

Minutes of Study Session

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A Study Session of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held Thursday, April 28, 2016, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier (arrived 7:03 p.m.); Mary Jo Deters; Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio.

Also present: Beth Sneden, Professional Development and Special Education Supervisor; and Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 5-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District Presentation

Connie Hayes, Superintendent N. E. Metro 916 Intermediate School District, presented to school board members on District 916's current and future special education plans which included: the services they provide to 14 member districts, facilities updates on the Karner Blue Education Center, the Pankalo Education Center (opening Fall 2017) and the Capital View Center update (Fall 2018) and the Career and Tech Center offerings. Superintendent Hayes also discuss 916's collaboration with the University of MN and the Benson Foundation to increase the number of Special Education teachers.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Appointments and Expectations

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed with school board members the current

board meeting schedules and determined appointments for Q-Comp - Treasurer Kevin Donovan, this year's commencement ceremony speaker - Chair Lucy Payne and school board representatives for the district's Summer Data Retreat – members: Kevin Donovan, Julie McGraw and Mary Jo Deters with Lucy Payne as alternate.

B. School Board Retreat

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed with school board members possible topics for the school board retreat on July 14, 2016 which included: student stress and mental health, strategic planning for healthy lifestyle choices for students (which aligns with Mahtomedi Public Schools' goals and aspirations for all students), overall curriculum incorporating state standards and school board operating practices.

C. School Board Goals

Superintendent Mark Larson and school board members discussed the current school board goals, especially customer service with the goal of a students first mindset and the importance of improving customer service by engagement, listening and communication.

1. Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED)

SEED training is scheduled for the June Study Session meeting.

2. National School Board Association (NSBA) Update

Superintendent Mark Larson, Treasurer Kevin Donovan and school board director Judy Schwartz attended the National School Board Association (NSBA) annual conference in Boston this April and reported on some of the events they attended and the importance of continued school board professional development.

D. Legal and Legislative Update

Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed with school board members the Minnesota School Board Association's (MSBA) and the Association of Metropolitan School District's (AMSD) legislative platforms including the inequities in the Omnibus Tax Bill and the need for increasing tax referendum equalization levels. Superintendent Larson reviewed with school board members a possible new Post-Secondary Enrollment Option (PSEO) model with Century College and a proposed hockey arena lease with the Rink 2 Corporation.

6. ADJOURNMENT

McGraw moved, Chevalier seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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