

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the November 17, 2020, Regular Meeting
HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2020-18

Call to Order

Mrs. Donna Green, Board President, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Huron City School District on November 17, 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 and video.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Agenda Approval

Upon recommendation by Mr. Muratori, Mrs. Mast moved for approval of the November 17, 2020, regular meeting agenda. Mr. Jones 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. Ward and seconded by Mr. Slocum to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2020, Regular Board of Education Meeting and the November 11, 2020 Special Meeting.

Roll Call:

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

20-0110 –
Agenda
Approval

20-0111 –
Approval of
Minutes

Motion Passed.

Audience/Community Participation

Theresa Graybill 906 Salem Dr.

Ms. Graybill stated she understands the desire to return to 5 days of instruction and the current COVID mitigation efforts are working. However she is concerned about not being able to social distance as effectively with a full return and that the community spread will move in to the schools. Ms. Graybill indicated that the teachers' wishes should be listened to and that they do not want a full return. She asked questions of Mr. Muratori and then requested the board vote again on the full return of students.

Tyler Tooman 3005 Scheid Rd

Mr. Tooman expressed that he is confused about the switching back and forth between hybrid and full return. He stated that he didn't understand why there was a desire to return to 5 days at this time. Mr. Muratori addressed Mr. Tooman's questions stating students have been in class less than 25 days since mid-March.

Leah Lacrosse 911 Main St

Ms. Lacrosse has been a teacher in the district for over 20 years. She stated the the hybrid model is working and there has been educational benefits of the reduced class size. She has been able to give students more individualized attention. With the smaller class sizes it is much easier to enforce mask wearing. The hybrid schedule has changed her teaching and there have been some students that she is having trouble keeping track of.

Louise Hoty 412 Gateway Blvd

Ms. Hoty is a teacher at Shawnee Elementary. She stated that the teachers want the kids back, especially the littles but that the district should wait until after Christmas break. The risk of infections will go up with family gatherings and college students home and that waiting would be prudent.

Sherry Rowen 729 Salem Dr.

Ms. Rowen is a teacher at McCormick Jr. High and HEA Co-President. She stated that the majority of teachers want their students back full time but they want it to be safe. The staff desires to get back to a new normal but the rising case numbers is concerning. Additionally there is a lot of anxiety among students about being safe in school.

Dr. Elizabeth Laffay, DO 417 Anchorage Circle

Dr. Laffay communicated that there is too much focus on the fear and case counts rather than on actual illness numbers. The real issue is quarantines not illnesses. Dr. Laffey also noted that social distancing is a suggestion and not a requirement. Other school districts have been back to school on a 5 day schedule with no issues. We need to focus less on the fear and more on the greater good.

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. She also noted that the topic would be discussed further under new business.

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. Interest revenue has taken a significant dip and is expected to stay low the remainder of the school year.

Donations from the month of October were reviewed. The district received \$1,307 in donations split between scholarships and the Sandi Lunch Fund.

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 four employees taking advantage of the program.

New door entry systems are being installed. Installation is complete at the Bus Garage, Board Office, Shawnee Elemenary and McCormick Jr. High. ID badges have been delivered to all staff except for the high school. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the month. The cloud based software was demonstrated for the board.

The former Kaman property has a renter. The renter will be moving in on November 18, 2020. District maintenance personnel will be replacing the railing on the front stoop.

After a year of effort the district has finally been able to implement a V-card program. This program allows bills to be paid with a single use credit card number resulting in less checks being printed and the district gaining a small rebate from each use.

The district received a little over \$25k in a rebate from BWC.

The district's electric contract is up for renewal. Currently the district buys electricity through the Ohio School's Council Power4Schools program. We're in the process of shopping our electricity purchase but finding it hard to compare since the Power4School program is very different from other suppliers.

The district underwent a state retirement census audit for FY20. The audit for STRS and SER came back clean with no deficiencies.

The FY19 Medicaid Audit/Cost Report has been completed. Billings in FY19 were good with no deficiencies found.

During the first week of December the Treasurer will be meeting with the PTO and the Booster Clubs to review their finances. These meetings are just part of a best practice to ensure compliance with district policies.

MOCO Boutique, Inc is asking for a tax abatement for a new facility. The Treasurer will be participating in a discussion concerning this request and will report back to the board. While tax abatements are not ideal for the district, the district does need commercial growth and the opportunity to increase tax revenues need to be considered.

Five Year Forecast

Mr. Drewyor reviewed the Five Year Forecast with the board. This presentation is a semi-annual requirement in order to engage the board and the community in the long-term financial planning of the district.

In FY21 the district is expected to deficit spend about \$908k. A significant portion of this loss is due to state funding cuts and additional expenses due to COVID-19. Deficit spending is expected to continue through out the forecast with the district running out of carryover funds in 2023.

Expenditures reductions and a new levy are required to prevent the district from going into fiscal emergency.

Superintendent Discussion Items

Mr. Muratori recognized Ms. Whitney Steinmitz as the Tiger Core Value staff member from March. Ms. Steinmitz was nominated by her peers for her outstanding role modeling of the value of humility. Mr. Muratori presented Ms. Steinmitz with a certificate.

Mr. Muratori reviewed highlights from the first quarter of the school year. The Girls Volleyball Team won the Division III State Championship. The Boys Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball teams were all SBC League Champions. Salvadore Sherer and Kennedy Schlessman both qualified for the state Cross Country meet. The turf at Huron Memorial Stadium was replaced and rebranded Mucci Field.

The district currently has 148 students taking advantage of the Huron Virtual Academy. Twenty-five of these students are new. Huron City Schools has 124 students open enrolling in and 63 students open enrolling out.

Food service is producing 2100 meal packs per week feeding 217 students. The district has partnered with the 2nd Harvest Food Bank and the National Guard for monthly food distribution.

Treasurer Recommendations

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

20-0112 –
Treasurer
Recommendations

- A. The monthly financial statements for the close of October 31, 2020, as per exhibits.
- B. Donations for the month of October 2020, totalling \$1,307:

From	Benefactor	Amount
	Sandi Lunch Fund in honor of Terry	
Robert and Connie Berger	Whitaker	\$100.00
Joanne Berardi	CC Country Scholarship Fund	\$50.00
Life Storage LLC	CC Country Scholarship Fund	\$100.00
Deborah and Kenneth Bogden	CC Country Scholarship Fund	\$20.00
Unknown Cash Donation	CC Country Scholarship Fund	\$60.00
Huron Educational Foundation	High School Academic Challenge	\$600.00
Huron Cross Country Team	Scott Klaiber Memorial Scholarship Fund	\$67.00
Teen Leadership Corps	TLC for Mental Health	\$250.00
Woodlands Staff	Woodlands Educational Garder	\$60.00
		\$1,307.00

- C. Approve the Five Year Forecast as presented.
- D. Approve the contract with PML Pamela McVeagh-Lally as presented.
- E. Approve the Purpose and Budget Statement for Girls Biddy Basketball as presented.
- F. Approve the establishment of a new grant fund for FY21 and accept the grant award as follows:
 019.9021 OCRRA Coronavirus Preschool Relief Fund \$16,981

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 Mr. Slocum and seconded by Mrs. Mast to approve the following personnel items:

- A. Approve Sarah Riedy increase in time to 270 minutes per day effective November 2, 2020 to be paid for out of Title I funds.
- B. Approve Tricia Rosekelly as HVA Academic Facilitator for grades 7-12 effective November 2, 2020.
- C. Approve classified substitutes as follows:
 - Mary Petronella
 - Mindee Brunow
- D. Approve classified substitute aides as follows:
 - Traci Bauer
 - Timothy Fleck
- E. Approve Aimee Johnson as RESA Mentor at Huron High School for SY21.
- F. Approve Jordan Stutzman as a certified substitute for SY21 at \$25.00 per hour.
- G. Approve Diane Chevalier for Tiger Kids Club effective November 2, 2020.
- H. Approve retirement for Vicki Garner and Sharon Gunlach effective January 31, 2020.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

Huron Virtual Academy Grade Card

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mr. Ward and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the Huron Virtual Academy Grade Card as presented.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes

20-0113 –
Superintendent
Recommendations

20-0114 –
HVA Report
Card

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

Motion Passed.

Memorandum of Understanding

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Mast and seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the MOU between the Huron City School District and the Huron Education Association as presented.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

Memorandum of Understanding

On the recommendation of the Superintendent, it was moved by Mrs. Mast and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the MOU between the Huron City School District, the Huron Classified Education Association and Mr. William Schnee as presented.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Green	Yes
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

20-0115 –
HEA MOU

20-0115 –
HECA MOU

New Business – Board Initiated Resolutions**Full Return for Students**

Mrs. Mast moved and Mr. Ward seconded a motion to amend the previously approved schedule for full-return of students, making November 30, 2020 a Tiger Day and the transition to full-return start date to be January 19, 2021.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

20-0115 –
Student
Full-Return

Superintendent Authorization

Mr. Jones moved and Mr. Ward seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent to make any necessary adjustments to the full-return schedule as circumstances dictate.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

20-0116 –
Superintend
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Authorizatio
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Live Streaming of Meetings

Mr. Jones moved and Mrs. Mast seconded a motion that explicitly expresses the board's desire that all public sessions of the Board of Education meetings be live streamed and authorizes the Superintendent and Treasurer to make any necessary arrangements to meet this desire.

Roll Call:

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

Motion Passed.

20-0117 –
Live
Streaming
of Meetings

Next Meeting

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.

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be December 15, 2020 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

The 2021 Tax Budget Hearing, Organizational Meeting and first Regular Meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be January 5, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

Adjournment

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

20-0118-
Adjournme
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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 8:25 pm.

President Donna Green

Attest [Signature]

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.

Donna Green
Board President

[Signature]
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.