

SHIAWASSEE REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order by President, Tim Atkinson, at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

Maggie Sayles	Present
Michael Rexin	Present *
Dennis Henige	Present
Tate Forbush	Present
Tim Atkinson	Present

*Michigan Attorney General Nessel issued OAG No. 7318, in which she opined that the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) may require state and local boards to provide virtual access to public meetings as a reasonable accommodation for qualified persons with disabilities. Member Michael Rexin requested accommodation, and after review, the requested accommodation was deemed reasonable.

Motion by Henige, supported by Sayles the Board approved the minutes from the September 11, 2023 regular meeting as presented.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Sayles, supported by Forbush the Board approved the General Fund bills, Special Education Fund bills, CTE Fund bills, Internal Service Fund bills, and Student Activity Fund bills for payment as received.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Forbush, supported by Rexin the Board approved the financial reports as received.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Henige, supported by Sayles the Board of Education approved the below-listed leaves of absence and employment as presented:

- A. Leave of Absence – Megan Floria, School Social Worker, effective approximately October 20, 2023 with an anticipated return date of January 3, 2024.
- B. Leave of Absence – Amanda Youngs, Occupational Therapist, effective September 5, 2023 with an anticipated return date of November 28, 2023.
- C. Hire – Karis Odette, Business Office Specialist, with an annual salary of \$44,601.60. Start date is on or before October 9, 2023; funding for this position comes from General Fund.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Rexin, supported by Forbush the Board of Education approved the below-listed contracted services as presented:

- A. Capital Area Community Services (CACS) to continue to provide Early Head Start Reflective Supervision services. CACS will provide Reflective Supervision services to Early Head Start Home Visitors employed by CACS, Inc. from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 at an amount not to exceed \$7,560.00. This contract will be funded with CACS federal funds.
- B. Early Literacy Coaches – KDG – 3rd Grade
To contract with the below-listed coaches using the Early Literacy Section 35a(5) grant monies at designated local districts:
 - 1. Kristy Walters – up to \$5,000 to support countywide Professional Learning/Coaching activities.
 - 2. Carol Amsterburg – up to \$25,000 to support New Lothrop Area Public Schools.
 - 3. Elizabeth Findlay – full-time contract to support Byron Area Schools and Durand Area Schools; additional countywide support TBD
 - 4. Danielle Lockwood – Full-time contract to support Morrice Area Schools and Laingsburg Community Schools.
 - 5. Alice Ernst – (Coach-On-Loan) – contract with Perry Public Schools to cover salary costs in order to support elementary schools in Corunna Public Schools and Perry Public Schools.

Depending upon additional local district need, it is possible an additional literacy coach may be needed.

Coaching responsibilities and time include: Providing support to Elementary Schools; attending State and Regional sponsored professional development, as well as attending RESD/local district planning meetings or training.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Henige, supported by Sayles the Board of Education approved to adopt the 2022-2023 Shiawassee RESD Annual Report as prepared and authorized distribution as presented.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Forbush, supported by Rexin the Board of Education approved 2023-24 CTE course list for Shiawassee RESD CTE students as part of the requirement of the Pupil Accounting Desk Audit as presented.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Sayles, supported by Forbush the Board of Education approved Shiawassee RESD enter into an agreement with Dollywood Foundation to participate in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program for children, ages 0-5, living in Shiawassee County. Each month, the program mails an age-appropriate book to each child that is enrolled. The goal is to enroll 2,000 children in the next year.

This project will be fully-funded by the 32p(6) grant allocation of \$55,027.00.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Forbush, supported by Henige the Board of Education approved the Shiawassee RESD continue as a Tri-Share Child Care Program participating employer for the period beginning October 1, 2023 and continuing until the grant funds are exhausted. (Michigan Women's Commission awarded a \$300,000.00 grant to the Shiawassee RESD to serve as a fiduciary hub. The Hub will collect funds from the State of Michigan and the Employer for transfer to the Child Care Provider.)

This participation allows the cost of childcare to be shared equally between eligible employees, their employer, and the State of Michigan. Shiawassee RESD will contribute 1/3 of the childcare costs and will pay the licensed childcare provider directly. Twenty five percent (25%) of the Shiawassee RESD's contribution will be reimbursed at the end of the program.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

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Motion by Rexin, supported by Henige the Board of Education approved contracting with the below-listed agencies/preschools/schools to provide GSRP Preschool Services from October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024. These contracts are funded through the Great Start Readiness Program State Aid. All contracts include details for program services and transportation.

LEA Site	Total Slots Allocated	Program Funds \$4323.60/slot	Transportation Funds \$686.50/slot	Start Up Grant Funds
Byron Area Schools	60	259,416	41,190	25,000
Corunna Public Schools	170	735,012	116,705	-0-
Durand Area Schools	124	536,126.40	85,126	25,000
Laingsburg Community Schools	62	268,063.20	42,563	25,000
Morrice Area Schools	80	345,888	54,920	-0-
New Lothrop Area Public Schools	34	147,002.40	0	50,000
Owosso Public School	122	527,479.20	83,753	50,000
Perry Public Schools	80	345,888	54,920	-0-
Total	732	\$3,164,875.20	\$479,177	\$175,000
Community-Based Site	Total Slots Allocated	Program Funds	Transportation Funds	Start Up Grant Funds
Elite Early Learning Center-Corunna	30	129,708	None of our community partners provide transportation services	-0-
Memorial Child Care Academy	32	138,355.20		25,000
My Great Beginnings—Durand	24	103,766.40		-0-
Noah’s Ark-Owosso	32	138,355.20		-0-
Total	118 (14%)	\$510,184.80	\$0	\$25,000
	Total Slots Allocated	Program Funds	Transportation Funds	Start Up Grant Funds
Total	850	\$3,675,060	\$479,177	\$200,000

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Sayles, supported by Forbush the Board of Education accepted the settlement of ongoing vaping litigation and authorized the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Altria Group Inc. (Case No. 3:19-md-2913-WHO in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California) on behalf of Shiawassee RESD Board of Education.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by Rexin, supported by Sayles the Board of Education approved the Superintendent Contract (period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 remains the same as was approved during the June 26, 2023 meeting); language updated as presented.

Roll call vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Communications

- A. Argus-Press and The Independent – CCRC Open House, September 18, 2023
- B. MiMTSS (Michigan’s Multi-Tiered System of Supports) Technical Assistance Center – MTSS Data Utilization Recognition
- C. MSBO – Yvonne Brown, Human Resource Specialist Certification

Superintendent’s Report

- A. North Street – Road Construction – scheduled for June 5, 2023-October 15, 2023 (North Street parking lots will be accessible but you will have to enter via N. Washington Street or N. Ball Street.)
- B. Legislative Update
- C. Financial Audit: 2022-23 Presentation by Heather LaBean with Weinlander Fitzhugh Certified Public Accountants and Consultants
- D. Shiawassee RESD – Student Learning Center West (SLCW) – Trunk or Treat – 10/26/2023, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- E. Transportation Building Update

Informational Items - none

Citizen Participation –public comment was heard.

Motion by Sayles, supported by Rexin to adjourn meeting at 7:05 pm. Voice vote taken as follows:

Michael Rexin	Yes
Tate Forbush	Yes
Dennis Henige	Yes
Maggie Sayles	Yes
Tim Atkinson	Yes

Motion unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Henige, Secretary
Shiawassee RESD Board of Education