

Minutes of Study Session

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Study Session** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, February 23, 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; Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio.

Also present: Ray Kirch, Director of Student Activities; Todd Netzke, Interim Director of Business Services; Robert Pontious, Equity and MCP Coordinator; 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 Discussion of labor negotiations strategies or developments in closed session, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.03 - Superintendent Contract Negotiations. McGraw seconded. Carried 6-0. Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 6-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. High School Activities - Playing Up Philosophy and Recommendations

Ray Kirch, Director of Student Activities, discussed with school board members the playing up philosophy for middle school student athletes to play on high school teams and reviewed other metro area high schools' policies/procedures. Kirch will develop a policy/procedure for Mahtomedi High School to be included in the Zephyr Team/Parent Handbook.

B. Budget: 2016-2017 Revised, 2017-18 Outlook and Five Year Forecast, Reductions

Todd Netzke, Interim Director of Business Services, presented a revised 2016-2017 budget. Netzke discussed the 2017 Legislative Session's education tax credits and scholarships, Governor Dayton's funding plan, Long Term Facilities Maintenance revenue and student enrollment. Netzke reviewed the revenue and expenditure changes made to the General Fund, Food Service Fund, Community Education Fund, Debt Service Funds, Internal Service Fund and OPEB Trust Fund. Recommended budget reductions will be presented at the March School Board Study Session.

C. Integration Budget Update

Robert Pontious, Diversity and MCP Coordinator, explained the 2017-2020 Achievement and Integration Goals: to reduce the proficiency gap, all third grade students achieving grade-level literacy and school climate/student connectedness. The Mahtomedi School District has a partnership with the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District through the Education Equity Alliance (EEA). Pontious discussed how the funding received for achievement and integration is being used: Students (80%) - Climb Theater, Positive Peers, Summer Camps, Youth Leadership Council, Students Working to close the Achievement Gap (SWAG) mentoring, Young/Growing Scholars classes, Affinity Groups and Outreach/Family Engagement; Staff (20%)- Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED) classes/workshops, cross district trainings/professional development (formative assessments, responsive classroom, balanced literacy) Nexus Leadership Program and Equity/Restorative Justice Training.

D. Length of School Day and Calendar Changes

Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability, discussed with school board members the need for more time for Professional Learning Committees (PLCs), professional development and individual elementary reading and math assessments (K-5). Viker proposed 3 - two hour early release days each year for the PLC's/professional development and no school for grades K-5 on September 27, 2017 and October 4, 2017 for the individual elementary assessments. Viker explained 5 minutes would be added to the school day to make up for the early release time. School board members requested more information on the cost of possible increased staff for Mahtomedi Adventure Club (MAC) daycare and suggested the early release days be on Fridays.

5. CLOSE MEETING

Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, approval to close meeting. Carried 6-0. Meeting closed at 9:33 p.m.

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

6. OPEN MEETING

Stout moved, McGraw seconded, approval to open meeting. Carried 6-0. Meeting opened at 9:58 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK