

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**  
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**MINUTES**  
**August 3, 2020**

**146. Call to Order**

The thirteenth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2020 was called to order by President Gaskin on August 3, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building.

**147. Prayer and Pledge**

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

**148. Minutes**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Fratus seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for July 20, 2020 along with the Executive Session Certification.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**149. Revised Collection of Debt & Forgiveness of Balance Policy**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Revised Collection of Debt & Forgiveness of Balance Policy.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**150. Personnel**

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

- a. Jamie Eckstein resigned as the principal at RJ Baskett Middle School effective immediately.
- b. Anne Click resigned as a secretary/library assistant at RJ Baskett Middle School effective immediately.
- c. Jennifer Miller has resigned as a cafeteria worker at Mississinewa High School effective July 22, 2020.
- d. Shelli Maine has requested a leave of absence for the 2020-21 school year.
- e. Kayla Mason to be hired as a part-time nurse at RJ Baskett Middle School effective immediately.
- f. Emily Oke to be hired as the media specialist at RJ Baskett Middle School effective immediately.
- g. Nicole Skeens to be hired as the assistant principal at RJ Baskett Middle School effective immediately.
- h. Brandon Swanner to be hired as the varsity assistant girls' basketball coach effective immediately.
- i. Darrell Davis to be hired as a secondary virtual coordinator for non-testing subjects effective immediately.
- j. Dana McGinness to be hired as a paraprofessional at Northview Elementary effective immediately.
- k. Samantha Bratcher to be hired as an administrative assistant at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.

- l. Ember Swing to be hired as the Alternative Education teacher at Westview Elementary effective immediately.
- m. Sarah Parish to be hired as a paraprofessional at Westview Elementary effective immediately.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**151. 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.

**152. Legislative Update**

Mr. Cunningham had no update at this time.

**153. Claims**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve claims #41770 through #41906.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**154. Correspondence and Other Business**

**Approve Executive Orders 20-37 and 20-39 as well as Changes to the Reopening Plan**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mrs. Fratus seconded the motion to approve the Executive Orders 20-27 and 20-39 as well as Changes to the Reopening Plan (August 3, 2020).

All ayes, the motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be August 17, 2020.

Mississinewa High School was recognized as an outstanding dual credit partner with Ivy Tech Community College for 2019-20.

Mr. McKenzie thanked Mr. Quaderer and his team for the Virtual Graduation Ceremony, the Senior Parade and the outdoor Graduation Ceremony.

Mrs. Winter shared that our Early College High School was celebrated for their recent accreditation. We received high compliments from the Ivy Tech ECHS Leadership Team. This is a PreK-12 initiative which offers many opportunities after high school.

Mrs. Winter also offered many thanks to Mr. Gosser and his team for all the preparation in the buildings, to Mr. Fleming and the technology team as someone had been here and available every day in the summer, to Mrs. Wilson at central office, and to all our teachers for their preparedness in the classroom and making their rooms warm and reflective of many student achievements. She also wished Jennifer Miller well and indicated how much she would be missed. "She was an extraordinarily hard worker in the cafeteria in addition to this summer as we prepared food for our students and she will be missed!"

Mr. McKenzie reminded everyone that our two-hour delay previously scheduled for Wednesday, August 5 had been moved to Friday, August 7.

Mrs. Townsend reminded the Board of the Budget Workshop prior to the next Board meeting on August 17, 2020.

**155. Adjournment**

Mr. Smith moved and Mrs. Fratus seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

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