

**MISSISSINEWA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
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December 7, 2020**

**244. Call to Order**

The twenty-first meeting of the Mississinewa Board of School Trustees for 2020 was called to order by President Gaskin on December 7, 2020 at 6:30 PM in the Frederick W. Hengstler Administration Building. Mr. Cunningham and Mrs. Fratus attended virtually.

**245. Prayer and Pledge**

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

**246. Minutes**

Mr. Cunningham moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting for November 16, 2020 along with the Executive Session Certifications.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**247. Transfer Resolution from Education to Operations Fund (15% of actual 2020 Education Fund revenue)**

Mr. Smith moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the Transfer of 15% of actual 2020 Education Funds to the Operations Fund.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**248. Transfer Resolution from Education to Operations Fund (15% of monthly tuition)**

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the Transfer of 15% monthly tuition of 2020 Education Funds to the Operations Fund.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**249. Corporation Phone Proposal**

Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve the 5-year lease with Great American Leasing Company for the corporation phone lease.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**250. Classified Staff COVID Absences**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Classified Staff COVID Absences guideline which will expire June 30, 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**251. Essential Worker Guidelines**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to approve the Essential Worker Guidelines allowing all school employees to be considered essential according to State Health Department guidelines.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**252. Contact Tracing Guidelines**

Mr. Herrera moved and Mr. Crouch seconded the motion to approve the Contact Tracing Guidelines.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**253. Personnel**

Mrs. Herrera moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve the following personnel.

1. Jessica Johnson to be placed on a temporary teaching contract for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Heath Emmons to be hired as a volunteer gymnastics coach at Mississinewa High School effective immediately.
3. Tab McKenzie to retire as the Superintendent of Mississinewa Community Schools effective August 6, 2021.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**254. Public Hearing for the Proposed new Superintendent Contract**

No comments were made from the public.

**255. 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.

**256. Legislative Update**

Mr. Cunningham had no update at this time.

**257. Corporate Sponsors, Donations & Grants**

Mr. Crouch moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded the motion to approve the following donation.

From the First Presbyterian Church of Grant County	
To Boomerang Backpack	\$150.00

All ayes, the motion carried.

**258. Claims**

Mr. Miller moved and Mr. Herrera seconded the motion to approve claims #42707 through #42912.

All ayes, the motion carried.

**259. Correspondence and Other Business**

There will be an Executive Session immediately following this regular Board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be December 14, 2020 with the Board invited to the annual Board Christmas Dinner at 5:45 at central office.

Mr. McKenzie welcomed Jarrett Richards as Board Member Elect to tonight's meeting. New members will be sworn in on January 11, 2021.

Mrs. Winter shared that Ole Miss PreSchool again qualified as a Level 4 Paths to Quality preschool.

Mrs. Varner and Mrs. Wortinger were guests of the IDOE for a recent podcast entitled "Being a First Year Principal during COVID." The podcast will be shared with Board members when it is released.

Two recent articles from the Chronicle Tribune were provided to the Board highlighting Mississinewa High School's eSports and Grant County's Greatest Teacher for 2020, Mrs. Frantz, and Grant County's Greatest PreSchool, Ole Miss PreSchool.

**260. Adjournment**

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Smith seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM.

All ayes, the motion carried.

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