

### **FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Two parents commented regarding ESSER 3 Funds and the February 15 deadline for applications, asking for district plans for feedback, access to the plans to review, and assurances that the plans make no requirements tied to masking.

A parent asked the Board to reconsider the mask mandate.

Another parent suggested the Washtenaw County Health Department was “working outside the law” by requiring masks in schools, referring to Public Act 87 signed by Governor Whitmer in September 2021. He asked for the Board to review the District masking policy in light of that act.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD UPDATES**

#### **Superintendent Update**

Dr. Timmis began his update by noting that there is no mention of masking in ESSER III fund requirements or district plans. The February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline mentioned during public participation is an extended deadline for Districts who could not meet the original deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup>. Dexter Schools submitted their application on December 15<sup>th</sup>. DCS had gathered community input on November 4<sup>th</sup> during the State of the Schools presentation and through internal and external meetings with constituent groups over the past year. The plan for spending ESSER III funds is available to the public on the [DCS website's Transparency page](#).

NOTE: The DCS ESSER plan was already approved by the Michigan Department of Education after the application was submitted in December of 2021. The positions planned to be hired by the funds have already been filled and are currently serving DCS students.

Dr. Timmis also summarized what DCS has spent ESSER funds on to date. Dexter has hired two full-time counselors, two full-time social worker; worked with St. Joe's Hospital to increase community & District mental health support; increased school psychologist hours; added reading and math intervention; hired additional staff; hired additional nurses; and more. All ESSER money spending is detailed in the December 20<sup>th</sup> budget adoption, also available on the District website transparency page.

After the three snow days last week, DHS may be at their limit for days out of school (after being closed earlier in the year for other reasons); administration will look at options.

There is a scheduling problem in PowerSchool at DHS, due to a power outage closure earlier in the year. Since students missed a 'B' day, administration pushed it to the day students returned to class, which changed the schedule in PowerSchool. The problem did not become visible until

the start of the new semester (January 31), when it was realized the system started Semester 2 classes on two different days. This error allowed classes to be overscheduled. While this is being resolved, students have been instructed to go to their scheduled classes as shown in PowerSchool until further notice. Staff have worked all last week and today to fix the problem, and it will take a few more days to sort it out.

**Board President Update**

No update at this time.

**Student Representative Update**

Aidan Naughton reported that the Anti-Bullying Club (ABC) at Wylie Elementary is active, meeting every Wednesday at lunch.

Griffin Patel shared that Mill Creek will hold a school-wide Wellness Day on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to focus on mental health awareness. DHS is still working on the vandalization situation, and Drama Club's production of Romeo & Juliet opens this Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

No consent items at this time.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Following presentation and discussion at the January 31<sup>st</sup> BOE meeting, the proposed Mill Creek Learning Differences Leadership Team course and the Copeland Land Contract Amendment were both unanimously approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Trustees received a financial update and narrative report from Dexter CFO Dr. Sharon Raschke. Financial updates to the Board are provided at the close of November, March, May, and June each year. This report is through December due to the December 20<sup>th</sup> adoption of the 2021-22 revision. Included with this financial update is a compilation of individual financial narratives that were prepared by the administrators, program directors, and department managers.

Board Vice President Elise Bruderly thanked the Business Office for providing a complete look at the District's finances, expressing appreciation for the detail included, especially related to COVID-19 spending.

Trustee Melanie Szawara appreciated the building-by-building financial breakdown, saying it helps see finances more clearly.

Board Secretary Brian Arnold asked for clarification on the plan to refresh technology, to which Dr. Timmis replied there is a technology refresh plan in Series II of the Bond schedule.

**SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No comments at this time.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Dan Alabré noted that the District website contains all information presented and discussed at Board meetings.

Trustee Melanie Szawara commented it is important to remember the District has already hired many staff to deal with learning loss and mental health using ESSER funds.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

None at this time.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Following the regular meeting, Trustees moved to closed session for negotiations and the Superintendent Evaluation.

**CALENDAR**

Monday, February 28 – Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Bates

Monday, March 7 – Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Bates

Monday, March 21 – Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. - Bates