

# Minutes of Study Session

## The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

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A Study Session of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held Thursday, January 26, 2017, 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 (arrived at 8:10 p.m.) Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout; Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio. Absent: Kevin Donovan.

Also present: Nicole Flesner, Human Resources Supervisor, Ray Kirch, Activities Director; Kathe Nickleby, Mahtomedi High School Principal, Beth Sneden, Professional Development and Special Education Supervisor; and Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Payne moved to amend the agenda by adding Item 6.B. Budget Reductions. McGraw seconded. Carried 4-0. Schwartz moved, McGraw seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 4-0.

### 4. CLOSE MEETING

Payne moved, McGraw seconded, approval to close meeting. Carried 4-0. Meeting closed at 7:03 p.m.

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

### 5. OPEN MEETING

Schwartz moved, Stout seconded, approval to open meeting. Carried 4-0. Meeting opened at 8:05 p.m.

## 6. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

### A. Mahtomedi High School Activity Fees

Ray Kirch, Activities Director, reviewed with school board members activity fees, ticket prices, the activities budget, 7<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade sports, 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade sports, ratio of participants and coaches, and play-up procedures all in comparison to other local and similar school districts. Student scholarships/financial assistance and a draft of the Mahtomedi Zephyr Team/Parent Handbook were also discussed. Kirch will recommend new activity fees and ticket prices at the February 9 school board meeting and report to the school board again at the February 23 study session with updates to the handbook and the high school playing up philosophy.

### B. 2017-2018 Open Enrollment

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed with school board members the historical data on open enrollment and resident enrollment; the average size of Mahtomedi elementary classrooms in comparison with the Metro ECSU average; the target enrollment for the district; a new housing development in Hugo; the projected enrollment numbers for the 2017-2018 school year and the recommendations that will be brought forward to the February 9 school board meeting. The district received 245 open enrollment applications during Window #1 (September 6, 2016 - January 13, 2017).

### C. Mid-Year Review of School Board Goals

Payne moved, Chevalier seconded, to table mid-year review of school board goals to future meeting. Carried 5-0.

### D. Budget Reductions

Superintendent Larson and school board members discussed possible budget cuts. Larson will prepare a budget reduction report for discussion at the February 23, study session where the 2017-2018 preliminary budget will also be discussed.

## 7. CLOSE MEETING

### A. Discussion of labor negotiations strategies or developments in closed session, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 - Superintendent Contract Negotiations

Payne moved, Chevalier seconded, to table superintendent contract negotiations to a special school board meeting on February 9, at 5:30 p.m. Carried 5-0.

## 8. OPEN MEETING

9. ADJOURNMENT

McGraw moved, Chevalier seconded, adjournment. Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK