

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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165. Call to Order

The thirteenth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2021 was called to order by President Gaskin on July 19, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. All members were present in person.

166. Prayer and Pledge

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

167. Minutes

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for June 21, 2021 as well as the Executive Session Certification.

All ayes, the motion carried.

168. FFA Overnight Trip

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the FFA Overnight Trip scheduled for July 27-28, 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

169. Postage Meter Lease

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the renewal for the postage meter lease with Pitney Bowes for 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

170. Property & Casualty Insurance effective July 1, 2021

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Property & Casualty Insurance effective July 1, 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

171. Permission to Shred Mutual Bank Checks #2054 through #2499 and Star Financial Bank Checks #9542 through #12049

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the shredding of Mutual Bank Checks #2054 through #2499 and Star Financial Bank Checks #9542 through #12049.

All ayes, the motion carried.

172. 2021 Handbook Changes

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the 2021 Student Handbook changes for Mississinewa High School and RJ Baskett Middle School.

All ayes, the motion carried.

173. Facilities Report

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

174. COVID 2021-2022 Update

Mrs. Winter provided the Board with the current “Back to School Guidance” from the Indiana Department of Education.

175. Personnel

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

1. Sydney Hunt resigned as a math teacher at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
2. Ron Thien resigned as the JV Volleyball coach at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
3. John Stark resigned as the RJB Tennis coach effective immediately.
4. Mitchell Swanner resigned as a custodian at RJ Baskett Middle School effective June 19, 2021.
5. Sunday Eastes has resigned as a cafeteria worker at RJ Baskett effective May 21, 2021.
6. Vickie DeShon has resigned as a cafeteria worker at Westview effective May 21, 2021.
7. Dana McGinness has resigned as a paraprofessional at Westview effective immediately.
8. Jarred Luckey to be hired as the Assistant Director of Maintenance for Mississinewa Community Schools effective immediately.
9. Judy Powell to be hired as the Grant Manager for Mississinewa Community Schools effective immediately.
10. Emily Taylor to be hired as the JV volleyball coach effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. Jonathan Hart to be hired as the assistant girls soccer coach effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
12. Sophie Clark to be hired as a volunteer coach for the girls soccer program effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
13. Heather Swarts to be hired as the head varsity softball coach effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
14. Josh Dakin to be hired as the head girls golf coach effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
15. Alayna Steely to be hired as a volunteer girls golf coach effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
16. The following teachers and paraprofessionals have been added to the Summer Indian Academy personnel:
 - a. Abbie Corn, Sarah Wright, Hayden Trent, Kody Cowgill and Ruth Webb.
17. Nicklaus Richards to be hired as the College and Careers Readiness teacher at RJ Baskett Middle School effective for the 2021-22 school year.
18. Hayden Trent to be hired as a math teacher at RJ Baskett Middle School effective for the 2021-22 school year.
19. Rodney Hunley to be hired as a custodian at Northview Elementary effective immediately.
20. Heather Martin to be hired as a cafeteria worker at Westview effective for the 2021-22 school year.
21. Ashely Fultz to be hired as a paraprofessional at Westview Elementary effective for the 2021-22 school year.
22. Reaghan Copas to be hired as a PreSchool teacher at Westview Elementary effective for the 2021-22 school year.
23. Neely Shockey to be hired as a paraprofessional at Westview Elementary effective for the 2021-22 school year.
24. Alicia Whitaker to be hired as a paraprofessional at Westview Elementary effective for the 2021-22 school year.

25. Danielle Seber to be hired as the administrative assistant for Westview Elementary effective July 22, 2021.
26. Katie Huston to be hired as a K-1 special needs teacher at Westview Elementary effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
27. Courtney Worrell to be hired as a preschool teacher at Westview Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year.
28. Rachel Dilts to be hired as a preschool teacher at Westview Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year.

All ayes, the motion carried.

176. 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.

177. Corporate Sponsors/Donations/Grants

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

**From Edward Jones to the Athletic Department in the amount of \$1,000
From Round Robins to the RJB Band for a tuba in the amount of \$3,900**

All ayes, the motion carried.

178. Claims

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve claims #44224 through #44366.

All ayes, the motion carried.

179. Correspondence and Other Business

The next Board meeting will be held on August 2, 2021.

Mr. Quaderer presented details for the 2021-2022 Registration, which will be located at the high school for all building registrations.

A “Back 2 School Bash” partnering with Thriving Grant County Mill Township will be held Friday, August 6, from 4-7 PM at 121 East South A Street, Gas City, Indiana, (former St. Paul Episcopal Church.)

Sydney Logee to be hired as a teacher at Northview Elementary effective for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Crouch moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to hire Sydney Logee.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Winter shared that we look forward to welcoming our new hires and hope to have an open house before an upcoming Board meeting in order to meet and greet each one.

The Board congratulated Heather Swarts as the new softball coach. Ms. Swarts shared that she was very excited to begin as the new coach.

The Board congratulated Jarred Luckey and welcomed him to the MCS team. Mr. Luckey was in attendance and also shared his enthusiasm for the new position.

There will be a short Executive Session following tonight's meeting.

180. Adjournment

Mr. Herrera moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Susan Miller
Board Secretary