

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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55. Call to Order

The fifth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2021 was called to order by President Gaskin on March 1, 2021 at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building.

56. Prayer and Pledge

Pastor Mark Atkinson opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

57. Minutes

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for February 15, 2021 as well as the Executive Session Certifications.

All ayes, the motion carried.

58. Personnel

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

- a. Daniel Kellogg to be hired as a volunteer eSports coach for the remainder of this school year effective immediately.
- b. Austin Heinzerling resigned as a science teacher at Mississinewa High School effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- c. Pat Pearson resigned as the middle school golf coach effective immediately.
- d. Nikki Kimes resigned as the middle school track coach effective immediately.
- e. Judy Hurd resigned as a cafeteria assistant at Mississinewa High School effective February 18, 2021.
- f. Stacy Wright, kindergarten teacher at Westview, requested a leave of absence beginning April 2, 2021 through May 21, 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

59. 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.

60. 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.

61. Corporate Sponsors/Donations/Grants

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

From Bill & Sandy Rock to the Athletic Department
In memory of Cassie Dawson

\$100.00

All ayes, the motion carried.

62. Claims

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve claims #43353 through #43425.

All ayes, the motion carried.

63. Correspondence and Other Business

The next Board meeting will be held on March 15, 2021 with an Executive Session following the meeting.

The Mississinewa Family lost a “hall of famer” last week with the passing of Rick Atkinson. He was 73 years old when he succumbed to cancer. He started his professional career at Eastbrook and came to Mississinewa in 1978 as a teacher and coach and then 3 years later he became the AD in 1981. He retired as an AD and coach in 2005 after 27 years with us.

The Atkinson family has been a pillar of our community since early in the 20th century. Rick was an outstanding high school player—a 3 sport athlete. His passion was baseball and he almost made the big time with the Atlanta Braves! He was an excellent AD and great baseball coach with his last name on the baseball field even today. He had a real positive impact on a lot of student athletes over his career. He had a great sense of humor, was ornery and loved his practical jokes. Rick was a great family man. Last time I saw him he was coming out of his mom’s house having checked on her which he did daily. Rick was a very fine man and so we all say God Bless and keep Rick Atkinson and we wish his family the peace and comfort that surpasses all understanding.

64. Adjournment

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Susan Miller
Board Secretary