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# MEETING NOTES

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*Meeting Notes are not official until voted on by the Board of Education at its following Regular Meeting.*

- A1 President called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- A2 Members present: Mark Abate, Paul Lambert, Nada Long, Brian Perry, and Lisa Whiting
- A3 Everyone stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **B PROGRAMS / PRESENTATIONS**

- B1 This year at Station, we have added Power Up to our bell schedule. Every day our students report to their Power Up class to check-in and get connected. Power up is our middle-level version of a morning meeting. This helps our students get acclimated before starting their rigorous day. Station will share a brief video explaining the program and sharing what it looks like on a typical day. In addition, students and counselors will share with you about our Mindful Monday, Tell Me Something Tuesday, Wellness Wednesday, Thursday Three, and Fun Friday. Station students will invite our board members to participate in one of their favorite Fun Friday activities.

Teachers have noticed that due to Power Up, students are getting to know each other better and finding common interests sooner than in past years. There are three areas we incorporate into each Power Up sessions – personal, social, and academic. The personal and social are how the staff and students get to know each other better. We encourage students to open up and share something they wouldn't necessarily share on their own. The team-building activities help students build respect for their peers, develop a sense of belonging, and begin their day on a positive note.

On Fridays, they play a game. Their favorites are four corners, heads up seven up, and charades telephone. Charades' telephone is just like the game of telephone, but instead of speaking the message, you act out the message. The students invited the Board members to join them in a game of charades telephone. The first person in the line gets to view the message to act out. The second person then watches the first person's act. This continues down the line until the last person who tries to guess the correct message. It's fun to watch how the message changes throughout the line.

Dr. Marschhausen commented that Molly Walker and her team are doing amazing things in the area of social-emotional learning for our district. He recently received information about a research study which demonstrates nationwide that the time spent on social-emotional learning, even if it means less academic time, leads to academic gains. Students are coming to school with more complex problems. Helping them start their day on a positive note is well worth the time. In their education, teachers were not prepared for the social-emotional needs of today's students, but they continue to adjust, adapt, and learn how to meet these needs.

As Mrs. Whiting was reviewing sessions for an upcoming school board conference, she noticed a session on happiness based on a class taught by a professor at Harvard University. It is the most popular class. It talks about the importance of happiness in our lives.

**C ROUTINES**

- C1 The agenda is correct, as submitted.
- C2 The Board of Education adopted the agenda.
- C3 The Board of Education approved the February 2020 Treasurer’s Report.
- C4 The Board of Education approved minutes from the following meetings:
  - a. February 10, 2020 – regular meeting
  - b. February 24, 2020 – work session
  - c. February 10, 2020 – meeting notes
  - d. February 24, 2020 – meeting notes

**D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gina Starinsky, a resident of the district since 2001, has two children who have graduated from HCSD and a third who is a senior at Bradley High School. She is a former employee of the SACC program and helped open the ACE program at Station Sixth Grade School. She spoke today on behalf of her daughter, who had been part of the softball program since seventh grade. She was cut from the team for her final season. She believes the coach should have contacted her due to the reason her daughter was cut from the team. She asked the Board for their help in initiating the proper protocol. She believes the system has failed them.

Claudia Hansley spoke on behalf of her daughter, a student at Memorial Middle School. She feels her teachers do not support her daughter and the district did not handle the bullying of her daughter properly.

**E CONSENT AGENDA**

- E1-2 The Board of Education approved items E1 through E2, consisting of all certified and classified personnel matters. You can find the complete list of personnel matters as an attachment to the *Minutes*.

The Board congratulated Erin Dooley on being selected to serve as the Principal of Hilliard Station Sixth Grade School beginning next school year. Erin expressed her excitement for this opportunity. The Board also congratulated all of the staff who are retiring at the end of this school year.

- E3 The Board also approved the following student trip requests:
  - a. Davidson Model UN, Cleveland, OH – March 18, 2020
  - b. Station Sixth Grade, Huntsville, AL – April 29, 2020

**F ACTION AGENDA**

- F1 The Board of Education approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Hilliard City School District, Franklin County, Ohio, that to provide for current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Education, during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2020, the following sums be amended and the same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made and during said fiscal year as follows:

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| 007 – Special Trust | \$160,000 |
| 019 – Misc Grant    | \$50,000  |

Both of the grants are increasing by \$10,000. The 007 account is simply a revision of several of the special trust account. The most significant change in the 019 accounts is a \$5,000 grant received by a teacher at Tharp Sixth Grade for additional equipment for the gifted program.

F2 The Board of Education approved the following December 2019 Winter Graduate:

Hilliard Davidson High School – Alissa Rose Stout

The Board offered their congratulations and best wishes on her next journey.

**G REPORTS / INFORMATION / EXHIBIT ITEM**

G1 Enrollment information included in your packet.

G2 Superintendent’s Update

Mrs. Long will be representing the district at OSBA for the recognition of Memorial Middle Schools’ Momentum Award.

Dr. Marschhausen thanked everyone for their attendance at the HEF fundraising event this past weekend. It was a great event and an excellent night for education.

Mark Abate talked about the Business Advisory Council. He mentioned that it is interesting to see how the council is evolving from business partners being given an update by district staff into a group of business leaders who are now organizing the meetings and telling the district what businesses are looking for in graduates. Dr. Marschhausen has been asked to give a report to the Governor’s Workforce Development Board about our BAC as a model for Ohio. We have a diverse group of business leaders. The meetings will be planned by the business partners and held at business locations. Businesses don’t ask applicants for test scores or grade point averages. It’s not about testing. It’s about life skills, being able to think and learn, and taking pride in your work. Dr. Marschhausen is proud our district is beyond testing. It’s not our priority. We are ahead of the curve in getting students ready for tomorrow.

a. Corona Virus Update

In the area of healthcare, we lean on our partners at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Franklin County Emergency Management, and the Franklin County Department of Health. The Department of Health convened a meeting last week for school officials. Mike Abraham, Director of Student Well-Being, and Robin Trafford, Head Nurse, attended that meeting. The message to schools is to continue your best practices in terms of keeping your kids safe. Those best practices are frequent

handwashing, staying home when sick, and making sure we do everything we can to clean our buildings. Our custodians do a phenomenal job of cleaning our buildings and using the proper cleaning products. When asked about a plan, we will rely on the County Health Department. We are actively in communication with the County Health Department and will do what we need to do when they say we need to do it.

b. Listening Tour Update

Dr. Marschhausen has completed tours of the secondary schools and has been to half of the elementary schools. The most common concern to date from elementary schools is the need for counseling and support. In several of the elementary schools, the first thing we heard is that the students are coming to them in trauma. Teachers are not prepared for the volume and type of concerns that need to be addressed. We have kids coming to us with unimaginable issues. We frequently say students have to be warm, safe, fed, and loved before they can learn. As class size grows, this becomes more difficult to do.

c. Master Facility Plan Work Session Update

The update is scheduled for the work session on March 16. The Finance Committee will be crunching numbers this week in preparation for next Monday's presentation of short and middle-term recommendations from the Master Facility Plan in conjunction with figures on possible operational and permanent improvement needs.

d. School Trips

We have suspended all trips outside the continental United States. This is similar to what all of the school districts in Central Ohio have done. Mrs. Clark, Assistant Superintendent, has spent endless hours working with travel companies trying to get reimbursements, credits, and vouchers. Some of our group trips, such as the Darby Choir trip to Hawaii, are looking at potentially going at a later time. We are doing our best with these trips. From a school perspective, we don't want students at a place that parents can't drive to get them if needed. We will follow the Governors and Health Department's recommendations on all other trips.

e. Be Well Thank You

The second annual Bell Well event took place on February 29. Once again, it was an amazing success. Thank you to Vicky Clark, Cori Kindl, and their entire team. They put together another cooperative event with our partners in the Dublin City School District. This event is gaining momentum in terms of parents attending and giving of their time. We are excited to continue this event. Keeping students healthy is a partnership between parents, schools, and students.

Mrs. Whiting mentioned that Nationwide Children's Hospital is opening the first behavior health pavilion in the country. It's like an emergency room, but for children experiencing a mental or behavioral health crisis. She commends Hilliard's and Dublin's commitment to breaking the stigma of mental health issues.

f. Changes in our Preschool

We are mandated by the State to identify kids with disabilities from the age of 3 and older. Classroom capacity is 16 – 8 students with special education needs and 8 typically developing peer model students. Our preschool classes are a half-day program and meet Tuesday through Friday. Since the beginning of this school year, we have had 14 new students (move-ins) enrolled at the preschool. This is a full classroom of students. Due to increased enrollment, the preschool program is expanding into a second Alton Darby Elementary classroom. In other words, the preschool program has outgrown its classroom space and is now using 2 of Alton Darby Elementary’s classrooms. We have also begun providing itinerant services on Mondays. Mrs. Clark commends Debbie Cochran and Brian Hart for their efforts in problem-solving and finding solutions to meet the needs of our students.

Mr. Lambert asked if we have any identified students that we are not able to serve. Mrs. Clark responded that we are currently able to meet the needs of all of our students who need special education services. We also provide itinerant services to 45 resident children who attend a private preschool. Kindergarten teachers at JW Reason Elementary commented that students who have attended the HCS Preschool versus a private preschool are better prepared for beginning their K-12 journey. As we have conversations about preschool space, we should remember that the more students we can serve at ages 3, 4, and 5, the fewer issues we will have when they are 10, 11, and 12. The investment in 3, 4, and 5-year-olds pays huge dividends when they get further down the line.

**H EXECUTIVE SESSION / ADJOURNMENT**

H1 At 8:20 p.m., the Board of Education, caucused to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, or compensation of a public employee or official.

The Board President stated there would be no action following the executive session.