

**CHEBOYGAN-OTSEGO-PRESQUE ISLE  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT**

6065 Learning Lane  
Indian River, Michigan 49749

Regular Meeting  
October 11, 2018

President Budnick called the regular monthly meeting of the Cheboygan-Otsego-Presque Isle Educational Service District Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with those present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Present: Budnick, Powers, Huff, Bastian, Hintz, Pushman (arrived 7:10 pm)  
Absent: Brewbaker

Superintendent Huber added Char-Em Consultant Agreement to the Agenda under Unfinished and New Business.

There were no communications.

The following visitors were recognized: Kristi Williams, Student Engagement Specialist; Donna Jones, Director of Special Education; and Chris Barber, recording secretary.

A motion was made by Bastian, supported by Huff, to accept the minutes from the September 13, 2018 regular meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Mrs. Huff presented the Treasurer's Report to the board members. She went over the cash reports on Special Education, General Education, Motor Vehicle, Unemployment and Bus Replacement Funds. A list of all expenditures is available to the Board for review at each meeting. A motion was made by Bastian, supported by Powers, to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the warrants. A roll call vote was taken: Budnick, yes; Powers, yes; Huff, yes; Bastian, yes; and Hintz; yes. All aye.

Special Education Director, Donna Jones and Student Engagement Consultant, Kristi Williams gave a presentation to the Board regarding the new student engagement service plan. Mrs. Jones explained Mrs. Williams' position and that of the two Student Engagement Specialists hired along with her. She also reviewed the concept of engagement and stated the focus is moving from "what's wrong with you" to "what's happened to you." Mrs. Williams' team has been meeting with local administrators and COP building teams to provide an extra layer of support for students and staff members. The team will be working directly with students teaching replacement behaviors and will hopefully be able to fade out within 3-6 weeks. Mrs. Williams stated the current students are students who have moved into the district and are currently on a reduced day schedule. Response to student behavior, School Social Work support, other COP staff services, Student Engagement Services, Trauma Work, State Initiatives and the best practices in Education all are a part of "Braiding it all together at COP." A discussion was held stating the importance of having other agencies involved in this also.

Regular Meeting 10/11/18 continued:

Under Informational Reports, Superintendent Huber indicated that 9 out of 10 Superintendents attended the Superintendent Council. Karen Rouch-Smock talked about Kindergarten Entrance Observation that will go into effect next school year. Superintendent Huber briefly mentioned the Dr. Sloane Regional Support Agreement. He also indicated that a survey is out for topics for the February Superintendent workshop. The next meeting is in early November.

Under Out of State/Overnight Travel, a motion was made by Pushman, supported by Huff to approve Danny McAlister's travel to Boston MA for "Learning and the Brain" conference. Roll Call Vote: Powers, yes; Huff, yes; Pushman, yes; Bastian, yes; Hintz, yes; Budnick, yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Huff, supported by Pushman to approve Superintendent Huber's travel to the MAISA meeting in Lansing on November 1-2. All Aye. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the COP ESD Board Workshop to be held on October 26 and 27. A motion was made by Pushman, supported by Bastian to approve the COP Board Workshop to be held in Petoskey on October 26-27. All Aye. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Bastian, supported by Powers to approve travel to the Amway in Grand Rapids on November 1-2 for Mr. Budnick and Mrs. Huff. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Under Unfinished and New Business, Superintendent Huber shared a handout regarding the Trauma-Informed Community Project with Dr. Mark Sloane. Mrs. Donna Jones, Special Education Director, shared with the Board the breakdown of Dr. Sloane's commitment with each of our 10 districts and local agencies such as: Local DHHS (Otsego DHHS, Cheboygan-Presque Isle DHHS), Local CMH (North Country CMH, Northeast Michigan CMH), Local Primary Healthcare entities (Otsego Memorial Hospital/Thunder Bay CHS, Alcona HC, etc), Local health departments and Local Courts. COP ESD will be covering the majority (\$27,000) of the total costs (\$36,000) with \$9,000 coming from our local schools. A motion was made by Powers, supported by Bastian to authorize the line item for the Trauma Project. Roll call vote: Huff, yes; Pushman, yes; Bastian, yes; Hintz, yes; Budnick, yes; Powers, yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Superintendent Huber shared with the Board the Administrative Assistant/Receptionist/Clerical Support posting. This is to replace Bonnie Bancroft who is retiring at the end of December. The position would be for 220 days (6 weeks off during the summer) instead of the 240 days current support members work. A discussion occurred. A motion was made by Powers, seconded by Pushman to approve the posting. Roll Call Vote: Pushman, yes; Bastian, yes; Hintz, yes; Budnick, yes; Powers, yes; Huff, yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

Regular Meeting 10/11/18 continued:

A discussion was held regarding the lending of the school bus previously used to transport COP classroom students to the Onaway program to Johannesburg-Lewiston Schools. Those students are currently being transported by Straits Regional Ride. COP would continue to insure and own the bus; however, Johannesburg-Lewiston would maintain it. A motion was made by Huff, supported by Bastian to approve lending of the bus to Johannesburg-Lewiston for the current school year and revisit this in the future.

A discussion was held regarding the lay-off of the Language Interpreter, Janice Thompson. A motion was made by Powers, supported by Pushman to approve the resolution for termination of the Language Interpreter. Roll Call Vote: Bastian, yes; Hintz, yes; Budnick, yes; Powers, yes; Huff, yes; Pushman, yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the location of the December board meeting. Some suggestions were UP North 23 in Rogers City, the Thirsty Sturgeon in Wolverine and Vivos in Indian River. Superintendent Huber will make arrangements. President Budnick suggested touring Rogers City Schools.

A motion was made by Powers, supported by Bastian, to approve the Char-Em Consultant Agreement for Rick Diebold up to five days. Roll Call Vote: Hintz, yes; Budnick, yes; Powers, yes; Huff, yes; Pushman, yes; Bastian, yes. All Aye. Motion Carried.

There was no board policy to review at tonight's meeting.

Under Superintendent's Report, Superintendent Huber shared with the Board the COP Classroom Program Save the Dates for the 2018-19 school year. The Marshall Plan Concept Proposal was Approved! Next meeting is scheduled for October 18 with Phase 2 Talent Consortium Proposal due October 23. Superintendent Huber also shared a Thank you and Congrats to Melinda Hambleton for her work on the NE Michigan Community Foundation Grant for Presque Isle County Connect. A discussion was held regarding the September Mileage overpayment. Superintendent Huber reminded the Board of the MASB Legislative Priority Session scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at COP. Mr. Budnick indicated he would be attending. Superintendent Huber is scheduled to attend the Cheboygan Board meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and he still has 4 schools left to schedule later this school year.

A memorial stone was purchased for Mr. Henry Axford. A date for the tree planting needs to be scheduled with Johannesburg-Lewiston. A discussion occurred regarding memorials done for previous Board members. A motion was made by Pushman, supported by Powers, to name the Back Building at COP for past Board President Susan Muschell. Superintendent Huber will look into purchasing a plaque.

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Superintendent Huber will be attending the New Superintendent's Meeting in Lansing October 12, 2018.

There were no Public comments at this meeting.

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A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Powers, seconded by Bastian. All aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

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Cindy Pushman, Secretary