

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, October 11, 2018**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Judy Schwartz.

3. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier; Kevin Donovan; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout (arrived 7:03 p.m.); Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, ex-officio and Makayla Fischer, (substitute for Luke Wisniewski) school board student representative. Not Present: Julie McGraw.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, approval of agenda. Carried 4-0.

5. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

School Board Chair Judy Schwartz noted the \$1,800.00 in donations and expressed the school district's formal thank you. Donovan moved, Payne seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried 4-0.

A. Approval of Donations/Grants Totaling \$1,800.00

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 an Anonymous Donor to Mahtomedi Football - \$1,000.00
2. From Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) to the Mahtomedi Angel Fund - \$300.00

3. From Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) to Fan Media Center Upgrades - \$500.00

6. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Student/Staff/Community Recognition

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

- Teacher of the Year - Michlyn Newman
- Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics & Science Teaching (PAEMST) MN Finalist - Trish Haugh
- 2019 National Merit Program Semifinalists: Thomas Atkins, Abigail Halverson, William Malinowski and Emma Nelson.
- 2019 National Merit Program Commended Students: Christine Brennan, Calvin Molitor and Emma Shores.

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

- A. School Board Student Representative Makayla Fischer (substitute) reported on the following events at Mahtomedi Schools: Wildwood Elementary Zephyr Spirit Day, Kindergarten Gingerbread Day and field trip to the Mahtomedi Fire Station; O.H. Anderson Elementary Bus Evacuation Day and the Fifth Grade field trip to Warner Nature Center; Mahtomedi Middle School participation in the October Bully Prevention Month, Spirit Days and dance; Mahtomedi High School sports, Spirit Days, homecoming football game and dance and the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT).

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 13, 2018 - Regular Meeting

Chevalier moved, Stout seconded, approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2018, regular school board meeting. Carried 5-0.

B. September 27, 2018 - Study Session

Chevalier moved, Stout seconded, approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2018, study session. Carried 5-0.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

B. District Data Highlights

Lynne Viker, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, introduced Christina Boice, Data Assessment Specialist and explained the district collects data to monitor student achievement/progress and improve programing; to meet legislative reporting requirements for the World's Best Work Force (WBWF) and the new North Star Accountability System; and to receive various funding. Boice explained the five indicators the MN Department of Education (MDE) uses to recognize schools for excellence or those needing support which include: academic achievement, progress towards English language proficiency, graduation rates, academic progress and attendance. Viker reported on the WBWF goals which are: school readiness, reading by grade 3, closing the achievement gap, career/college ready and graduation rates. School board members were updated on the district's MCA Math, Reading and Science tests results compared to the State results from 2014-2018 and what is being implemented to close the achievement gap between special education/free and reduced lunch students and other students. The district's Grade 11 average composite ACT scores from 2013-2018 compared to the State's results and the 2018 Advanced Placement test results were also presented. Boice explained MDE's increased focus on the whole child with the North Star Accountability System and how social emotional learning is being implemented in all grades in the Mahtomedi School District, along with efforts to increase student attendance, which is showing positive results in reducing the number of at risk students.

C. Mahtomedi Community Education Facilities Improvements

Cathy Wyland, Mahtomedi Community Education Director, reported for the last 3 years Community Education has been working with various community groups such as the Mahtomedi Baseball, Basketball, Hockey, Lacrosse and Softball Associations, along with the Building & Grounds Department and school staff to improve various facilities throughout the district. Wyland highlighted a few of the 2017-2018 improvements which included: a new hand washing fountain for early childhood, navigational signage at the Middle School, added acrylic plexiglass to 5 ticket booths, added matching dugout covers to 3 ballfields, repaired fencing and a new gate at the hockey rinks and a new softball scoreboard (thanks to an anonymous donor). Wyland shared pictures of the renovation of the gym at the District Education Center, which included a new floor surface for a pickle ball court and an early childhood permanent playground structure. All improvements were paid for with Community Education funds along with help from the City of Mahtomedi and Community Groups.

10. ACTION ITEMS - There are no action items this month.

11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

Mike Chevalier, School Board Director, reported on the recent AMSD meeting which included a question and answer session with MN gubernatorial candidates Tim Walz and Jeff Johnson regarding education and funding.

B. Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF)

Kevin Donovan, School Board Director, reported on MAEF's Fall Fund Drive, Morning with MAEF at Mahtomedi High School on October 24 and MAEF's 30th Anniversary Celebration at Dellwood Country Club on November 9, 2018.

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

Lucy Payne, School Board Director, reported she attended MSBA's first Metro Coffee and Conversation Meeting. Both she and Julie McGraw, MSBA Delegate, will be attending the Delegate Assembly on November 30 and December 1. Included in the packet is a schedule of upcoming MSBA learning opportunities and events. MSBA Executive Director responded to an opinion piece in the Star Tribune Newspaper, a link was shared with school board members. Payne thanked Alice Seuffert, Mahtomedi Communication Specialist, for her work publishing information about the Mahtomedi School District.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

Judy Schwartz, School Board Chair, reported the 916 Talking Points were included in the packet.

E. School Board Subcommittee Reports

None.

F. Other Items/Reports

School Board Director Lucy Payne reported on the last Curriculum Advisory Committee Meeting where district data was reviewed. The committee is looking for parents or community members to serve on the Curriculum Advisory Committee. Please contact Assistant Superintendent of Learning Lynne Viker if you are interested.

School Board Treasurer Stacey Stout reported on the community luncheons, the upcoming TEDx Mahtomedi Event on October 28 and the MahtoREADi Event on November 5. MAEF is subsidizing student tickets for the TEDx Mahtomedi Event.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Barbara Duffrin reported four 7th grade students: Katherine Bennett, Christina Graebner, Lucy Ross, Korinne Smith and two 8th grade students: Aleksa Atkinson, Ethan Hautman were selected to be in the American Choral Directors Association MN State Honor Choir, which will perform at St. Andrews Church on November 17th. The Mahtomedi Area Preschool (MAP) received a 4 Star (highest) Parent Aware rating and Mahtomedi Adventure Club (MAC) received certification as a MN Department of Human Services child care site. Superintendent Duffrin thanked Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services and Julie Osterbauer, Building and Grounds Supervisor, for submitting an application for school safety grants to the MN Department of Education. The Mahtomedi School District was granted \$41,000 for securing entrances and communications at O.H. Anderson Elementary. The next upcoming Community Levy Meetings are on October 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the Wildwood Elementary Media Center and on October 29 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mahtomedi High School Media Center.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

A. Approval of Treasurer's Report
None.

B. Approval to Pay Bills

1. Check Register 02 - Check No. 400004 to 400359 and 80009843 to 80009912
2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000533 to 500000538

C. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

D. Approval of Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination

Completed and submitted electronically on the MN Department of Education Website by Nicole Flesner, Human Resource Supervisor.

E. Personnel

1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements

- a. Victoria Fleming - Lunchroom Paraprofessional - Mahtomedi Middle School (2018-2019)

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- b. Heather Buckmayer - Special Education Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) -
Mahtomedi Middle School (2018-2019)

LUCY PAYNE, ACTING CLERK