

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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December 20, 2021**

**312. Call to Order**

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2021 was called to order by President Gaskin on December 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. Mr. Smith and Mr. Herrera attended virtually. All other members attended in person.

**313. Prayer and Pledge**

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

**314. Minutes**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for December 6, 2021 as well as the Executive Session Certification.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**315. Recommendation to Purchase Frontline Absence & Time Solution Software**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the recommendation to Purchase Frontline Absence & Time Solution Software.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**316. Conference Requests**

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

1. Cindy Walker and Dave Bare to attend the Indiana Music Educators National Conference on January 14-15, 2022 at a cost of \$216 to be paid from the high school travel account.
2. Lynn Fischer to attend the Winter Agriculture Teacher Workshop in Trafalgar, IN on January 13, 2022 at a cost of \$80 to be paid from the high school travel account.
3. Kathy Walters to attend the Indiana Music Educators National Conference on January 13-15, 2022 at a cost of \$216 to be paid from the high school travel account.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**317. Personnel**

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

1. Terry Bartlett to retire as a full-time custodian at RJ Baskett Middle School effective January 14, 2022 and to continue as a part-time custodian at Mississinewa Community Schools.
2. Heather Martin to resign as a cafeteria worker at Westview effective December 13, 2021.
3. Sophie Clark to be hired as the head coach of the girls' soccer team at R. J. Baskett.
4. Kim Bittner to be hired as a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Northview Elementary effective January 5, 2022.

5. Ethan Stephenson to be hired as a physical education paraprofessional at Westview Elementary effective January 5, 2022.
6. Sarah Herrera to be hired as a special services teacher at Westview Elementary effective January 5, 2022.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**318. 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.

**319. 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.

**320. Corporate Sponsors, Donations and Grants**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Richards seconded the motion to approve the following corporate sponsor, donations and grant.

From Ivy Tech to Athletics for \$915.00

From Slingshot Education to The Indian Academy for \$1,000.00

From Deer Creek Conservation Club to the Trap Team for \$800.00

From We The People to R.J. Baskett We The People for \$500.00

All ayes, the motion carried.

**321. Claims**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve claims #45481 through #45573.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**322. Correspondence and Other Business**

The next Board meeting will be held on January 17, 2022, which will include the reorganization and election of Board officers.

Central Office will be closed from December 23 through December 28.

Mrs. Winter thanked everyone for providing leadership through these challenging times in our first semester! She reminded all that December 22 will be an eLearning Day and we will return on January 6, 2022.

Mr. Gaskin complimented our dedicated staff for providing such an outstanding opportunity for our parents and community through the recent Wellness Fair.

Everyone was wished a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**323. Adjournment**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

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