

WHITE CLOUD PUBLIC SCHOOLS	BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING: ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MEETING DATE: JULY 17, 2023 TIME: 7:00 PM PLACE: HS COLLABORATION ROOM 306	MINDY MENCH HARRY STEVENS RHONDA HEDLUND JAMES JONES JEFF MURCHISON MEGAN CRUZAN ELAINE ENGEL

**Called to Order and Roll Call:**

The Organizational/ Regular Meeting of the White Cloud Board of Education was called to order by President, James Jones at 7:00 p. m. in the HS Collaboration Room 306.

Members Present: Mindy Mench, Harry Stevens, Rhonda Hedlund, James Jones, Jeff Murchison, Megan Cruzan, Elaine Engel

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Ed Canning, 6-12 Complex Principal, Asa Wyers, and Business Manager, Brent Foondle.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Changes or Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Consent Items**

**2023-001** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the June 26, 2023 Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes-7, Nayes-0, Absent -0. Motion carried.

**2023-002** Motion by Mindy Mench, supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the June 26, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Ayes-7, Nayes-0, Absent -0. Motion carried.

**2023-003** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve payment of the bills as presented. Ayes-7, Nayes-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Approval of 2023-2024 Regularly Scheduled Board Meetings**  
Setting Organizational Meeting time, date, and place for July 2024

**2023-004** Motion by Mindy Mench, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education at the Organizational/Regular July 17, 2023 meeting time at 7:00 p.m., set the 2024 Organizational Meeting for Monday, July 15, 2024 in the HS Collaboration Room 306 Center unless otherwise noted. Ayes-7, Nayes-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Setting Regular Meeting times, dates, and place for 2022-2023 school year

**2023-005** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education set the 2023-2024 regular monthly meeting time at 7:00 p.m., on the third Monday of each month, in the HS Collaboration Room 306 unless otherwise noted. Ayes-7, Nayes-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Election of Officers for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Election of President

**2023-006** Motion by Harry Stevens, seconded by Jeff Murchison to nominate James Jones for President of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-007** Motion by Harry Stevens, seconded by Jeff Murchison to nominate James Jones for President of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year and close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for James Jones as President of the Board of Education. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

President of the Board of Education for 2023-2024 is James Jones.

Election of Vice-President

**2023-008** Motion by Mindy Mench, seconded by Jeff Murchison to nominate Harry Stevens for Vice-President of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-009** Motion by Harry Stevens, seconded by Rhonda Hedlund to nominate Harry Stevens for Vice-President of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year and close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Harry Stevens as Vice-President of the Board of Education. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2023-2024 is Harry Stevens.

Election of Secretary

**2023-010** Motion by Harry Stevens, seconded by Megan Cruzan to nominate Elaine Engel for Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-011** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund seconded by Megan Cruzan to nominate Elaine Engel for Secretary of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year and close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Elaine Engel as Secretary of the Board of Education. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Secretary of the Board of Education for 2023-2024 is Elaine Engel.

Election of Treasurer

**2023-012** Motion by Harry Stevens, seconded by Elaine Engel to nominate Mindy Mench for Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-013** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, seconded by Megan Cruzan to nominate Mindy Mench for Treasurer of the Board of Education for the 2023-2024 year and close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mindy Mench as Treasurer of the Board of Education. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

Treasurer of the Board of Education for 2023-2024 is Mindy Mench.

**Committee Appointments**

Building and Grounds Committee: Jeff Murchison, Jim Jones, and Harry Stevens  
Budget/Negotiation Committee: Mindy Mench, Elaine Engel, and Harry Stevens  
Policy/Personnel Committee: Rhonda Hedlund, Jim Jones, and Jeff Murchison  
Curriculum/Professional Studies Committee: Elaine Engel, Rhonda Hedlund, and Megan Cruzan  
Community Relations Committee: Elaine Engel, Megan Cruzan, and Mindy Mench

**Resolution to Continue Current Policies of the District**

**2023-014** Motion by Megan Cruzan, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education continue with all the District established policies. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

### **Designation of Depositories for School Funds**

**2023-015** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Jeff Murchison be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education designate the following banks or trust companies in which the funds of the district shall be deposited: Independent Bank and its subsidiaries of West Michigan; The Michigan School Liquid Asset Fund; Fifth Third Bank; Bank of New York; Huntington Bank; and Choice One Bank. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

### **Check Signature and Fund Transfer Authorizations**

Elementary School Activity Accounts-Authorized to sign Current Board Treasurer, Current Superintendent, Current Business Manager.

Athletic Fund Accounts-Authorized to sign, Current Superintendent, Current Athletic Director, Current Business Manager.

High School/JH Activity Accounts-Authorized to sign, Current Board Treasurer, Current Superintendent, Current Business Manager.

General Fund Account, Payroll Account, Debt Fund Accounts, Capital Projects Fund Account, and Food Service Account-Authorized to sign, Current Board Treasurer, Current Superintendent, Current Business Manager.

Authorize to transfer funds among accounts-Current Superintendent, Current Board Treasurer, Current Business Manager.

Authorized to transfer and invest funds- Current Superintendent, Current Board Treasurer, Current Business Manager.

**2023-016** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, supported by Mindy Mench be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education authorize the positions presented above to sign checks in the accounts as stipulated. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

### **Designation of Person for Posting Public Notices**

**2023-017** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education designate the Superintendent/Administrative Assistant, to be responsible for posting of public notices. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Organizational Memberships**

**2023-018** Motion by Harry Stevens supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education authorize continued membership in the, Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB), Michigan Institute for Educational Management (MIEM), and School Equity Caucus. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

### **Appointments:**

#### Law Firms:

**2023-019** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, supported by Mindy Mench be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education authorize the District to use Thrun Law Firm, and Clark Hill as the District Law Firms. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

#### Auditor:

**2023-020** Motion by Mindy Mench, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education authorize the District to employ Baird, Cotter & Bishop, P. C. as the school Auditor. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Designation of Program Directors and Coordinators:**

Title I Director-Elementary Principal/Business Manager  
Title V Director-Superintendent  
Title IX Director-Superintendent  
Freedom of Information Act Coordinator-Superintendent  
School Meals Certification/Hearing Officer-Food Service Director  
Michigan School Readiness Program Director-NCRESA-Candy Wells  
Section 31A (At-Risk) Director-Superintendent/Business Manager  
Michigan Assessment Program Coordinators-Counselors/Social Workers  
High School Michigan Education Assessment Program Test Coordinators-Building Principals, Counselors/Social Workers/Virtual School Director  
Local Homeless Education Liaison-Social Worker/School Counselor

**2023-021** Motion by Mindy Mench, supported by Harry Stevens be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education designate the Program Directors and Coordinators as listed above. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Set Mileage Reimbursement Rate:**

**2023-022** Motion by Mindy Mench, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education set the mileage reimbursement rate to match the IRS mileage rate. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Set Freedom of Information Act Charges for Copies/Publishing:**

**2023-023** Motion by Elaine Engel, supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education set Freedom of Information Act charges for copies/publishing at \$.10 cents per page plus postage plus labor charges (least senior qualified person's hourly rate). Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Designation of District Communications:**

**2023-024** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Mindy Mench be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education designate Times Indicator, and Hi-Lites as the official news media for the district communications. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Recognition of External Support Groups:**

**2023-025** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education recognizes the White Cloud Athletic Boosters as an external support group. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Communications:**

**Administrative Reports:**

Administrative reports were received by the Board from 6-12 Complex Principal, Asa Wyers, Business Manager, Brent Foondle, and Superintendent, Ed Canning.

**Committee Reports:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business (Part 1):**

Committee Appointments

Select Member to Serve on County School Board Steering Committee

Harry Stevens was appointed to serve on this committee.

Select Member to serve as the MASB Legislative Network representative.

James Jones was appointed to continue to serve as the representative to MASB.

Select a Delegate and Alternate for the 2023-24 MASB Delegate Assembly

Mindy Mench and Megan Cruzan (alternate) were appointed to serve as the delegate to the assembly.

**Consider Approval for Free Tuition for Foreign Exchange Students:**

**2023-026** Motion by Mindy Mench, supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education waive tuition for foreign exchange students. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-027** Motion by Elaine Engel, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the 2023 L-4029 as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-028** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Jeff Murchison be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the 2023-24 School Bond Revolving Fund as presented. Roll Call: Mench-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Hedlund-Yes, Jones-Yes, Murchison-Yes, Cruzan-Yes, Engel-Yes. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Personnel:**

**2023-029** Motion by Megan Cruzan, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the hiring of Asa Wyers as our 6-12 Complex Principal as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-030** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, supported by Megan Cruzan be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the hiring of Alexis Strait as our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior High Volleyball coach as presented. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** Public comment was given by Chad Fetterley thanking the board of education for their support in contract negotiations.

**2023-031** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education enter into closed session at 7:40 p.m. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-032** Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education return to open session 8:04 p.m. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**New Business (Part 2):**

**2023-033** Motion by Rhonda Hedlund, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the WCEA contract agreement as presented. Roll Call: Mench-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Hedlund-Yes, Jones-Yes, Murchison-Yes, Cruzan-Yes, Engel-Yes. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**2023-034** Motion by Megan Cruzan, supported by Harry Stevens be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the WCESPA contract agreement as presented. Roll Call: Mench-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Hedlund-Yes, Jones-Yes, Murchison-Yes, Cruzan-Yes, Engel-Yes. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.


2023-035 Motion by Harry Stevens, supported by Rhonda Hedlund be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education approve the RWDSU contract agreement as presented. Roll Call: Mench-Yes, Stevens-Yes, Hedlund-Yes, Jones-Yes, Murchison-Yes, Cruzan-Yes, Engel-Yes. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.

**Items For Future Discussion:**

Secretarial Contract  
6-12 Assistant Principal-Virtual Director Search  
Athletic Director Search  
2023-24 School Year  
Board Photo

**Adjourn:**

2023-036 Motion by Megan Cruzan, supported by Elaine Engel be it resolved that the White Cloud Board of Education move to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Ayes-7, Nays-0, Absent-0. Motion carried.



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Elaine Engel, Board of Education Secretary