

Minutes of Regular

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, March 10, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

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, Student Representative.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - See #16 for Consent Agenda Items

School Board Chair Lucy Payne noted the \$2,838.23 in donations and expressed the school board/district's formal thank you. Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried.

5. RECOGNITION

A. Student/Staff/Community Recognition

The following community member, students and staff were recognized by the school board and administration:

- Mahtomedi High School Parent Volunteer: Patti Murphy (not present).
- Mahtomedi Middle School Rotary Academic Achiever: Evan Christensen.
- Mahtomedi High School State Athletes and Coach:
Nordic Skiing: Libby Tuttle (not present).
Wrestling: Even Lawrence and Reid Lawrence. Not Present: Devin Fitzpatrick.
Alpine Skiing: Berit Thorson (not present).

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Gymnastics: Beth Kurkowski and Haley Oswald. Not Present: Olivia Hurt.

State A Gymnastics Coach of the Year: Debbie Driscoll.

- Career Skills Day: Student Ambassadors: Matt Fraser. Not Present: James Hart. Participants: Matt Bjork, Kristia Koeneman, Blake Roettger, John Tangen and Ben Wallerstedt. Not Present: Kyle McClernon, Kim Prax and Nathan Sterzinger, Job Coach: Michelle Hatcher.

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Career Skills Day

Nicole Loch, MHS work experience teacher, presented to the school board on Career Skills Day which is hosted by Washington County Community Transitions Interagency Committee (CTIC). CTIC is made up of work or transition coordinators from six Washington County School Districts and outside agencies that work to improve outcomes for students transitioning from school to adult life. Eight Mahtomedi students competed in interviewing skills, general knowledge, application skills and networked with vendors and peers. MHS senior John Tangen, placing first for general knowledge, shared his experience with the board.

B. Food Service

Julie Powers, Supervisor of Nutrition Services, presented to the school board on Food and Nutrition Services which included: USDA regulations, breakfast changes, smart snacks regulation, USDA professional standards and unpaid meal debt. Future plans include: new and improved menus, clean nutrition labels, whole muscle meats, variety, smarter lunchroom movements strategies and second chance breakfast opportunities.

C. Art Therapy

Julie Rolling, licensed professional counselor, explained to the board how Group Art Therapy is being piloted at O.H. Anderson Elementary for special education students. Art Therapy is a psychotherapy where art is used in various ways focusing on the process, not product to give students a venue to tackle and address issues in a creative way. Rolling gave examples of 3D Village Sculptures allowing students to share who their villages involve and Lego home building let students discuss putting up walls. The goal is teaching skills the students can use to increase self-regulation and mood stability leading to a greater degree of academic engagement.

D. Middle School Engineering Classes

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John Krause, engineering teacher, presented to the school board on the middle school engineering curriculum which includes: sixth grade - Design & Make 1, seventh grade - Design & Make 2, eighth grade – MS Fab Lab and eighth grade elective - Crime Scene Investigation (CSI). The courses start with exploring what engineering is, 2D and 3D design, software design, lasering, Lego robotics with advanced curriculum in the progressing grades to include 3D software and printing, coding in Javascript through Kahn Academy, robotics coding and 2D & 3D design and fabrication. CSI allows students to explore evidence by analyzing fingerprints, blood and DNA to solve the crime. The goal is to teach students to explore, develop, evaluate and share through this continuously improving curriculum.

E. Homeless Liaison

Julie Rolling, licensed professional counselor, updated the board on her role as homeless liaison, the rise in homelessness, the McKinney-Vento Act, the definition of homelessness and the districts responsibilities which include: transportation, free breakfast and lunch, maintaining after school activities/sports and help with school supplies, clothes and hygiene needs. The goal is to remove barriers to enrollment, attendance and success for homeless students.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Policy #509 – Enrollment of Nonresident Students – Bob Zick

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Policy #616 - School District Accountability – Larry Lanoux

8. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

School Board Student Representative Acadia Hegedus reported on the following events at Mahtomedi High School: winter sports, math team going to State, Night at the Theater fundraiser, new National Honor Society students, first addition of the school newspaper – the Zephyr Press and students excited for Spring Break.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 11, 2016 - Regular Meeting & February 25, 2016 - Study Session

Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of the minutes from the February 11, 2016, regular school board meeting and the minutes from the February 25, 2016, school board study session. Carried.

10. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

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A. Calendar of Events

Chair Lucy Payne reviewed the calendar of events.

B. First Reading of Annually Reviewed Policies and Policies #210, #509 ,#604 and #714

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed the required annual review of certain policies and the changes to Policy #210-Conflict of Interest to include all employees, Policy #509-Enrollment of Nonresident Students to include a third proof of residency/voter registration and the MSHSL eligibility information, Policy #604- Instructional Curriculum to separate math and science, include inclusive wording and return elementary and middle school art areas to four: dance, music, theater and visual arts and Policy #714-Fund Balance to maintain an 8% reserve in the general fund. Second reading of these policies will be at the April 14, 2016 school board meeting.

11. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Revised 2015-2016 Budget

Schwartz moved, Deters seconded, approval of the revised 2015-2016 budget. Carried.

B. Approval of 2016-2017 Achievement and Integration Budget

Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, approval of the 2016-2017 integration budget. Carried.

12. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

School Board Director Mike Chevalier reported on March 4th Legislative Session Preview which included topics on transportation and adding the language of open enrollment preference for employees' children.

B. Integration District: Educational Equity Alliance (EEA)

School Board Director Mary Jo Deters reported on the upcoming school board SEED training.

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported on the busy start to the legislative session with the \$900,000 budget surplus, Governor Dayton's early

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childhood program and the new law regarding the cost of a special election for school board member changes. He will be attending the upcoming NSBA Conference with Superintendent Larson and School Board Director Schwartz.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

School Board Director Judy Schwartz reported on the addition the St. Anthony School District to the 916 Board that now includes 14 member districts and noted the 916 Talking Points are included in the board packet.

E. Other Items/Reports

1. Finance Committee Meeting

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported the committee reviewed the revised 2015-16 budget, the 8% Fund Balance and the recommendation of regular communication with the community and staff through the Globe Newsletter regarding the school district finances.

2. Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) Meeting

School Board Vice Chair/Clerk Julie McGraw reported on the February MAEF meeting announcing the new Development Director Kelley Unger, requests for over \$200,000 in grants with \$86,698 in grants awarded, ninety-nine student scholarship applications have been received and the April 9th MAEF Gala.

3. City Leaders Meeting

School Board Chair Lucy Payne reported on shared issues with our neighboring cities: Hugo has a proposed new housing development, Community Education is working on the safe routes to school project and the RITE to Spring event on April 23rd, White Bear Lake discussed the lake's water situation, Race to Reduce and a possible trail around White Bear Lake, Willernie's annual Applewood Golf Tournament is August 6th.

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark Larson reported on the following: outstanding student academic and athletic achievements, the fund balance policy and budget report, MAEF, consolidation of the Mahtomedi and Stillwater school districts, student stress.

14. RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE MAHTOMEDI AND STILLWATER SCHOOL DISTRICTS

McGraw moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the resolution stating consolidation

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has never been discussed nor has it ever been of any interest to the board. The board's full intent is to make Mahtomedi the best school district possible and combining with the Stillwater School District would not help us reach our goals. Carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. Carried.

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

A. Approval of Treasurer's Report

B. Approval to Pay Bills

1. Check Register 02 - Check No. 390671 to 390935 and 80006932 to 80007017
2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000362 to 50000366

C. Wire Transfer Transactions

D. Personnel

1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements
 - a. Phia Thao - Cleaner - Mahtomedi High School (2/16/2016)
 - b. Carly Vail - English/ Language Arts Teacher LTS- Mahtomedi High School (2/29/2016)
2. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
 - a. Virginia Green - Music Teacher - Wildwood Elementary (6/10/2016)
 - b. Susan Kluegel - English/Language Arts Teacher - Mahtomedi Middle School (6/10/2016)
3. Approval of Leaves of Absence
 - a. Christy Anderson - Fifth Grade Teacher - O.H. Anderson Elementary (3/21/2016 - 5/6/2016)
 - b. Elizabeth Haen - English/Language Arts Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (2/25/2016-6/10/2016)

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK