

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Education of the Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, November 13, 2014**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Judy Schwartz.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio; and Carter Hill, school board student representative. Absent: Cathy Dalton and Mary Jo Deters.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donovan moved, Payne seconded, approval of the agenda. Agenda item 10. A. Approval of 2013-2014 Audit was moved to the December 11 school board meeting. Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - See #14 for Consent Agenda Items

School Board Chair Judy Schwartz noted the \$7,151 in donations and expressed the school board/district's formal thank you. McGraw moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried.

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Student/Staff/Community Recognition

Wildwood Elementary School – Recognized by *Finance and Commerce* magazine as one of the top projects of 2013 and recipient of Brown Space Award for environmental cleanup.

B. Bob Donohoe, School Board

Former school board member Bob Donohoe, who resigned July 1, 2014, was recognized for his contributions to the school board. During his 3 ½ years of service, Donohoe served as treasurer, chair, was on the Finance Committee, and represented the school district at the Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD),

Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), and Technology and Information Educational Services (TIES). School board members and Superintendent Larson thanked Donohoe for his commitment to the Mahtomedi School District. Donohoe received an engraved school bell in recognition of his years of service.

C. Community Education - Preschool Program

Carrie Cabe, Director of Community Education, and Diane Tich, Early Childhood Coordinator, spoke to the school board about the early childhood programs which include Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Early Childhood Screening (ECS), Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE), Mahtomedi Area Preschool (MAP), and School Readiness (SR). Cabe and Tich gave a brief overview of what each program entails, goals, participation numbers, online registration, and also spoke about the St. John's Collaborative, four-star Parent Aware program, and the Weekend Backpack program.

D. Mahtomedi Middle School - Math Strategies

Paul Beggin, counselor, and Alyssa Morgan, math teacher, spoke about their Math Strategies course for students at Mahtomedi Middle School. Beggin and Morgan showed school board members how their interactive Google website that they created works. This course is for Tier II students.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. Carter Hill, Student Representative

School Board Student Representative Carter Hill reported on the following events at Mahtomedi High School: Trick or Can Food Drive, NHS Blood Drive, fall sports wrap up, beginning of winter sports, and the end of 1st quarter.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 9, 2014 - Regular Meeting

Donovan moved, Payne seconded, approval of the minutes from the October 9, 2014, school board meeting. Carried.

B. October 23, 2014 - Study Session

Donovan moved, Payne seconded, approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2014, study session. Carried.

C. October 28, 2014 - Special Meeting

Donovan moved, Payne seconded, approval of the minutes from the October 28, 2014, special meeting. Carried.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Calendar of Events

Chair Judy Schwartz reviewed with school board members the calendar of events.

B. FamilyMeans (mental health)

Beth Sneden, Supervisor of Professional Practice and Development and Special Education, introduced Pat Rogers and Melissa Kucharski from FamilyMeans. Rogers and Kucharski gave a general overview about the school-linked mental health grant (SLMH) that was applied for and received, the history of Family Means, therapists at Mahtomedi schools, students that would benefit from the services, confidentiality, referrals & collaboration with school/community providers/aftercare, staff consultation, summer services, and funding.

C. Staff Development

Beth Sneden, Supervisor of Professional Practice and Development and Special Education, gave school board members an overview of staff development which included: Minnesota Statute requires reserved revenue for staff development and what can be funded with that funding, who determines staff development needs, learning communities, teacher leadership, resources, data, learning designs, implementation, outcomes, World's Best Workforce legislation, bullying legislation, all staff assessment literate, mentoring, and support for staff.

D. Second Reading of Policies

1. Policy 510 - School Activities

Superintendent Mark Larson stated that there were no changes made to Policy 510-School Activities at the first reading on October 23 and the policy will be brought back for approval at the December 11 school board meeting.

2. Policy 528 - Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination

Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed with school board members the changes made to Policy 528-Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Non-discrimination after it was reviewed at the October 23 study session. Policy 528 will be brought back for approval at the December 11 school board meeting.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of 2013-2014 Audit

Moved to December 11, 2014 school board meeting.

B. Approval of Resolutions Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District General Election and Special Election to Fill Vacancy

At the general election held on November 4, 2014, three school board seats were open for four-year terms. The vote totals were as follows: Julie McGraw – 4,079, Kevin Donovan – 4,012, and Mike Chevalier – 3,438. School board member Donovan was reelected, school board member McGraw was elected, and Chevalier was elected. School Board member Cathy Dalton did not seek reelection. Terms will begin January 5, 2015. Payne moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the resolution canvassing returns of votes of school district general election. Carried.

At the special election held in conjunction with the general election on November 4, 2014, one school board seat was open to fill vacancy in term expiring January 2, 2017. The vote totals were as follows: Lucy Payne – 2,914 and Julio Fesser – 2,467. School board member Payne was elected. Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, approval of resolution canvassing returns of votes of school district special election to fill vacancy. Carried.

C. Approval of Resolution Canvassing Returns of Special Election

The school board reviewed the referendum revenue authorization results of the special election held in conjunction with the general election on November 4, 2014. The ballot question received approval of a majority of the votes cast with 3,754 yes votes and 3,466 no votes. Schwartz moved, McGraw seconded, approval of resolution canvassing returns of votes of school district special election. Carried.

D. Approval of Open Enrollment Task Force

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed with school board members the forming of an open enrollment task force to examine resident and non-resident enrollment data and trends, current open enrollment acceptance rates, and open enrollment policy and practices. Payne moved, Donovan seconded, approval of forming an open enrollment task force. Carried.

E. Approval of Policy

1. Policy 903 - Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed with school board members the changes made to Policy 903-Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites after it was reviewed at the October 23 study session. Donovan moved, Payne seconded, approval of Policy 903-Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites. Carried.

11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

School Board Director Lucy Payne reported on the most recent AMSD meeting which included a presentation on closing the achievement gap, upcoming legislative platform, and the upcoming AMSD conference.

B. Integration District: Educational Equity Alliance (EEA)

None.

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported on the delegate assembly, upcoming MSBA Winter Conference where Donovan will receive the gavel, and the upcoming MSBA Executive Committee's federal advocacy weekend in Washington DC.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

School Board Director Lucy Payne reported on the most recent 916 meeting and the Talking Points included in the packet.

E. Other Items/Reports

Community Education Advisory Council looking for members including students.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark Larson reported on the following: College in the Schools (CIS), refinancing of 2010 bond (new Wildwood and remodeling at OHA, MMS, MHS) which will result in a 2.7 million dollar savings over 17 years of the bond, bullying prohibition Quick Tip link, and read a thank you to the school board from National Honor Society (NHS) for support of National Night on the Streets.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Payne seconded, adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m. Carried.

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

A. Approval of Treasurer's Report

B. Approval to Pay Bills

1. Check Register 02 - Check No. 385635 to 386045 and 80005426 to 80005519
2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000259 to 50000268

C. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

D. Approval of Donations/Grants - Totaling \$7,151

All donations and grants are greatly appreciated. The use of these funds will be to further the mission of the school district and are used towards the wishes of the donor.

1. From North Oaks Golf Club, Inc. to Mahtomedi High School Drama Club - \$1,000
2. From TCF National Bank to Mahtomedi High School Football Program - \$1,000
3. From Wildwood Lions to Mahtomedi Public Schools - \$1,000
4. From Anonymous to Wildwood Elementary School First Grade Program - \$916
5. From Eric Sowada to Mahtomedi High School Boys' Hockey Program - \$600
6. From Daniel May to Mahtomedi Boys' Hockey Program - \$575
7. From Hampton Exteriors LLC to Mahtomedi High School Boys' Hockey Program - \$540
8. From Myhre Holdings, Inc. to Mahtomedi High School Boys' Hockey Program - \$500
9. From Paul and Lisa Slack to Mahtomedi High School Boy's Hockey Program - \$500
10. From Target Marketing Reps LLC to Mahtomedi High School Boys Hockey Program \$270
11. From WDGY Radio to Mahtomedi High School Boy's Hockey Program - \$250

E. Personnel

1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements

- a. Adam Gemuenden - Grounds Maintenance - District Wide (10/27/14)
- b. Melissa Richards - Paraprofessional - Mahtomedi High School (11/3/14)

2. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

- a. Amy Carlson - Community Education Secretary - Community Education (10/30/14)

KEVIN P. DONOVAN, ACTING CLERK

Public notice for solicitation of bids, requests for quotes, and requests for proposals are located on the ISD 832 website, www.mahtomedi.k12.mn.us.