

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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MINUTES  
January 11, 2021**

**1. Call to Order**

The first meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2021 was called to order by Superintendent McKenzie on January 11, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. Mr. Herrera and Mr. Smith attended virtually.

**2. Prayer and Pledge**

Mr. Cunningham opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McKenzie welcomed Jarrett Richards as an official Board member.

**3. Reorganization of School Board Officers**

- 3.1 President – Mr. Crouch nominated Mr. Gaskin for President. No other nominations were made. Mr. Gaskin was elected by a 6-0 vote.
- 3.2 Vice President – Mr. Cunningham nominated Mr. Smith for Vice President. No other nominations were made. Mr. Smith was elected by a 6-0 vote.
- 3.3 Secretary – Mr. Cunningham nominated Mrs. Miller for Secretary. No other nominations were made. Mrs. Miller was elected by a 6-0 vote.

**4. 2021 Corporation Treasurer, Extra-Curricular Treasurer**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion that Jill Townsend be appointed as the corporation treasurer and Kathy Edwards be appointed as the extra-curricular treasurer for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**5. 2021 Legislative Liaison**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion that Mr. Cunningham be appointed as the legislative liaison for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**6. Legal Firm Retention**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion that Kiley, Harker and Certain be retained as the corporation legal firm for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**7. Minutes**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for December 14, 2020.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**8. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to accept the Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements from Mr. Cunningham, Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Smith for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried. Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Smith abstained.

**9. Mileage Rate for 2021**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the IRS mileage rate of \$.56 per mile for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**10. 2021 Board and Administrative Conferences**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve all Board Member and Central Office Administrator conferences for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**11. 2021 Federal and State Program Applications**

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve all Federal and State Program applications for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**12. Personnel**

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the following personnel.

- a. Nicki Gosser resigned as the librarian at Westview Elementary effective December 18, 2020.
- a. Bethany Kirkwood to be hired as the head middle school cross country coach effective immediately.
- b. Pat Pearson to be hired as a middle school wrestling coach effective immediately.
- c. Madison Powell to be hired as a paraprofessional at Westview Elementary effective immediately.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**13. Facilities Report**

Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Gosser gave the board an update on facilities in the corporation and answered questions from the Board concerning facilities.

**14. Legislative Update**

Mr. Cunningham provided current events in the legislature and will continue to update the Board regarding educational issues at the state and federal levels.

**15. Corporate Sponsors/Donations/Grants**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the following donation.

Heath & Desirae Crouch donated \$30 to the RJB Faculty Fund in memory of Florence Terhune.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**16. Claims**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve claims #42980 through #43100.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**17. Correspondence and Other Business**

Each year the ISBA recognizes Exemplary Governance Awards to Board members who have displayed their dedication to Hoosier students in continuing professional development through ISBA events. We want to congratulate and recognize Susan Miller for receiving the Advanced Award and Mike Crouch for receiving the Exemplary Award for 2019.

The Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Program will be held on Friday, January 22, at the high school gymnasium at 9:30 AM. The general public is invited to attend. The performance will also be available for live viewing or watched at a later date via the TribeTV/YouTube channel.

The Board Christmas dinner will be held on January 18, 2021 at 5:15 PM.

The Finance Meeting will be held at 6 PM before the regular Board meeting on January 18, 2021.

Mrs. Winter congratulated Mrs. Worrick for being selected to serve on the Executive Board of Indiana School Nutrition Association for 2021 as well as her recent article in their winter publication.

Mr. Cunningham applauded TribeTV for their continued coverage of school events.

**18. Adjournment**

Mr. Richards moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**Mrs. Susan Miller**  
**Board Secretary**