

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, August 8, 2019**, 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 Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; and Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, ex-officio. Not Present: Kevin Donovan and Stacey Stout.

Also present: Laura Eliason, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services; Julie Osterbauer, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; Susan Prather, O.H. Anderson Elementary Principal; Alice Seuffert, Communications Supervisor; Kyle Simonson, Hallberg Engineering; and Kelly Smith, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

McGraw moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 4-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. O.H. Anderson Elementary De-Humidification Project

Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services; Julie Osterbauer, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds; and Susan Prather, O.H. Anderson Elementary Principal, discussed the O.H. Anderson Elementary De-Humidification Project with school board members. The De-Humidification Project would improve the indoor air quality, humidity levels, increase security and improve the learning environment for students during the warmer months. Kyle Simonson, Hallberg Engineering Inc., explained the project would include needed electrical updates and extend the life/value of the school building. Kelly Smith, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, explained the timing is important on this project, as the economic advantages related to funds from the Fiscal Disparities Program through the Metropolitan Council would be for the Pay 2020 Levy only. Menozzi stated the Health & Safety Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Project would be financed with Non-Voter Approved General Obligation (GO) Facilities Maintenance Bonds, with a tax impact of less than \$10 for a residential homestead with a market value of \$350,000.

B. Strategic Planning

Superintendent Barbara Duffrin and Alice Seuffert, Communications Specialist, discussed strategic planning with school board members which included: honoring the process; result statements overview; themes of the strategic plan; the 2019-2020 learning and implementation themes and review of Agency and the building blocks for learning. The Strategic Plan will be brought for approval at the August 22 School Board Meeting and will be presented to district staff at the August 28 Welcome Back Event.

C. Superintendent Goals

Superintendent Duffrin and school board members reviewed/discussed the 2019-2020 superintendent goals which included: strengthen trusting relationships throughout the district, both internally and externally; implement the strategic plan; and provide clear information regarding budget development.

D. School Board Goals

Superintendent Duffrin and school board members reviewed/discussed the 2019-2020 school board goals which included: foster partnerships with the superintendent, staff and community; support the implementation of the strategic plan; and provide clear information regarding budget development.

E. Board Representation at School District Events

Superintendent Barbara Duffrin and school board members discussed several district events board members would attend, which include the new teachers' welcome on August 21 and the District-wide Welcome Back Event on August 28. School Board Chair Lucy Payne suggested a list of events be sent to board members, so they could sign up for the events they would attend throughout the school year.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Mahtomedi Public Schools Student and Family Handbook

Schwartz moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the 2019-2020 Mahtomedi Public Schools Student and Family Handbook. Carried 4-0. The revised Student and Family Handbook is available on the Mahtomedi School District website.

6. CLOSE MEETING

Payne moved, McGraw seconded, approval to table the discussion of labor negotiations strategies or developments in closed session, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 - Teacher Contract Negotiations to the August 22, 2019 school board meeting. Carried 4-0.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chevalier moved, Schwartz seconded, adjournment. Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK