

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 26, 2019
Creekside Media Center

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:07pm by Board President Michael Wendorf.

A. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ron Darr, Mara Greatorex, Daryl Kipke, Dick Lundy, Barbara Read, Julie Schumaker, Michael Wendorf

Members Absent: Student Representatives Chad Robards and Annalisa Shehab

Administrative & Supervisory Staff: Sharon Raschke, Barb Santo, Mollie Sharrar, Christopher Timmis, Hope Vestergaard

DEA: none

DESPA: none

Guests: Laura Jones

Press: Lonnie Human (Sun Times), Melanie McIntyre (We Love Dexter)

B. MEETING MINUTES

The draft workshop minutes were amended to read, "Mary Kerwin of MASB facilitated a discussion of board norms, suggested social media guidelines, and board member responsibilities."

Barbara Read made a motion to approve the workshop minutes from 8/20/2019 as amended. Julie Schumaker supported the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Board policy provides that the Superintendent of Schools shall prepare an agenda for all meetings as directed by the President of the Board. The meeting agenda was amended to add an additional resignation to the consent agenda, and to add two discussion items: #4 Board Norms and #5 Social Media Guidelines.

2. Julie Schumaker made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Daryl Kipke supported the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

D. SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

1. Profile of a Learner. Executive Director of Instruction and Strategic Initiatives Mollie Sharrar shared with the Board the District's progress toward developing a profile of a Dexter Community Schools Learner. Her slides were in the posted meeting packet.

E. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Chris Timmis updated the Board on several items:

1. The temporary chiller has been installed at the high school and the district is starting the bid process for the replacement.
2. 2019 Opening day is Wednesday, August 28th. Breakfast will be available at 7:15 and the first session will start at 8:00am. Board members are invited.
3. There will be teachers at the new teacher orientation next week.
4. Two additional hires are in process but the District should be fully staffed for the first day of school.

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5. New Furniture has begun arriving. Shipments are set for the Ceriani building and pilot classrooms at Anchor, Wylie, Creekside, Mill Creek and DHS. The District needs more storage space and is currently looking into options.

F. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES UPDATE – none

G. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

H. CONSENT ITEMS

Julie Schumaker made a motion that the Board approve the consent items in bulk. Ron Darr seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

- The Board of Education offered Freida Steiner a probationary teaching contract for the 2019-20 school year.
- The Board of Education accepted the resignations of Carly Wooster and Anne Kelley.
- The Board of Education received the July budget report.

I. ACTION ITEMS – none scheduled

J. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Tungl Letter. The Board of Education reviewed a letter to Judge David S. Swartz drafted by Board President Michael Wendorf regarding a 9-16-2019 review hearing for former technology director Brian Tungl (who was sentenced for embezzlement in May, 2016). Julie Schumaker made a motion that the Board of Education members sign the attached letter to Judge Swartz. Mara Greatorex seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).** Barbara Read made a motion to send the signed letter to Judge Swartz. Ron Darr seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**
2. Community Chat. There is a finance committee meeting at 4:30pm on October 14th and a community chat on the calendar for 6:00pm. The Board discussed canceling or rescheduling the chat. Mara Greatorex will see if the Wellness Center is available for an 8:30am meeting.
3. Graduation Venue Change. The Board again discussed a proposal from the high school administrative team to move the venue for commencement to Hill Auditorium for the class of 2020. This item was discussed at the July 22 and August 12 meetings. Positive elements of the venue change included increased, more comfortable seating and lower costs, but commencement would be held Friday May 29th at 7pm since Sunday, May 31st is not available for the class of 2020. The Board discussed the pros and cons of making the change this year as well as the impact on sports teams. Dick Lundy made a motion that the Board of Education defer any change of graduation venue for the 2020 Commencement and authorize the District to proceed with making plans for following years. Barbara Read seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**
4. Board Norms. The Board reviewed board norms revisions that were discussed at the 8-20-2019 workshop. Board members made additional

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editorial suggestions including having Board members sign the norms document along with the annual declaration of commitment. The edited norms will return for action at the September 16th meeting.

5. Social Media Guidelines. The Board reviewed draft social media guidelines from MASB presenter Mary Kerwin which were discussed at the 8-20-2019 workshop. Board members made additional editorial suggestions including having Board members sign the guidelines document along with the annual declaration of commitment and revised board norms. The edited guidelines will return for action at the September 16th meeting.

K. BOND UPDATE

1. Signage is arriving and being installed this week.
2. The Mill Creek Band & Orchestra rooms should be done Tuesday.
3. The Wylie old office renovations should be complete by the start of school.
4. Still working to grow grass on the new quad fields
5. The band tower for the new turf fields should be ready Thursday or Friday.
6. Toilet partitions for each building are on back order.
7. The Mill Creek locker room renovations are underway.
8. The Ceriani Building should be ready this week.
9. The Mill Creek choir and flex spaces are expected to be complete in late September.

L. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – none

M. BOARD COMMENTS

1. Julie Schumaker. Julie updated the Board on progress with registrations for the MASB Behind the Scenes conference.
2. Barbara Read. Barbara Read noted that the boys cross country team did a joint run with Skyline, Dexter and Chelsea that ended with a family picnic in Chelsea.

N. INFORMATION ITEMS – none

At approximately 9:25pm, board members took a five-minute bathroom break. This recess was not formally declared.

O. OTHER

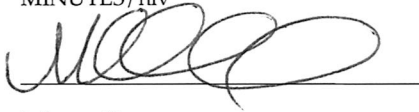
1. Board members shared their thoughts and reflections from the August 20th workshop. ~~Six board members expressed a need to publicly distance themselves from the actions of Trustee Barbara Read based on her continued discussions of board business in closed social media groups, communications that undermine the integrity of the Board and district administration, and for prioritizing her personal agenda over her responsibilities as a board member.~~
2. Board President Michael Wendorf shared the updated committee roster and stated that Trustee Read would not be assigned to any committees at this time due to the ongoing issues.

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P. **CLOSED SESSION – none**

At approximately 10:08pm, Daryl Kipke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mara Greatorex seconded the motion. **Motion Carried (unanimous).**

MINUTES/hlv

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mara Greatorex', written over a horizontal line.

Mara Greatorex
Secretary
Board of Education