

STOCKBRIDGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
100 Price Avenue Ste A  
Stockbridge, Michigan 49285

**Board of Education**

Regular Meeting #4 – November 8, 2021  
Junior/Senior High School Media Center– 6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order  
Meeting called to order by Vice President Gee at 6:30pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call  
Members Present: Secretary, Heeney, Trustee, Ogden,  
Trustee, Numinen; Vice President, Gee;  
Treasurer, Lance  
  
Members Absent: Trustee, Rochow, President Graham  
  
Others in Attendance: Superintendent, Brian Friddle; Principal,  
Jeff Trapp; Principal Brad Edwards;  
Principal, Meghan Kunzelman; Director,  
Michelle Hilla; Director, Suzi Meyer
- IV. Public Comments Addressing Action Items  
None
- V. Board of Education Comments  
Treasurer Lance thanked Mrs. Pniewski and the High School Marching  
Band for performing at the elementary schools Halloween parade.  
  
Trustee Ogden informed the board that she would be attending the MASB  
Leadership Conference this coming weekend.
- VI. Board Committee Reports  
None
- VII. Superintendents Report  
Superintendent Friddle gave an update on Covid numbers and response  
efforts. Positive cases are up and testing to stay has saved many days of  
instruction. He informed the board that a Registered Nurse started this

morning and will work 35 hours per week. He also informed board members that district administration is proactively planning for worst-case scenario should the district be forced to shut down. Lastly, administration has 35 candidates for Athletic Director. They have completed first round interviews and have second round scheduled for this week.

VIII. **ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Heeney and approved by Ogden to approve the minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, as presented. Passed 5-0

Motion made by Heeney and approved by Ogden to approve the minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup> board hearing #1, as presented. Passed 5-0

Motion made by Heeney and approved by Ogden to approve the minutes of the October 27<sup>th</sup> board hearing #2, as presented. Passed 5-0

2. Bullying Policy Hearing – Vice President Gee

Motion made by Lance seconded by Numinen that the bullying policy hearing be called to order at 6:38pm. Passed 5-0

3. Bullying Policy Review

Superintendent Fiddle reviewed the board policy and bullying cases for the 2020 school year.

4. Close of Bullying Policy Review – Vice President Gee

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney that the Bullying Policy Hearing be closed at 6:39pm. Passed 5-0

5. Resignations – Mr. Friddle

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to approve the resignation of Mary Waterhouse, Special Education Teacher, effective October 15, 2021, with regrets. Passed 5-0

6. Retirement – Mr. Friddle

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Ogden to approve the retirement of Elizabeth Cyr, Secondary English and Journalism Teacher, effective January 14<sup>th</sup> 2022, with admiration. Passed 5-0

7. New Hires – Mr. Friddle

Motion made by Heeney and seconded by Numinen to hire Amanda Mathews for the position of Young Fives Teacher, effective November 8, 2021. Passed 5-0

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to hire Alexandra Doering for the position of Secondary English Teacher, effective November 29, 2021. Passed 5-0

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Numinen to hire Jodie McEldowney for the position of 9-12 Guidance Counselor, effective January 3, 2022. Passed 5-0

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to hire Anna Barrett for the position of Special Education Teacher, effective November 9, 2021. Passed 5-0

8. Early Childhood Coordinator and Special Education Support – Mr. Friddle

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Heeney to hire Dena Sommer for the position of Early Childhood Coordinator/Special Education Support, effective November 9, 2021. Passed 5-0

9. Letter of Agreement – Mr. Friddle

Motion made by Numinen and seconded by Ogden to approve the Letter of Agreement between Stockbridge Community Schools Board of Education and the Stockbridge Education Association for the 2021- 2022 school year, as presented. Passed 5-0

10. Financial Reports and Accounts Payable

Motion made by Lance and seconded by Numinen to approve spending of \$217,596.04 from General Fund, \$39,488.57 from Cafeteria Special Revenues Fund, \$32,650.00 from 2020 Capital Projects Fund, \$7,575.24 from Student Activity Special Revenues Fund, and payroll transfers in the amount of \$779,354.00 for the month of October, as presented. Passed 5-0

IX. Schedule of Meetings

Work Session scheduled for 11/29 at 6:30pm

X. Acknowledgements

Trustee Ogden acknowledged all involved in planning homecoming.

Treasurer Lance received a public compliment about the ASD program and wanted to give acknowledgement to all that work in the program.

Mr. Trapp acknowledged Ben Kruse for always stepping up and helping, and always interacting positively with students and parents.

XI. Old Business

None

XII. Public Comments

None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Numinen and seconded by Ogden that regular meeting # 4 of the Stockbridge Community School District Board of Education be adjourned at 7:02pm. Passed 5-0