

CARMAN-AINSWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by President Koegel in the Conference Room of the Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building.

Members Present: Gary Cousins, La Cracha Handy, James Johnson, Lisa Koegel, Gloria Nealy, Chase Pelky, Anastasia Livingston, Katina Wilborn arrived at 6:35 p.m.

Members Absent:

Others Present: Superintendent McGilvery, Russ Parks, Gina Ryan, Bob Hetherton, Detra Fields, Michelle Pattan, Lisa Murphy, and other guests

President Koegel called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Ms. Gloria Nealy, recited the mission statement.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community Comments: President Koegel inquired if any individuals wished to address the Board.

Ms. Mary Margaret Gleason Gidcumb, 1429 Eggelston Avenue, Flint, congratulated the district on the passage of the millage proposal and appreciated the opportunity to support the district by volunteering at the polls on election day.

STAFF REPORTS

2022-2023 Carman-Ainsworth Early Head Start Annual Report

Superintendent McGilvery introduced Ms. Michelle Pattan, Early Head Start Director/Health-Family Engagement Coordinator, who presented the 2022-2023 Carman-Ainsworth Early Head Start Annual Report. The following topical areas were presented in a PowerPoint presentation:

- Program Goal - *To provide a diversity of quality programming that will support each adult and child to reach their full potential as a person who never stops learning*
- Overview
- Federal Budget
- Health and Safety
- Attendance
- Points of Pride
- Early Head Start Governing Body
- Early Head Start Program Partners and Participants
- School Readiness: Assessment & Goals
 - Domains
 - Physical & Health
 - Language & Literacy
 - Approaches to Learning
 - Social-Emotional
 - Mathematics

- Creative Arts
 - Science & Technology
 - Social Studies
 - Cognition
- Family Engagement Opportunities
 - Center-Based
 - Home-Based
 - Group Events
 - Parent Participation on Committees

An opportunity was provided for questions and answers; brief discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Handy attended the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Government Relations Committee meeting and shared information regarding pending legislation.

Mr. Johnson noted the Genesee County Association of School Board Members (GCASBM) meeting will take place Thursday, November 16, and reminded members the Holiday Dinner in Frankenmuth is Thursday, November 30. Mr. Johnson provided a brief summary of the MASB Annual Leadership Conference, sharing insights from the General Sessions and Delegate Assembly.

BOARD GENERAL DISCUSSION

MASB 2023 Annual Leadership Conference Reports

Ms. Handy enjoyed the conference and shared a summary of sessions attended, *Grassroots Advocacy* and *Board/Superintendent Relations*, noting the networking opportunities were a positive experience.

Mr. Cousins participated in *Succession Planning*, *Public Speaking* and *Grassroots Advocacy* sessions and especially enjoyed the Opening General Session, *When You Wonder, You're Learning*, and Clinic Session *Lead Like Fred*.

Ms. Nealy attended the Pre-Conference Workshop, *Board's Role in Superintendent Success*, and Clinic Sessions, *Michigan Has a Reading Crisis and Our Students Need Us to Solve it Now* and *Understanding the Michigan Merit Curriculum Graduation Requirements – They are WAY More Flexible Than You Think!* and shared insights on each.

Mr. Johnson provided a summary of the following sessions: *Preconference Workshop: MI Council of School Attorneys*, *Future of Learning: Responsible AI*, *Oh My!*, *High School and Beyond*, *Creating Trust: A Key Ingredient in School Improvement*, and *Grassroots Advocacy*.

President Koegel shared a review of the Preconference Workshop: *Board's Role in Superintendent Success*, noting it was informative and provided positive reminders regarding the role of board members. President Koegel voiced appreciation to Board Members for maintaining a positive working relationship with mutual respect for each other.

Superintendent McGilvery began the book study discussion on Chapter 4, *The War on Labor* and Chapter 5, *Neo-Vouchers* of the book *A Wolf at the Schoolhouse Door*.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent McGilvery requested an Executive Session be added to the agenda for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation.

Motion by Johnson, supported by Handy, that Board of Education add an Executive Session to the agenda for the purpose of discussing the superintendent's evaluation, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion unanimously carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2023, and that they be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Johnson, supported by Handy, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize payment of bills, as follows:

General Fund, Food Service, Community Education, and Athletics

Checks #102262-102392 dated October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023

***Check #102377 Misprint/Void*

General Fund \$1,138,787.33

Check #102493 Late Print..... \$450.00

Food Service..... \$64,275.08

Community Education..... \$11,106.96

Grand Total..... \$1,214,619.37

Building & Site

NA

Capital Projects

NA

Community Education

Check #1256-1272

Dated October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023 \$1,045.00

Purchase Order Checking

Check #031932

Dated October 1, 2023 – October 31, 2023 \$121.68

Merchant Detail Report

PNC Bank Purchasing Cards

Dated September 5, 2023 – October 4, 2023..... \$11,275.93

Payroll

October 13, 2023 \$972,382.52

October 27, 2023 \$979,885.70

Motion unanimously carried.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

Offer of Contract - Schedule B/Winter Sports

Superintendent McGilvery welcomed a motion and noted the list of contract coaches at place settings did not require Board action; it was provided merely for information.

Motion by Cousins, supported by Nealy, that the Board of Education employ the individuals designated below upon the receipt of their criminal history/FBI reports and appoint the noted individuals for winter sports coaching positions as indicated for the 2023/2024 school year, and that the appointments shall be contingent on the teams meeting the established minimum participation requirements, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

Jay Witham	Head Varsity Boys Basketball
Amanda Miller	Swim Coach
Kelsey Huber	Assistant Swim Coach
Jillian Dougherty	8 th Grade Volleyball
Jeff Dompok	7 th Grade Volleyball
Milissa Kenworthy	7 th /8 th Grade Swim Coach
Heidi Raquepaw	7 th /8 th Grade Cheer Coach
Vacant	7 th & 8 th Grade Boys Basketball
Jay Witham	Athletic Trainer

Motion unanimously carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Authorizing Participation in Schools of Choice

Superintendent McGilvery stated the Schools of Choice application window is scheduled for January 8–19, 2024. Limited space is available in all grade levels at Carman-Ainsworth High School; Carman-Ainsworth Middle School; Dillon Elementary in grades K-3; Dye Elementary in grades 2-3; Randels Elementary in grades K-5; and Rankin Elementary in grades K-5.

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, to opt into the State Schools of Choice Program Section 105 of the State School Aid Act for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year on a limited basis at Carman-Ainsworth High School; Carman-Ainsworth Middle School; Dillon Elementary in grades K-3; Dye Elementary in grades 2-

3; Randels Elementary in grades K-5; and Rankin Elementary in grades K-5, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Designation of School Attorneys

Superintendent McGilvery entertained a motion for the addition of Mark J. Newman, PLLC as school attorneys for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Cousins, supported by Johnson, that the services of the legal firm of Mark J. Newman, PLLC, be designated as school attorneys for truancy matters for the 2023-2024 school year, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

Motion unanimously carried.

Resolution to Hold in Abeyance Board Policy 6320 – Purchasing

Assistant Superintendent Russ Parks stated the district is in immediate need to purchase a Condensate Return/Storage Tank for Carman-Ainsworth Middle School at a price that is estimated to be over the state bid limit of \$29,572.00. It is an emergency situation because the current Condensate Return/Storage Tank is in desperate need of immediate replacement, which will not allow the district to follow the formal bidding process. Information obtained regarding replacement of this specialized piece of equipment has determined that it is not readily available and would need to be ordered and will take a minimum of ten (10) weeks to receive. Assistant Superintendent Parks noted the condition of the current Condensate Return/Storage Tank is precarious and could fail at any time, leaving the middle school without heat. Assistant Superintendent Parks recommends the Board hold in abeyance Board Policy 6320 – Purchasing, with regard to the purchase of a Condensate Return/Storage Tank, rather than utilizing the formal bid process.

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, in support of the Resolution to Hold in Abeyance Board Policy 6320 – Purchasing pertaining to the purchase of a Condensate Return/Storage Tank for Carman-Ainsworth Middle School, as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Parks.

Brief discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn
Nays: None
Absent: None

Motion unanimously carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Acceptance of Donations

Motion by Johnson, supported by Handy, that the Board accept the donations as indicated below in support of Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

- Armstrong Omega Flute, serial number 8014532, from Ms. Vicki Barnes.
- Instrumental Band pants and shirts, from Ms. Lisa Howell and Dr. Susan Doty.
- Artley Flute, serial number 4037078, from Ms. Joyce Wefel.
- \$1,000.00 to the Carman-Ainsworth High School athletic program and student government, from the Jeremy and Amy Piper Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Flint.

Motion unanimously carried.

ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATORS

- Mr. Hetherton has been providing Trauma Informed Care training at PLC's district-wide, and noted the training has been well received and is an important component in Social Emotional Learning.
- Mrs. Ryan reported the District Technology Committee met last week with discussion focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI) for educators.
- Mrs. Fields noted staff, students, and families district-wide are participating in school climate surveys to anonymously assess the perceived school climate. Data from the surveys will be used to set building and district goals to enhance positive behavior supports. Mrs. Fields noted The Learning Community is participating in the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) process and is building interventions for our littlest learners.
- Mr. Parks shared the Athletic Department has added two activities, Freshman Cheer and Junior Varsity Bowling. Mr. Parks voiced appreciation to the Board of Education for their support during the recent election and shared polling results.
- Superintendent McGilvery thanked administrators, staff, students, families, and Board Members for supporting the district in the recent millage proposal passage. Superintendent McGilvery is participating in the UM-Flint Critical Issues Conference in the spring and taped a video promotion. The goal of the conference is to provide a platform to bring together educators to critically consider the profound impact of Generative AI on education and society.

ITEMS FROM TRUSTEES

- Ms. Handy attended the middle school play, The Secret Garden, noting the performance was amazing.
- Mr. Johnson reminded Board Members who attended the Annual Leadership Conference to complete the evaluation.
- Mr. Pelky noted a Leadership Forum was held for all of the student clubs at the high school to collaborate on upcoming events.
- Ms. Wilborn participated in the Halls of Halloween event, which was very well attended.
- Mr. Cousins attended the Title I Night at Dillon Elementary School which was a "Who Dun It?" theme and very engaging for students and families.
- Ms. Nealy also attended the Halls of Halloween at the middle school, which was well organized and a fun activity. Ms. Nealy voiced appreciation to Superintendent McGilvery and district staff for the many hours contributed to the passing of the millage proposal.
- Superintendent Koegel congratulated Ms. Nealy who was recognized at the MASB Annual Leadership Conference for receiving the MASB President's Award. Superintendent Koegel attended the middle school play which was very well done and noted the high school play is scheduled for this weekend.

ADVANCED PLANNING

Board of Education Special Meeting, November 21, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Student Discipline Subcommittee Meeting, November 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting, December 5, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Regular Meeting, December 5, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Student Discipline Subcommittee Meeting, December 19, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Regular Instruction, Curricular, and Assessment Topics
- Year's Growth Data
- Continuous Improvement Monitoring

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, that the Board adjourn to Executive Session after a short break at this time, 7:58 p.m., for the purpose of discussing superintendent's evaluation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy, Wilborn

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion unanimously carried.

The Executive Session reconvened at 8:07 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

President Koegel declared the Executive Session Meeting and the Regular Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Gary Cousins, Board Secretary