

Record of Proceedings

Minutes of the March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting HURON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Number 2022-13

Call to Order

Mrs. Jody Mast, Board President, called to order the Regular Meeting of the Huron City School District on March 15, 2022, at 6:00 pm in the Board Conference Center of the Huron City School District Board of Education Office. Also present: Julie McDonald, Interim Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Betty Schwiefert, Interim Treasurer; Denise Zielske, Director of Operations; Steve Camella, Athletic Director; Matt Lasko, Huron City Manager; Monty Tapp, City of Huron Mayor; William Biddlecombe, Huron City Council Member; Rob Smith, President of the Huron Public Library Board of Trustees; Amy Springer, Huron Athletic Boosters; Vikki Morrow-Ritchie, Huron Public Library Director; and other individuals who did not sign in.

Roll Call

Mrs. Stacey Hartley	Present
Mrs. Stacy Hinnners	Present
Mr. John Jones	Present
Dr. Elizabeth Laffay	Absent
Mrs. Jody Mast	Present

Agenda Approval

The agenda for the March 15, 2022 meeting was presented. It was moved by Mrs. Hartley to approve the regular meeting agenda. Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Mast, Board President, lead all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Hinnners and seconded by Mrs. Hartley to approve the following board meeting minutes as presented:

- Special meeting minutes from February 10, 2022
- Regular meeting minutes from February 15, 2022
- Special meeting minutes from February 20, 2022
- Special meeting minutes from February 22, 2022
- Special meeting minutes from February 28, 2022
- Special meeting minutes from March 8, 2022
- Special meeting minutes from March 9, 2022

22-0056 –
Agenda
Approval

22-0057 –
Approval of
Minutes

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinners	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

Huron Public Library Resolution for Renewal of Existing Tax Levy

It was moved by Mr. Jones to approve a resolution as presented, requesting the Board of Education of the Huron City School District to submit to the electors of the library district of the Huron Public Library the question of a renewal of an existing tax for current expenses of the Huron Public Library. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Hinners.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hinners	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

22-0058 –
Library levy
renewal

Audience/Community Participation

Amy Springer, 403 Winona Drive, spoke on behalf of the Huron Athletic Booster Club. The school track needs a complete replacement. Approximately five years ago, some repairs were made and more repairs are necessary now in order for the track to be deemed safe for events. The first scheduled meet is April 6th so there is still time to make these repairs. The boosters have received a quote for asphalt/track replacement from Maumee Bay Turf Center. The quote is for \$389,430. The boosters are unable at this time to finance a project due to their commitment for the turf. Other projects financed through the boosters include repairs/updates to the press box, mulching, purchase of hurdles, purchase of uniforms for various sports and the purchase or miscellaneous supplies such as balls, shirts, equipment etc.

Superintendent's Discussion Items

Denise Zielske, Director of Operations, updated the board on her responsibilities and school facilities. Many building repairs need to be done including: track replacement, leaks at Shawnee, drainage issue at the track, weight room roof leak, boiler replacement for three buildings, hot water heater replacement for two buildings, rotating schedule for repaving of parking lots, replacement of elevator at the high school and McCormick, exterior repairs at McCormick, roof leak in the pole barn at the bus garage, field house heating, replacement of special needs bus, replacement of kitchen ovens, high school dishwasher.

Matt Lasko, Huron City Manager, explained the school compensation agreement with Sunsport Properties, LLC. that was being considered by the school board. The agreement is for fifteen years and agrees to a 100% payment to the school for the amount of taxes that would have been payable if the development site had not been exempted from taxation. Since this is an Enterprise Zone Exemption, the agreement will still need to be approved by the Erie County Board of Commissioners.

Mrs. McDonald shared the School Resource Officer agreement for the 2022-2023 school year.

Treasurer's Discussion Items

Mrs. Schwiefert reported the financial reporting covers all actual revenues and expenditures through February 28, 2022. All trending data is offered from most recent historical data.

We are eight months into the fiscal year and should be at 66% for revenues and expenditures. Revenues for all funds were at 71.2% of anticipated, while general fund revenues were at 74.7%. Tax advances from the county auditor were received in February which inflated revenue numbers. Revenues were \$1,122,146 more this February compared to last due to the advances received. Actual expenditures in all funds are at 63.4%, while the general fund expenditures are 62.6% of expected. February 2022 expenditures are \$119,225 less than February 2021 and for the fiscal year \$196,660 lower than FY21. The cash balance on 2/28/22 in all funds was \$5,557,856.79 with \$5,022,420.88 in the general fund.

Donations for the month of February 2022 totaled \$3,210.79. The Huron Memorial Scholarship Fund received donations from the Citizens for Huron Schools and Sandusky Kiwanis Club.

The resolution to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission is part of the annual budgeting process for collection of taxes by the county auditor. Our FY23 budget was approved in January and sent to the county budget commission for approval. I've shared the Official Certificate of Estimated Resources that allows expenditures to occur beginning July 1, 2022.

Four club advisors have submitted either revised or original Purpose Statements and Budgets for approval. These budgets will be updated per their request if approved.

As was announced at the last meeting, Taylor Dunn wrote and received an Ohio STEM Learning Network Classroom Grant in the amount of \$2,500.00. Her grant will be used to purchase new iPads and cases. Grant funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2022.

Kim Cope from St. Peter School presented a list of 19 iMacs computers that are either broken or obsolete. Since these computers were purchased with grant funds funneled through Huron City Schools, permission is needed to dispose of these. If approved, I will recommend she work with Lyle Ebinger, one of tech people from Vinson, to dispose of these properly.

Bus 19 is a 2001 Blue Bird bus that is past its prime and has been replaced with the new 2022 Blue Bird bus that was purchased last year. Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc. will be taking ownership of this trade-in.

Contracts on the agenda include:

- Vinson – additional labor and supplies for removal of the whiteboards, projectors and smartboards
- Lorain CCC and BGSU are for our College Credit Plus program for the 2022-2023 school year
- North Central Ohio ESC will be providing Hearing Impaired services for a student that has recently moved into the district.
- Ripcho Studio has been providing photographic services for the district for many years. This contract will cover services through 2025.

The Huron Public Library has passed a resolution for renewal of existing tax for current expenses of the Huron Public Library. Their last request was in 2017 and was for five years. This is a renewal with no increase to be on the November 2022 ballot.

The financial audit for FY21 was released on February 23, 2022 and is on the auditor of state's website.

On March 11, 2022, Governor Dewine signed Senate Bill 11 into law. One of the items was an amendment to R.C. 3319-87 that spells out paid holidays granted to nonteaching school employees. Originally the law stated that none or ten-month employees would be given Juneteenth as holiday. The correction made Juneteenth a holiday for eleven and twelve-month employees.

Treasurer Recommendations

On the recommendation of the treasurer, Mrs. Hinnners moved and Mr. Jones seconded to approve the following:

- A. Approve the monthly financial statement for the close of business February 28, 2022, as per exhibits.
- B. Donations for February 2022 to the Huron Memorial Scholarship Fund:
 - \$2,510.79 from the Citizens for Huron Schools
 - \$700.00 from the Sandusky Kiwanis Club
- C. Accept the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.
- D. Approve the following Purpose Statements and Budgets as presented:
 - revised Varsity Softball Purpose Statement and Budget
 - revised Cross Country Scholarship Account Purpose Statement and Budget
 - revised McCormick Junior Honor Society Purpose Statement and Budget
 - Bidy Baseball Purpose Statement and Budget
- E. Approve participation in the A-Z Realities Ohio STEM Learning Network STEM Classroom Grant for McCormick Junior High School. Grant award is \$2,500.00.
- F. Approve disposal of 19 iMac computers from St. Peter School as presented.
- G. Approve trade-in of 2001 Blue Bird bus to Cardinal Bus Sales & Service, Inc.
- H. Approve the following contracts as presented:
 - Vinson for additional material and labor costs for removal of existing whiteboards, projectors and smartboards
 - Lorain County Community College for College Credit Plus for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - BGSU for College Credit Plus for 2022-2023 school year.
 - North Central Ohio Educational Service Center - Services for the hearing impaired for 2021-2022
 - Ripcho Studio - photographic services for 2022-2025

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

Superintendent Recommendations

Mr. Jones moved to approve the following personnel actions, seconded by Mrs Hartley:

- A. Approve the following athletic supplementals for school year 2021-2022:
- William Evert – HHS Wrestling Assistant Coach
 - James Roth – HHS Baseball Assistant Coach (50%)
 - Samantha Ahner – HHS Girls Track Assistant Coach
 - Taylor Dunn – MJH Girls Track
 - Mike Lemponen – HHS Boys Track Head Coach
- B. Approve non-paid workdays for the following employees:
- Susan Millhouse – February 17, 2022
 - Mary Pisano – May 6, 2022
 - Heather Merckens - February 17, 2022
 - Monica Denslow – February 22 through March 7, 2022 (9.75 days)
- C. Approve Class Size Article XV Stipend for Burgundy Eger for a class size of 28 students for semesters 1 and 2 for a total of \$400.00.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

Huron High School Course Guide 2022-2023

The Huron High School Course Guide was submitted for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Hinnners and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the course guide for 2022-2023.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

School Compensation Agreement with Sunsport Properties, LLC

It was moved by Mrs. Hartley and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve a School Compensation Agreement with the City of Huron and Sunsport Properties, LLC as presented.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

22-0060–
Personnel

22-0061–
HHS 22-23
Course
Guide

22-0062–
Sunsport
School
Compensati
on Agree

School Volunteers

Mrs. Hinners moved to approve Jack Lenczyk as a school volunteer. Seconded by Mrs. Mast.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hinners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes

Motion Passed.

22-0063–
Volunteer

Revised 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 District Calendars

On a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Hartley the revised 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 district calendars were approved as presented.

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Hinners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

22-0064–
Revised 22-
23 School
Calendars

Board/Superintendent/Community Reports

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

Board Committee:

Policy – Stacy Hinners

Facilities – Stacy Hinners, Stacey Hartley

Superintendent Committees:

Teaching & Learning – Jody Mast

Finance & Audit – Stacey Hartley

Operations – John Jones

Safety & Security – John Jones

Hall of Fame – Elizabeth Laffay

Athletics/Boosters – Jody Mast

Community Representatives:

Joint Recreation District – Elizabeth Laffay

EHOVE Career Center Board Member – John Jones

Huron Education Foundation – Jody Mast

Economic Development – Jody Mast

OSBA Legislative and Student Liaison – John Jones

New Business

There was no New Business to come before the board.

Discussion regarding the Huron Joint Recreation District Agreement for 2022

Mrs. Hinnners questioned paying for this contract when the district was not providing services for Huron families since the district dropped bussing for high school and fees included pay to participate. What is the district's plan to explain how financially to meet these services not being provided? Mrs. Hartley was concerned that the district was deficit spending per the five-year forecast and that she would like a better understanding of finances before deciding to approve the HJRD agreement. Mr. Jones stated that he has not heard anyone declaring a hardship for pay to participate but was in favor of not charging for participation and for reinstating the bussing. Dr. McDonald informed that board that to make those changes, policy would need to be changed since that was a board approved decision. Mr. Jones said that bussing was not a service that the school district had to provide. The HJRD agreement is an important joint venture between the city and school. The city is willing and has worked with area businesses on behalf of the school. Mr. Jones feels the HJRD agreement is an essential service to the school. Mrs. Hartley said that when the township capped their contribution amount, the city made up the difference. She is in favor for a partnership with the city but would feel more comfortable when she knows more of the district's finances. Mrs. Hinnners felt that the pay to participate is uncomfortable for parents and feels that the extracurriculars are a critical service that the school provides. She is uncomfortable deficit spending but is in favor of a partnership. There is no plan in place. Mrs. Mast stated that the cost for the agreement is in the budget and would also like bussing restored and pay to participate stopped. Since it is budgeted, the district should honor the agreement. Mrs. Hinnners said that the school failed to budget for maintenance on its building and now the capital improvements are many. Our contribution will not make or break the city. Mr. Jones said the time to make these decisions should be in the upcoming budget cycle. Now is not the time to stop paying for the HJRD. The expenditure can be justified. Mrs. Hartley stated that these dollars are taxpayer money-money that is given to us to educate students. Would like to see a five-year forecast without deficit spending and work towards a more balanced budget. Questioned when the invoice needed to be paid. Mr. Lasko replied that at some point adjustments would need to be made and the program possibly scaled back. More discussions could take place in April/May if necessary. The HJRD would not abandon any of its partners if a partner was having financial difficulties. Other ideas could be looked at such as possibly funding capital projects through the agreement or making a contingency plan or hybrid plan/budget. He would like to keep the dialog open. Mrs. Mast thanked Mr. Lasko for his input that would allow the school board to wait for their financial update to decide.

Executive Session

Mr. Jones moved for the board to go into executive session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee, public official or regulated individual. Mrs. Hartley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

The Board moved into executive session at 7:36 p.m.

Jody Mast, Board President, called the meeting back to regular session at 8:55 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Huron Board of Education will be April 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held in the Huron City School District Board of Education Conference Room.

22-0065-
Executive
Session

Adjournment

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

Roll Call:

Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Hartley	Yes
Mrs. Hinnners	Yes
Mrs. Mast	Yes

Motion Passed.

Mrs. Mast declared the meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

President _____

Attest _____

22-0066-
Adjournme
nt

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.

Board President

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.