

Minutes of Study Session

Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Study Session** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, August 25, 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 (arrived 7:03 p.m.); Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw, Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio.

Also present: Beth Sneden, Professional Development and Special Education Supervisor; and Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of agenda. Carried 6-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Equity Update

Dr. Mark Larson, Superintendent, updated the school board members on the Mahtomedi District Leadership Racial Justice Training conducted by Dr. Heather Hackman of Hackman Consulting Group on August 18, 2016. The administration will have 3 additional days of training, school board members will have a 4 hour training session and district staff will be trained at a future date. Dr. Larson explained the administration must be leaders in implementing social/racial justice and that it is the right work to do. Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability, commented on the recent back to school bash for low income students living in the Mahtomedi School District providing them with backpacks, school supplies and internet access with the help of Comcast and a MAEF grant to help create equal access.

B. Strategic Plan and Goals

Dr. Mark Larson, Superintendent, Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability and Beth Sneden, Professional Development and Special Education Supervisor, discussed the district's strategic plan and goals with school board members. The strategic plan and goals are based on the district's vision statement to engage, challenge and inspire through the lens of equity, growth mindset and future ready skills with a focus on creativity, innovation and healthy behaviors to insure all students are college and career ready.

C. School Board Goals

Superintendent Mark Larson and school board members discussed various ideas for the 2016-2017 school board goals and superintendent goals also based on the district's vision statement to engage, challenge and inspire students, staff and the community.

D. Former School Board Member Recognitions

Superintendent Mark Larson and school board members discussed an event to be held on October 13th to recognize former school board members.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chevalier moved, Stout seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK