

Potterville Board of Education
Meeting of the Board – September 19, 2016
Board Meeting Room – 6:00pm

Minutes

- 1) Call to Order at 6:00pm
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call: Hampton; Lehman; Robertson; Schmalbach; Sipes; Smalley; Temsey
- 4) Approval of Consent Agenda
 - Minutes of August 15, 2016 and September 7, 2016 meetings
 - Approval of Payment Disbursements
 - Personnel Action Report

Motion by: Lehman Support by: Temsey Y- 7, N-0
- 5) Introduction of New Teachers
 - Mr. Leale, MS Principal, first introduces two teachers who were not able to make the meeting on 9-7-16. Chris Hansen from Lansing School District for 7/8 grade and Amy Pelfrey from Albion Public Schools for 6th grade are two new MS teachers. Julie Pung for Math classrooms from Mid-Michigan Leadership Academy, Rich Carl from Holt Public Schools for 7th grade, and Tammy Hartman for 8th grade from Albion Public Schools are three additional new teachers who are able to be present tonight.
 - Mrs. Christensen, EL Principal, introduces Tim Swain as the new 4th grade teacher and expresses her appreciation for his great contact with parents and students.
 - Mr. Wise, HS Principal, introduces Anita Mills as a new science teacher in both the MS and HS.
- 6) Public Input:
 - Michelle Badgley, parent, is concerned about the number of students in the 2nd grade classrooms. She recognizes their level in education needs a little more attention but feels the students aren't getting the individual approach they need. She also expresses concern about the lack of space available in the rooms.
 - Heather MacKenzie, parent, feels the same concerns about the 2nd grade classroom population. Her 2nd grader is struggling and she sees this being a problem as this group of students moves along through the district in subsequent grade levels.
 - Gina Gilliam, parent, discusses the reduction in time for high school students to go to the bathroom she believes she heard about from others. Mr. Wise explains the reduction that occurred over the summer and explains there is no current rule about "no passes" during class. Gina also brings to the board the new rule for juniors not being able to leave campus and wonders if the district is legally responsible for those students who leave. Hampton answers her question about the fine line between what is legal and how a situation with an injured student would actually unravel in court. Mr. Wise addresses this issue as well and explains the new lunch changes.
 - John Weaver, brings to the board the issue of staff leaving the district in the past 5 years. His basic comment is he feels there is a serious lack of leadership in Potterville and everyone is trying to get away

from the district. He feels there are too many people on the board who will not take responsibility for what is happening in the district.

- Susan Gorbe, parent, praises Mr. Wise for allowing the HS students with parking spots to paint their spots and express themselves with different designs. Her main concern tonight is administrator Cat Weaver leaving the district. She says she knows teachers who have big concerns about being fired. She feels the tension in the district with staff flows down into the students as well. Susan is very worried about the district being collapsed and combined to another local district.

7) Resolutions for Action:

- Resolution to Designate MASB Delegate: Primary Delegate Jack Temsey, Alternative Delegate Loren Smalley

Motion by: Schmalbach Support by: Robertson Y- 6, N-1

- Resolution to Change October Board Work Session Date to Wednesday, October 12, 2016

Motion by: Temsey Support by: Robertson Y- 7, N-0

8) Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Donahue disperses different data on possible administrator evaluation tools as requested by the board at the work session. For superintendent evaluation and principal evaluation School Advance is a more costly program with 12 hour training over two days and MASB's evaluation is \$750 for a 3.5 hour training session. Marzano's evaluation for principals is Superintendent Donahue's suggestion. The board will meet at the next work session to discuss the options further.
- An update of state school board guidelines for transgender student issues is discussed.
- The financial audit performed last week for the district was much better than last year's and Business Manager Andy Nurenberg did a great job in taking the lead.

9) Lehman informs the board he will be resigning from the Eaton RESA board and the PPS board will have a month to elect someone.

10) Adjourn at 6:37pm