

Minutes of Study Session/Special Meeting

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Study Session/Special Meeting** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, September 22, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by School Board Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio. Absent: Mike Chevalier.

Also present: Nicole Flesner, Human Resource Supervisor; Ray Kirch, Activities Director; Rochel Manders, Director of Business Services; Beth Sneden, Professional Development and Special Education Supervisor; and Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schwartz moved to amend the agenda by adding item 4.E. Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Legislative Resolutions. Donovan seconded. Carried 5-0. Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 5-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Minnesota Student Survey Results and Other Indicators

Beth Sneden, Professional Development and Special Education Supervisor, reported on the 2016 Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) results in comparison to the 2013 results in the following areas: students' post high school plans, school climate, alcohol/drug use and mental health. The MSS results will be used in this year's Student Support and Activities review.

B. Student Support and Activities

Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability, Beth Sneden, Professional

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Development and Special Education Supervisor, and Ray Kirch, Activities Director, discussed with school board members the Student Support and Activities Review to develop best practices. The Student Support area will focus on a sleep study, trauma and social emotional wellness and trends in drug and alcohol use. The Activities area will focus on financial costs and benefits, fundraising, a resource review, developing a parent/student handbook, the practice of playing up, Title IX and a comparison of similar school districts. Activities Director Kirch will update the school board at the January and February board meetings.

C. Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed with school board members the three superintendent goals based on the district's vision statement: Goal #1-Engage students, staff and community to provide an equitable learning environment to ensure all students are college and career ready; Goal #2-Challenge students and staff to exhibit a growth mindset and demonstrate healthy behaviors; Goal #3-Inspire creativity and innovation in teaching and learning and the steps he will take to reach them.

D. School Board Goals

Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed with the school board members the three school board goals which align with the superintendent's goals: Goal#1-The board will work to learn more about equity as they support the district in the exploration of an equity plan; Goal #2-The board will work to engage community members in the district while developing systems for communication and feedback; Goal #3-The board will work to develop collaborative relationships across stake holder groups and the steps they will take to reach them.

E. Minnesota School Board (MSBA) Resolutions

Lucy Payne, School Board Chair, reviewed with school board members and the administration several legislative resolutions to be present to MSBA by September 30th. The board agreed to sign on with other districts on the Equity Funding Resolution, which was spear headed by the South St. Paul School District. In addition the board will be submitting two other resolutions. The first resolution urges the legislature to allocate funding for high school teachers to keep their College in the Schools eligibility. The second resolution urges the legislature to allocate funding for school districts to develop innovative ideas to close the achievement gap. Mahtomedi school board members agreed to support the above resolutions.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Preliminary Levy - 2016 Pay 2017

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Rochel Manders, Director of Business Services recommended the adoption of the preliminary levy for 2017-18. The truth-in taxation hearing and final school board adoption of the levy will occur at the December 14, 2016, regular school board meeting. Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval to adopt the preliminary levy for 2017-18. Carried 5-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK