

# Minutes of Regular Meeting

## The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

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A Regular of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held Thursday, October 8, 2015, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Judy Schwartz.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier; Mary Jo Deters; Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio; and Acadia Hegedus, school board student representative.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Deters moved to amend the agenda by adding 10. B. Approval of Mahtomedi High School National Honor Society Night on the Streets. Chevalier seconded. Carried. Donovan moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA – See #14 for Consent Agenda Items

- A. School Board Chair July Schwartz noted the \$7,662.36 in donations and expressed the school district's formal thank you. Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried

### 5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

#### A Student/Staff/Community Recognition

1. The following students were recognized by the school board and administration:
  - 2015 Carole Fargo Summer Enrichment Recipients in the Visual Arts: Joe Bance and James Unger. Not Present: Sarina Charpentier.
  - 2015 Wildwood Artist Series Summer Grant Recipients in the Performing Arts: Sarina Charpentier, Ally DesJardins, Aidan Flick and Megan Flick. Not present: Katie Hinseth, Annie

Hoffman, Ramsey Reynolds and Mitchell Richter.

- 2015 FABLAB 101 Student Educators: Leah Arnt, Colin Bergman and Kyle Bissonette. Not Present: Jade Geiger and Annika Hsu.
- 2. Superintendent Mark Larson expressed the school board/district's formal thank you to the Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association and the City of Mahtomedi for re-roofing the district out building by the District Education Center hockey rinks. The city supplied the dumpster and the association supplied the roofing materials and labor.

**B. Wildwood Elementary – The Toolbox Project**

Mark Hamre, Principal Wildwood Elementary, presented on The Toolbox Project a research-based, community-tested, social and emotional learning program targeted to elementary age youth that fosters the development of resilience, self-mastery and empathy for others through the use of 12 tools/human capacities.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Visitors attending the meeting who wish to address the school board on any issue that is on the agenda may do so at this time. Please refer to the last page for the procedure that has been established for public comments.

The following member of the audience spoke to the school board about:

Teacher Contract Negotiations: President of the Mahtomedi Teacher's Association, Adam Beyer.

**7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

**A. Acadia Hedegus, Student Representative**

School Board Student Representative Acadia Hegedus reported on the following events at Mahtomedi High School: The US Department of Education named Mahtomedi High School as a Blue Ribbon School for outstanding academic excellence, Homecoming Week, Fall Sports including this week's Pink Out Football game to support the Randy Shaver's Cancer Foundation.

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. September 10, 2015 - Regular Meeting**

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, approval of the minutes from the September 10, 2015, school board meeting. Carried

**B. September 24, 2015 - Study Session**

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2015, study session. Carried

**9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

**A. Calendar of Events**

Chair Judy Schwartz reviewed the calendar of events.

**B. Back to School Bashes**

Julie Rolling, Licensed Professional Counselor, presented on the Back to School Bash. She and Deb Lauer, ELL Teacher, took over this community outreach program three years ago. It is a combined effort of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and Majestic Pines Church, Mahtomedi Area Food Shelf, Lincoln Place Apartments, Woodland Townhomes, Mahtomedi Community Education and Preschool, School District Nurse, Megan McMahon and the Washington County Sheriff with donations from Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation and Festival Foods. This year they provided school supplies and backpacks to 86 students and helped parents complete school registration and emergency forms through an evening of fun events, prizes and pizza.

**C. Curriculum Review Update - Language Arts, FACS, Visual and Performing Arts**

Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability, reported on the goals of the curriculum improvement process which include answering the question "What do we want students to know and be able to do?" Other goals include: create opportunities, address external expectations, provide systematic review of programs, communications, identify what curriculum and materials will be used, create essential outcomes and determine a focus for in-service and staff development. During the 2015-16 school year the District Curriculum Advisory Committee and staff will review the Language Arts, Performing Arts (Music), Family & Consumer Science and Fine Arts Curriculum to insure meeting the expectations and goals set in the Mahtomedi School District Strategic Plan-World's Best workforce.

**D. Second Reading of the 600 Policies**

1. The following policies were brought for a second reading: 601 - School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals, 602 - Organization of School Calendar and School Day, 603 - Curriculum Development, 604 - Instructional Curriculum, 605 - Alternative Programs, 606 - Textbooks

and Instructional Materials, 606.1 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials Procedures, 606 - Appendix A, 606 - Appendix B, 606 - Appendix C, 607 - Organization of Grade Levels, 608 - Instructional Services - Special Education, 609 – Religion, 610 - Field Trips, 611 – Homeschooling, 612 - Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs, 613 Graduation Requirements, 615 - Testing Accommodations, Modifications and Exemptions for IEP's, Section 504 Plans and LEP Students, 620 - Credit for Online Learning, 624 - Online Learning Options, 698 - Controversial Issues. Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed changes that were made at the first reading to policies 601, 602, 604, 610, 613 and 620.

**E. District Education Center Playground**

Cathy Wyland, Community Education Director, reported on the new District Education Center Playground. She explained the need for a new playground because the current playground is at least 15 years old and vandalized slides had to be removed. The new playground will feature sliding and climbing areas. The estimated cost is \$20,000 which will be funded by Community Education and a \$1,000 Lion Clubs Donation.

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Approval of School Board and Superintendent Goals for 2015-2016**

Presenter: Mark Larson

Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, approval of the following school board and superintendent goals for 2015-2016:

**School Board**

- Visible and Active Role in the Community
- Continued Professional Development
- Work Outside the District to make Positive Change in the Larger Education Arena
- Convene a Customer Service Task Force

**Superintendent**

- Engage:
  - Communicate through various media the district vision
  - Hold staff listening sessions at each of the schools
  - Participate in the student experience
  - Lobby and meet with elected officials
  - Participate in the Chamber of Commerce
- Challenge:
  - Close achievement gap in reading
  - Identify a baseline of health indices for student and staff

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- Inspire:  
Individualization in instruction  
Foster a growth mind-set in students

Carried.

B. Approval of Mahtomedi High School National Honor Society Night on the Streets on October 24, 2015

Chevalier moved, Deters seconded, approval of Mahtomedi High School National Honor Society Night on the Streets on October 24, 2015 Carried.

## 11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

School Board Director Mike Chevalier reported that Governor Mark Dayton was presented with AMSD's 2015 Friends of Public Education award at the October Board of Director's meeting. Commissioner of Education Brenda Cassellius and the Governor's Chief of Staff Jaime Tincher accepted on his behalf. They discussed their hopes for the upcoming legislative session, believing education was funded below expectations, however the overall feeling was even with a 2 billion dollar budget surplus the legislature views education as funded and closed.

### B. Integration District: Educational Equity Alliance (EEA)

School Board Director Mary Jo Deters reported that EEA is still reorganizing and no meetings have taken place.

### C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported that the Fall area meetings have been well attended by school board members from across the state with state legislators now being invited. Two resolutions will be presented at the Delegate Assembly in December and Lucy Payne and Julie McGraw will serve as delegates. The resolution are 1. Encourage collaboration between K-12 Education and Higher Learning Institutions regarding faculty qualifications for teaching College in the Schools courses. 2. Urging the legislature to allocate funding to close the achievement gap by providing support for teachers and individual school districts to do action research.

### D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

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School Board Chair Judy Schwartz reported on the Career and Tech program statistics, improvements to Capitol View and attendees to the National School Board meeting. She will forward the 916 Talking Points.

### E. Other Items/Reports

None

## 12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark Larson reported on the following: three letters of congratulations on Mahtomedi High School's Blue Ribbon Award were received from Senator Al Franken, Representative Betty McCollum and U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan. Since 1982 Mahtomedi High School is only the ninth school in MN to receive this honor, the current curriculum review will not only focus on academic standards but also on future ready skills like creativity, curiosity and imagination.

## 13. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Carried.

## 14. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS (Items Approved Under #4)

### A. Approval of Treasurer's Report

### B. Approval to Pay Bills

1. Check Register 02 - Check No. 91715 and 388968 to 389272 and 80006451 to 80006533
2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000318 to 50000325

### C. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

### D. Approval of Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination

### E. Personnel

#### 1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements

- a. Ray Kirch - Interim Assistant Principal/Activities Director - Mahtomedi High School (9/21/2015 - 6/30/2016)
- b. Terrianne Voight - Paraprofessional - Mahtomedi High School (10/12/2015)

#### 2. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

- a. Matthew Menier - Assistant Principal/Activities Director - Mahtomedi High School (9/14/2015)

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- b. Melissa Richards - Paraprofessional - Mahtomedi High School  
(9/8/2015)

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