

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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181. Call to Order

The fourteenth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2021 was called to order by President Gaskin on August 2, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. Mrs. Miller was absent. All others were present in person.

182. Prayer and Pledge

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

183. Minutes

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 19, 2021 as well as the Executive Session Certifications.

All ayes, the motion carried.

184. Tobacco/Nicotine Free Environment

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the Tobacco/Nicotine Free Environment Policy and to continue educating our students and staff as to the dangers of Tobacco and Nicotine.

All ayes, the motion carried.

185. Athletics Department Presentation

Mr. Quaderer and Mr. Young shared an athletic update in a presentation to the Board. This included updating policies and standard operating procedures as well as writing our narrative of the history of athletics at Mississinewa Community Schools. In addition, we will be working hard to honor specific groups and individuals throughout the year.

186. Department of Business and Human Resources Presentation

Mrs. Townsend and Mr. Quaderer shared with the Board the online job descriptions and where those would be found on our current website. From the job descriptions, coordinating evaluations will be created for each job title.

187. Staff/Student Technology Acceptable Use and Social Media Policy

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the updated Staff and Student Technology Acceptable Use and Social Media Policies.

All ayes, the motion carried.

188. Recommendation to Increase Substitute Pay

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to increase the substitute teacher pay to \$80 per day and the substitute paraprofessional pay to \$80 per day.

All ayes, the motion carried.

189. 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.

190. COVID 2021-2022 Update

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Richards seconded that we accept the COVID-19 updated Back to School Guidance for the opening of the 2021-2022 school year.

All ayes, the motion carried.

191. Personnel

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

1. Allison Kellogg resigned as a special education teacher at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
2. Sue Fleming resigned as the transportation administrative assistant effective October 15, 2021.
3. Taylor Mavronicles resigned as a paraprofessional at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
4. Nicole Brummett requested a leave of absence as a building level nurse beginning August 12, 2021 through January 4, 2022.
5. Kaley Barnes to be hired as a math teacher at Mississinewa High School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Mallorie Shearer to be hired as an English teacher at RJ Baskett Middle School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Brody Hardcastle to be hired as a paraprofessional at Mississinewa High School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Brian Dewey to be hired as the Computer Lab Supervisor at Northview Elementary effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

All ayes, the motion carried.

192. 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.

193. Corporate Sponsors/Donations/Grants

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion to approve the following corporate sponsors:

From Mike Anderson Chevrolet to the Athletic Dept.	\$ 500.00
From Twin City Auto Body Inc. to the Athletic Dept.	\$ 600.00
From Cunningham Glass Inc to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00
From Insurance Mgt Group to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00
From Turning Over A New Leaf, LLC to the Athletic Dept.	\$ 600.00
From Nicholson Realty Inc. to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00
From Raymond James to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00

All ayes, the motion carried.

194. Claims

Mr. Richards moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve claims #44367 through #44484.

All ayes, the motion carried.

195. Correspondence and Other Business

The next Board meeting will be held on August 16, 2021. The next meeting will also include the budget workshop.

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.)

Opening day for teachers will be Thursday, August 12, at the high school cafeteria from 8:30-9:30 AM.

The first student day will be Friday, August 13, 2021.

Registration will continue and we encourage everyone to get registered for the 2021-2022 school year.

Robert Knapp and Dave Scott were two community members that we recently lost and will be greatly missed by the Mississinewa Community.

196. Adjournment

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Susan Miller
Board Secretary