

MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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63. Call to Order

The sixth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2022 was called to order by President Gaskin on April 11, 2022 at 6:35 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building.

64. Prayer and Pledge

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

65. Minutes

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for March 14, 2022 as well as the Executive Session Certifications.

All ayes, the motion carried.

66. Updated Electronic Participation for Board Meetings Policy

Mr. Gaskin moved that we table this until July 2022 since new guidelines will be forthcoming. Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion.

All ayes, the motion carried.

67. Approval of Summer Student Help

Mr. Smith moved that we approve the Summer Student Help for 2022. Mr. Crouch seconded the motion.

All ayes, the motion carried.

68. Personnel

Mr. Herrera moved that we approve the following personnel items as presented. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

- a. Lori Elson will retire as a physical education teacher at Mississinewa High School effective June 1, 2022.
- b. Jody Havens has resigned as the high school varsity volleyball coach effective immediately.
- c. Ruth Webb will retire as the educational interpreter and paraprofessional for Mississinewa Community Schools effective May 27, 2022.
- d. Bethany Kirkwood has resigned as a middle school track coach effective immediately.
- e. Kylee Scott has resigned as a middle school track coach effective immediately.
- f. Brittany Couse to be hired as a contracted bus driver effective March 10, 2022.
- g. Scott Rowland to be hired as a volunteer baseball coach at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
- h. Megan Robertson to be hired as a psychologist for Mississinewa Schools beginning the 2022-2023 school year.
- i. Lexi Furnish to be hired as a paraprofessional at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
- j. Dustin Jones to be hired as a middle school track coach effective immediately.
- k. Darin Sylte to be hired as a middle school track coach effective immediately.

- l. Christopher Lopez to be hired as a volunteer baseball coach for Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
- m. Reece Carter to be hired as full-time Athletics Grounds and Utility Maintenance effective immediately.

All ayes, the motion carried.

69. Conference Requests

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion that we approve the following conference requests.

1. Conner Cunningham to attend the spring ACP Conference in Bloomington on April 28, 2022 with no cost to the corporation.
2. Amanda Worrick to attend the National Leadership Conference for the School Nutrition Association on April 28-30, 2022 with no cost to the corporation.

All ayes, the motion carried.

70. Facilities Report

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

71. 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.

72. Corporation Sponsors/Donations/Grants

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the following donations.

- From Needham Storey Wampner Funeral Home to After Prom for \$100
- From McKee Chiropractic to After Prom for \$50
- From Fairmount Round Robin to After Prom for \$500

All ayes, the motion carried.

73. Claims

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve claims #46187 through #46369

All ayes, the motion carried.

74. Correspondence and Other Business

Our next Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 18.

Congratulations to Dave Bare and Cindy Walker as RJB received the Middle School All-Music Award.

In order to receive this prestigious award, the following criteria must be met:

- A Gold rating on at least one solo and one ensemble (Group III or higher)
- A Gold rating in a District Jazz event
- A Gold rating in a MS Organization event (Group III or higher)

Congratulations to our administrative staff, parents and our community for supporting another outstanding prom opportunity!

The Board is invited to attend the ISBA Spring Regional Meeting on Wednesday, April 27, at 5:30 in Kokomo.

We invite you to attend an Open House for our Data Room as well as our new Special Education Offices from 5:45-6:30 PM on April 18 before the regular Board meeting. Light snacks will be provided.

Mississinewa is proud to be one of two school systems in Indiana to be participating in a new pilot program to improve computer science curriculum design and implementation K-5. Nextech and Code.org are hosting an all expenses paid summer professional development event in Austin, Texas for technology and instruction coaches at Mississinewa to learn more about implementing the Code.org curriculum. This is an exciting "train the trainer" model, where our staff is empowered to provide ongoing coaching and support to computer science teachers.

75. Adjournment

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Susan Miller
Board Secretary