

Minutes of Study Session

Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Study Session** of the Board of Education of the Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, September 9, 2021**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Kelly Reagan; Stacey Stout; Tony Vosooney; Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, ex-officio.

Also present: Jeff Priess, Director of Finance and Operations, Leslie Lovas, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Alice Seuffert, Communications Coordinator, and Jennifer Reichel, Director of Teaching and Learning.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Stout moved, Donovan seconded, approval of agenda. Payne moved to amend the agenda by adding item 4.B. Secondary Re-Design Guiding Change. Donovan seconded, approval of amendment to the agenda. Amendment passes, Carried 6-0. Vote then on amended agenda. Carried 6-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Preliminary Levy Pay 22

Jeff Priess, Director of Finance, discussed the Preliminary Levy- Pay 22 to be paid in 2022-2023 with the school board members. Priess asked the school board that the proposed maximum be approved for the next board meeting September 23, 2021. Priess noted that the increase was .83% increase and that Capital Projects preliminary levy does exist in Pay 22, projects such as parking lots were paid with abatement funds. Priess also explained that operating per pupil is down and Pay 22 will adjust FY 20 because we now know that the exact pupil count. Priess reiterated that the Renewal is not a tax increase. Action needed will be again to approve the preliminary tax levy, the maximum level would provide the opportunity for minor calculation and or technical changes that can be made without the board. Truth-in-tax hearing will be in December when the actual amount will be certified.

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B. Secondary re-design

Superintendent Duffrin reviewed the same document that was discussed during the July 2021 retreat. Superintendent Duffrin explained that the only thing that is different from the original document is the focus question and the importance of the district remaining fiscally responsible. Superintendent Duffrin asked the School Board what they would like to see happen in this process; while letting them know that the Design team and Feedback Group finalize all their decisions prior to coming to the board with recommendations.

C. MSBA Legislative Proposals

Superintendent Duffrin had no new report but did mention School Board Clerk Julie McGraw and Activities Director Aaron Forsythe have been working on language for a resolution about the hockey program.

D. Superintendent and Board Goals

Superintendent Duffrin and school board members reviewed the 2021-2022 goals that will be approved on the September 23, 2021 school board meeting. Goals will continue to mirror each other. Superintendent Duffrin said that would include keeping students in a safe learning environment, creating a reciprocal relationship with community and staff while asking for more public participation. Also discussed was the on-going COVID-19 uncertainty.

5. CLOSE MEETING

Donovan moved, Vosooney seconded, approval to close meeting. Carried 6-0.

A. Discussion of Personnel Matter Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(a)- Superintendent End of Year Evaluation.

6. OPEN MEETING

Vosooney moved, Stout seconded. Carried 6-0. Meeting opened at 9:21 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved. McGraw seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

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