

MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
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210. Call to Order

The sixteenth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2021 was called to order by President Gaskin on September 7, 2021, at 6:33 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. All members were present in person.

211. Prayer and Pledge

Mrs. Miller opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

212. Minutes

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for August 16, 2021 as well as the Executive Session Certification and the Public Work Session Minutes.

All ayes, the motion carried.

213. Cheerleading – Citrus Bowl Presentation

Mr. Roesch, Principal of RJ Baskett Middle School, shared with the Board the summer cheer camp participation and resulting invitation to participate in the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day. Approximately five cheerleaders have expressed an interest in attending. Parents and students are aware that this is an outstanding opportunity for the cheerleaders, but it is not a school sponsored event. All expenses incurred will be those of the families attending.

214. Teacher Appreciation Performance Grant Money

Mr. Herrera moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Performance Grant Money guidelines.

All ayes, the motion carried.

215. COVID Update

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the changes in the COVID Plan. Mrs. Winter will provide a Blackboard Connect update call and the changes will also be posted on our website.

All ayes, the motion carried.

216. Facilities Report

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

217. Personnel

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

1. Matt Niverson resigned as a 7th grade football coach.
2. Troy Simpson resigned as the Economics teacher and ICE Coordinator effective December 23, 2021.
3. Jeff Luedtke resigned as the freshman boys basketball coach effective immediately.
4. Elizabeth Dye resigned as a paraprofessional at Northview Elementary effective immediately.

5. Rachel Cowgill to be hired as a paraprofessional at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
6. Zach Blackburn to be hired as the RJ Baskett Middle School tennis coach effective immediately.
7. Teresa Hall to be hired as the RJ Baskett Middle School study hall supervisor effective immediately.
8. Paityn Martin to be hired as a 6th grade volleyball coach effective immediately.
9. Katy Hosier to be hired as a 6th grade volleyball coach effective immediately.
10. Hayden Trent to be hired as a 7th grade football coach effective immediately.
11. Matt Niverson to be hired as a volunteer 7th grade football coach.
12. Matt Stevens to be removed from the substitute list and hired for full-time Athletics Grounds and Utility Maintenance.
13. Michael and Jessica Farmer to be hired as life skills virtual teachers with contracted services effective immediately.
14. Randy Herring to be hired as the assistant softball coach effective immediately.
15. Kaley Barnes to be hired as the JV softball coach effective immediately.
16. Jeff Luedtke to be hired as the JV boys' basketball coach effective immediately.
17. Josh Dakin to be hired as the freshman boys' basketball coach effective immediately.
18. Meagan Farmer to be hired as part of the child nutrition staff at RJ Baskett Middle School effective immediately.
19. Jennifer Ropp to be hired as the Director of Nursing for Mississinewa Community Schools effective immediately.
20. Callie Barton to be hired as the Northview Nurse for 1st Semester effective immediately.

All ayes, the motion carried.

218. 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.

219. Corporate Sponsors/Donations/Grants

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

From Just One More LLC to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00
From State Farm/Dennis Roach to the Athletic Dept.	\$500.00
From Marion Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery to the Athletic Dept.	\$375.00
From VIA Credit Union to the Athletic Dept.	\$600.00
From Pour House to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00
From Ruoff Home Mortgage to the Athletic Dept.	\$1,000.00
From Fairmount Family Dentist LLC to the Athletic Dept.	\$600.00

All ayes, the motion carried.

220. Correspondence and Other Business

The next Board meeting will be held on September 13, 2021, which will include the Budget Public Hearing.

Mr. Gaskin complimented Coach Jones and his coaching and working with the younger students for cross country.

Mr. Cunningham applauded the use of banners along the street highlighting our students and their many accomplishments.

Mrs. Miller shared that the First Annual Light Up Main Street will take place on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

221. Adjournment

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

Mrs. Susan Miller
Board Secretary