the 12 year-old is struggling. Ms. Wilson asked what can we do for these kids to get them more interaction.

Mrs. Green thanked the audience for the comments and that the district is making all considerations to do what's best for the students, staff and community.

### **Treasurer's Discussion Items**

Mr. Drewyor provided an overview of current district revenues and spending. The district's revenue and expenditures are tracking per plan. The volatility of spending due to COVID-19 is making it difficult to forecast longer term spending. The district is spending down relief funds prior to using general fund. State CARES funds have been used to fund the Huron Virtual Academy and Student Wellness funds are being used to offset guidance costs and cost of the school resource officer.

Donations from the month of September were reviewed. The district received \$2,195 in donations with over \$1000 earmarked to the Sandi Lunch Fund in the memory of Terry Whitaker.

Mr. Drewyor gave a brief presentation concerning state funding and spending per pupil. Unrestricted state aid to the district has been essentially flat since 2013 with no expectations for future increases. Compared to our peers and the state average the district spends the least on a per pupil basis. This information is important as the district looks at a levy measure in May 2021.

The district is proceeding with an early retirement program working with EPC (Educators Preferred Corporation) as a third party administrator. Interest in the early exit program has not been as high as had been hoped. There are approximately six serious inquiries for the program.

New door entry systems are being installed. The transportation building portion has been completed. The contractor is currently working at the board office and Shawnee Elementary. In the next month ID badges will be issued to provide building access.

The former Kaman property is now owned by the district and the house is being available to rent. Vacationland Realty is serving as the district's rental agent. The target rent is \$900/month.

### **Superintendent Discussion Items**

Mr. Muratori recognized and presented a certificate to Bill Currence, President of Corner Stone Consulting for their generous donation of PPE. Ms. Judy Sommers was present to accept the certificate on behalf of Corner Stone Consulting.

Mr. Muratori reviewed his reasoning to withdraw his recommendation for a five day student return. In August the district decided to return to school on a hybrid model as the county was at a high COVID infection level. At that time the county's most significant infection trends were confined to congregate care facilities. While the county is not at the red level yet the infection trend is up and being attributed to community spread (households) and thus become very hard to trace. For this reason the district is delaying a full return. The district is looking at the data to try and balance the educational needs of the students and the safety and welfare of the students, staff and community. The data is clear that students need to be back in school and the intent was to bring them back in November but the pivot in the infection trends in October have made the full return of students not safe. We need to continue to work to manage and mitigate the risk. The entire community needs to be involved these efforts.

### **Treasurer Recommendations**

On the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Mast moved and Mr. Jones seconded to approve the following financial items:

- A. The monthly financial statements for the close of September 30, 2020, as per exhibits.
- B. Donations for the month of September 2020, totalling \$2,195:

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Treasurer  
Recommendations

From	Benefactor	Amount
Kyle R Wright	Shawnee Elementary - Kindergarten	\$500.00
Patrick & Nicole O'Hara	Shawnee Elementary - Spelling City Program	\$500.00
Patrick & Nicole O'Hara	Woodlands 4th Grade	\$600.00
Rosemary Pugh	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$100.00
Trudi Prentice	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$100.00
Jann Graham Glann, PhD	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$50.00
Becky Grunden, Dan & Judy McCarthy	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$50.00
Michael & Julie Myers	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$50.00
Martha Huffman, Gerald, Paul & Robert Hamer	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$100.00
Robert & Janet Chappell	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$50.00
Kathleen Failor	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$20.00
Sally and Tom Sprunk	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$50.00
Nancy Caskey	Sandi Lunch Fund in Memory of Terry Whitaker	\$25.00

**\$2,195.00**

## C. Approve the following contracts as presented.

- Perkins School District – On-Board Instructor Transportation
- Danbury School Pool Use
- Margaretta Shared Diving Coach

## D. Approve the commission agreement with Vacationland Realty as presented.

## E. Authorize the Treasurer and/or Superintendent to sign leases on behalf of the Huron City School Board of Education in order to rent the former Kaman property at 345 Jim Campbell Blvd, Huron.

## Roll Call:

Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes

Motion Passed.

**Superintendent Recommendations**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Mast and seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the following personnel items:

## A. Approve the Change of Placement on the certified schedule for Melissa Allen from MA to MA+20 effective August 24, 2020.

## B. Approve academic supplementals as follows:

- Dana Fantozz-Skavnak - WIS Yearbook Advisor (1/2)
- Vickie Meadows - WIS Yearbook Advisor (1/2)
- Alex Tredway - SES Yearbook Advisor (1/2)
- Kelli Malone - SES Yearbook Advisor (1/2)
- Chris Scherley - HHS Instrumental Music
- Steve Schaefer - HHS Model UN
- Darius Schaeffer - HHS Junior Class Advisor
- Patricia Ryan - HHS RESA Lead Mentor (Liaison)
- Erin Smith - HHS Buddy Mentor
- Chris Scherley - HHS/MJH RESA Mentor
- Stephanie Hotz - HHS RESA Mentor
- Laura Pittinger - SES RESA Mentor (2)

## C. Approve classified substitutes as follows:

- Diane Gaydosh
- Terri Blake
- James Moriarty
- Marcia Sheehan
- Sherry Bouchard
- Diane Riedel

## D. Approve athletic supplementals/pupil activities as follows:

- Mike Lempenon - Boys and Girls Basketball Scorer
- Dustin Kastor - HHS Girls Basketball Asst.

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Recommendations

- Keith Lobsinger - HHS Girls Basketball Asst.
- Darius Schaeffer - HHS Boys Basketball Asst.
- Shane Fischer - HHS Boys Basketball Asst.
- John (Jack) Lenczyk - HHS Swimming Asst.
- William Evert - HHS Wrestling Asst.
- Matthew Adams - HHS Boys Freshman Basketball
- Matt Gainer - MJH Boys 8th Grade Basketball
- Charles (Randy) Lehrer - MJH Swimming Head Coach
- John (Jack) Lenczyk - MJH Swimming Asst.
- Brad Hartung - HHS Football Assistant 1/2

E. Approve William Wiseman as an athletic volunteer for soccer.

F. Approve Laura Pittenger for unpaid leave on February 11, 16, 2021.

G. Approve additional hours for Huron Virtual Academy staff as follows:

- Tricia Rosekelly -HVA Academic Mentor – 10 hours per diem
- Amy Lauer – HVA Facilitator – 21.5 hours per diem

H. Approve the resignation of Tabetha Ramey as HVA Facilitator effective October 30, 2020.

I. Approve the voluntary classified placements as follows as follows:

- Diane Gaydosh – Shawnee 6.5 hours per day effective October 12, 2020
- Jim Moriarty – HHS/MJH 2.42 hours per day effective October 19, 2020

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

### **Huron High School Graduation Seals**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Slocum to approve the establishment of the following Huron High School Graduation Seals for SY21:

- Fine & Performing Arts Seal
- Student Engagement Seal
- Community Service Seal

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes
Mr. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes

Motion Passed.

**North Point Education Service Center Authorization**

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Mast and seconded by Mr. Ward to approve NPESC employee authorization to suspend students from NPESC programs should their behavior/activities be severe enough to merit said response and to adopt the NPESC SY21 Handbook.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

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NPESC  
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**Huron Board of Education Policy Updates**

On the recommendation of the Huron Policy Committee, Mrs. Mast moved and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the following revised policies:

- Nondiscrimination - AC
- Nondiscrimination - ACA
- Sexual Harassment - ACAA
- Sexual Harassment - ACAA-R
- Suspension and Termination of Professional Staff Members - GCPD
- Suspension and Demotion and Termination of Support Staff Members - GDPD
- Student Absences and Excuses - JED
- Permanent Exclusion - JEGA
- Hazing and Bullying - JFCF
- Hazing and Bullying - JFCF-R
- Student Discipline - JG
- Student Suspension - JGD
- Emergency Removal of Student - JGDA
- Student Expulsion - JGE
- Public Complaints about District Personnel - KLD
- Public Complaints about District Personnel - KLD-R

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes
Mr. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes

Motion Passed.

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Board  
Policies

**Huron Public Library Board of Trustees**

On the recommendation of the Huron Public Library Board of Trustees, it was moved by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the reappointment of Mr. Robert Kozar to serve an additional term commencing on January 1, 2021 and ending on December 31, 2027.

**Roll Call:**

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes

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Library  
Trustee

Mr. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

### **Board Committee Reports**

This portion of the meeting is to be set aside for the Board members to provide updates for the Board Committees for which the members have volunteered.

Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Ward
Operations & Facilities	Mrs. Mast
Policies	Mr. Slocum
Finance & Audit	Mr. Jones
Hall of Fame / Athletic Council	Mr. Ward
Community Relations	Mr. Jones
Economic Development & Business Round Table	Mrs. Mast
Huron Schools Education Foundation & Tiger Grant	Mr. Slocum
Joint Recreation District	Mrs. Mast
EHOVE	Mrs. Green
Safety & Security	Mr. Ward & Mr. Jones

### **New Business**

Mr. Jones brought up concerns about the Huron Virtual Academy. He communicated that he had received negative comments via email. The administration is unaware of the concerns that Mr. Jones has heard and asked Mr. Jones to forward emails to the Superintendent so they can be addressed.

### **Next Meeting**

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be November 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on December 11, 2020, at 8:00 am in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room for the purposes of a board work session.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Mast moved that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Jones.

#### **Roll Call:**

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
Mr. Mast	Yes
Mr. Slocum	Yes
Mr. Ward	Yes

Motion Passed.

Mrs. Green declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

President



Attest

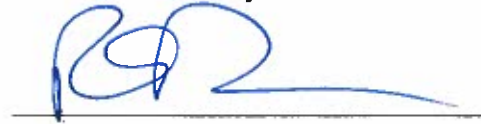


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## Certificate of Available Resources

Certificate  
Section ORC §5705.412

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED the Huron City School District Board of Education, Erie County, Ohio has sufficient funds to meet the contract agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure for the above, and has in effect for the remainder of the fiscal year and the succeeding fiscal year the authorization to levy taxes which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the district at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the district to operate an adequate educational program on all the days set forth in its adopted school calendar for the current fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

  
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Board President  
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Treasurer

## Comments:

See ORC §5705.412

This certificate must be attached to any contract or order involving the expenditure of money with certain statutory exceptions.