

**DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2020**  
**Creekside Media Center**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00pm by Board President Julie Schumaker.

**A. ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Ron Darr, Jason Gold, Mara Greatorex, Daryl Kipke, Dick Lundy, Barbara Read, Julie Schumaker

**Members Absent:** Student Representatives Chad Robards, Annalisa Shehab

**Administrative & Supervisory Staff:** Sharon Raschke, Hope Vestergaard

**DEA:** Jessica Baese

**DESPA:** D'Ann Dunn

**Guests:** Melanie McIntyre, Sarah Hunt, Craig McCalla, Jami Bronson, Brett Pedersen, Tom Moir, Debra Gesell, Judy Berlucchi, Kurt Assenmacher, Melanie Szawara

**Press:** Lonnie Huhman (The Sun Times News)

1. Hope Vestergaard administered the oath of office to Jason Gold.

**B. MEETING MINUTES**

Mara Greatorex made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 24, 2020 and special meeting minutes from February 25, 2020 and February 26, 2020, all as presented. Daryl Kipke seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ron Darr made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mara Greatorex seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

**D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS – none**

**E. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

1. Superintendent Update. Superintendent Chris Timmis was not at the meeting due to a death in the family.

2. Board President Update.

Board President Julie Schumaker read a statement indicating that the District is conducting a formal investigation of possible intimidation, bullying, retaliation, and harassment by Trustee Barbara Read, and that Ms. Read's recording of a parent meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Mill Creek is in violation of Board policy. As a result, Ms. Read has been banned from all school events that do not pertain to her role as a parent or Board of Education meetings, and has been advised that she should not interfere with the District's formal investigation.

**F. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – none**

**G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Kurt Assenmacher commented.
2. Debra Gesell commented.

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3. Sarah Hunt commented.
4. Judy Berlucchi commented.

**H. CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Ron Darr made a motion that the Board approve the consent items in bulk. Mara Greatorex seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**
  - a. The Board accepted Molly Kalick's resignation.

**I. ACTION ITEMS**

1. MASB Behind the Scenes Conference. Daryl Kipke made a motion that the Board of Education approve registration and travel expenses for up to eight community members and board members in good standing to attend the MASB Behind the Scenes at the Capitol conference on April 22, 2020 from 8:30am-1:00pm. Ron Darr seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

**J. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items on the evening's agenda.

**K. BOND UPDATE**

1. There was no official bond update; Ron Darr discussed issues with sink replacement and repair. Sharon Raschke will bring up the sink concern at the administrative Bond OAC meeting on 3/10/2020.

**L. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No one spoke during the second opportunity for public comment.

**M. BOARD COMMENTS**

1. Barbara Read. ~~Barbara read a statement explaining her actions. Barbara Read read a statement apologizing to anyone who may have been upset by her presence in the audience [at the March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting], and disputed the allegations.~~
2. Mara Greatorex. Mara thanked the community members who showed up for the chat prior to the meeting and welcomed Jason Gold to the Board.

At approximately 7:42pm, President Julie Schumaker adjourned the meeting.

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Mara Greatorex  
Secretary  
Board of Education