

**Mason County Eastern School District  
Board of Education  
Minutes of Regular Meeting  
October 21, 2024  
High School Library**

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by President Mickevich at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present: Mark Mickevich, Dan Bacon, Ed Miller, Curt Stewart,  
Ryan Howe, Sheryl Howe, Jake Smith

**II. Also in Attendance**

Superintendent Paul Shoup, Dr. Mark Forner, Kristy Stewart, Jason Jeffries, Aldon Maleckas, and Brittany Carsten.

**III. Consent Agenda**

A. Minutes of September 16, 2024 Regular Meeting

B. Bill Payment on the summary dated October 11, 2024, in the amount of \$521,055.52.

C. Payroll for September 13, 2024, in the amount of \$111,822.45, and September 27, 2024, in the amount of \$118,365.18.

Motion made by Bacon, supported by Stewart, to approve the items listed on the consent agenda.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart

R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith

Nays: None

Motion carried 7 to 0.

**IV. Communications to the Board**

Aldon Maleckas addressed the Board with a discussion on cell phones in classrooms. Dr. Forner informed him of our cell phone policy. Jason Jeffries, WSESD Superintendent, introduced himself to the Board and gave information about the math initiative in the Elementary and the attendance initiative.

**V. Treasurer Report**

Superintendent Shoup reported on General Fund and Food Service Budgets and 31aa designations.

**VI. K-12 Principal Report**

K-12 Principal Mark Forner reported on:

- 1) Attendance
- 2) Beyond Basics Tutoring
- 3) McFarland USA Assembly
- 4) Volleyball Pink Out Game
- 5) Fall Band Concert, October 30
- 6) Boys and Girls Cross Country
- 7) Cardinal Classic
- 8) Thank you note from Trisha Knizacky

**VII. HSSBM Report**

- 1) Poster presentation thanking the Board for the new gym floor
- 2) College Reps
- 3) Fall Spirit Week activities

**VIII. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Shoup reported on:

- 1) Varsity Tutors
- 2) Legislative Update
- 3) Retirement 3%
- 4) Transportation Sinking Fund
- 5) Regional HS Art Exhibit at LACA - Emily Young and Lily Rasmussen
- 6) Showing Up is Job #1 Initiative
- 7) Custer Housing Project

**IX. Committee Reports**

The Committee did not meet in October.

**X. Discussion and Action Items**

**A. Grand Traverse Academy Addition to WMD League**

Discussion was held on approving the addition of Grand Traverse Academy to the WMD League.

Motion made by R. Howe, supported by S. Howe, to approve the addition of Grand Traverse Academy to the WMD League.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,  
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith  
Nays: None  
Motion passed 7 to 0.

**B. NEOLA Fall Policy First Reading**

A First Reading was held on the NEOLA Fall Policies 3120.08, 5330.02, 5340, 5500, 7540.09, 8321, 1130, 3110, 4110, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7450.

**C. Insulin Litigation Resolution**

Discussion was held on Insulin Litigation Resolution.

Motion made by S. Howe, supported by Bacon, to adopt the Insulin Litigation Resolution.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,  
S. Howe, Smith  
Nays: R. Howe  
Motion carried 6 to 1.

**D. Personnel**

Discussion was held on the Boys JV Basketball Coaching Position.

Motion made by Miller, supported by R. Howe, to approve Abe Shoup as the Boys JV Basketball Coach as recommended by AD Austin Boundy.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller, Stewart,  
R. Howe, S. Howe, Smith  
Nays: None  
Motion carried 7 to 0.

**E. Snow Plow Bids**

Discussion was held on the Snow Plow Bids for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion made by Miller, supported by Smith, to approve Larson Landscaping as the 2024-2025 Snow Plow Contractor as recommended by Aaron Bryan.

There was no further discussion.

Ayes: Mickevich, Bacon, Miller,  
Stewart, S. Howe, Smith  
Ryan Howe abstained  
Nays: None  
Motion carried 6 to 0.

**XI. Other Business With Consent of the Board**

There was no further business.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Mickevich adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Edward Miller, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Mason County Eastern Schools

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