

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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December 14, 2020**

**261. Call to Order**

The twenty-second meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2020 was called to order by President Gaskin on December 14, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. All members attended virtually.

**262. Prayer and Pledge**

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

**263. Minutes**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for December 7, 2020 along with the Executive Session Certifications.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**264. Approval of New Superintendent and Contract Beginning July 1, 2021**

Mrs. Fratus moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion to approve Lezlie Winter as the new Superintendent of Mississinewa Community Schools as well as the associated contract beginning July 1, 2021. Mr. McKenzie and Board members extended their congratulations and well wishes for continued leadership and success.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**265. Personnel**

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

1. Madeline McDonough-Fleace extended her leave of absence through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Adam Williamson extended his leave of absence through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Karen Worrell retired as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Northview Elementary effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.
4. Pam Taylor resigned as the cooperative teacher of the deaf/hard of hearing effective January 4, 2021.
5. Nhuramy Correa resigned as the ELL paraprofessional at Northview Elementary effective December 18, 2020.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**266. 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. Mr. McKenzie also made a change in procedure in the event we do not have enough bus drivers due to the COVID situation. If this occurs, routes will be doubled and notifications made to parents regarding departure and arrival times. This would be done in lieu of adding students to a current route making it difficult for social/physical distancing. Bus drivers would be compensated for the additional routes necessary.

**267. Legislative Update**

Mr. Cunningham had no update at this time.

**268. Corporate Sponsors, Donations & Grants**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion to approve the following donation.

From Denny and Shellie Smith to Boomerang Backpack	\$500.00
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All ayes, the motion carried.

**269. Claims**

Mr. Smith moved and Mrs. Fratus seconded the motion to approve claims #42913 through #42979.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**270. Correspondence and Other Business**

The next Board meeting will be on January 11, 2021 beginning at 6:30 PM. New Board members will be sworn in before the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Central Office will be closed during the Christmas Break on December 23-28, 31 and January 1, 2021.

Mr. McKenzie expressed condolences to the family of former administrator Terry Talbott. Mr. Talbott passed away recently and Mississinewa Community Schools again recognizes his contribution to our school and community.

Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Winter and Board members acknowledged and extended appreciation to Mrs. Teresa Fratus for her contribution as a Board member these past few years. Mrs. Fratus brought various perspectives to the Board table and each one supported our mission and provided invaluable leadership. We thank Mrs. Fratus for her dedication and commitment to Mississinewa Community Schools and the surrounding community.

Condolences were also offered to Mr. Gaskin in the recent loss of his brother.

Mr. McKenzie and Mrs. Winter wished everyone a Merry Christmas as well as staying safe, healthy and happy!

**271. Adjournment**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

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