



INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 763  
MEDFORD, MN 55049  
August 17, 2020

The regular meeting of the Medford Board of Education was called to order by Ms. Berg, Chair, at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center of the Medford School. Members present were Mr. Anhorn, Ms. Berg, Ms. Chambers, Ms. Jones, Ms. Winkels and Superintendent Ristau. Ms. Janke and Mr. Sutherland were absent.

Motion by Ms. Jones, second by Ms. Winkels, to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

There was no public input or recognition.

Motion by Ms. Berg, second by Ms. Chambers, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. Expense Reports carried 4-0-1 abstained.

- 5) 5. Consent Agenda
  - a) Correction and approval of minutes
  - b) Claims and Treasurer's Reports
  - c) Expense Reports
  - d) Personnel
    - i) Resignations/Retirements/Terminations
    - ii) Employment
    - iii) Leave of Absence
  - e) Gifts and Donations
  - f) Written Reports
    - i) Secondary Principal – Mr. Babcock reported on several items. Notable changes to the handbook included facemasks in the clothing policy, NHS status for significant discipline, and the teachers' services section. Updates were provided on SEL and Social Studies curriculum. Students will be split up alphabetically. An update was provided on teaching models for in person and distance being combined.

ii) Elementary Principal – Mr. Carlson reported on several items. A mask policy was also added to the handbook similar to the high school. An update was provided on Social Studies curriculum. The school year will be starting in person but there will be changes to lunch, recess, and special classes. Mr. Carlson emphasized student safety, the need to be flexible and working together.

ii) Dashir Management

iii) Athletic Director – Mr. Werk presented a fall sports update to the board. MSHSL task force had two options. Reduce and keep in fall or reduce and move to spring. They decided on the latter. For Medford the only fall sport to continue was boys and girls cross country. Cross country was able to secure a home conference meet. There is fall practices for all sports being played in the spring. Updates were presented on guidelines and regulations from MSHSL. If a school has to go to full distance learning, then sports can't be played.

Mr. Ristau reported on the following:

I. Enrollment-921

II. Status Report on Refunding of Existing Bonds

III. Mr. Ristau went over county case numbers. Will work with county if numbers are very close between two teaching methods. Schools are allowed five days to plan if needed throughout the year.

Motion by Ms. Berg, second by Ms. Winkels, to approve 2020-2021 Elementary School Faculty Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Anhorn, to approve 2020-2021 Elementary School Parent & Student Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Berg, second by Ms. Chambers, to approve 2020-2021 High School Faculty Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Anhorn, second by Ms. Jones, to approve 2020-2021 High School Parent & Student Handbook. Motion carried.

Facility Usage was discussed. Discussion involved taking it at a case by case basis. No inside activities but outside activities could be a possibility.

Motion by Ms. Berg, second by Ms. Jones, to approve Covid 19 Face Covering Policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Anhorn, second by Ms. Chambers, to approve Waseca 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Billing Contract – Tracy Helms. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Anhorn, to approve Snow Removal Bids – Hagen Excavation. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Berg, second by Ms. Jones, to start the elementary in the in-person method and the high school in the hybrid method. Motion carried.

Mr. Wagner provided a special education update to the board. Elementary will be easier because they will be in the in person method while the high school will be more challenging because they will be in the hybrid method. They do have the ability to pull students into the building if needed even if they are in the hybrid method.

There were no Board or Superintendent announcements.

I. September 21, 2020

Motion by Ms. Janke, second by Ms. Winkels, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried.

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Jackie Berg, Chair

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Jennifer Jones, Clerk