

Minutes of Regular

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, October 13, 2016**, 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 School Board Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier; Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout; Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio; and Audrey Anfang, school board student representative.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

School Board Chair Lucy Payne noted the \$3,695.00 in donations and expressed the school board/district's formal thank you. Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried 6-0.

A. Approval of Donations/Grants Totaling \$3,695.00

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 Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson Elementary Paper & Office Supplies - \$150.00
2. From Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign to Mahtomedi Middle School - \$65.00
3. From Jasmine Gibson to Mahtomedi High School Trip Donation - \$80.00
4. From Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson Elementary Brain Pop Subscription - \$1,695.00

5. From Mahtomedi PTO to Wildwood Elementary Discovery Education Subscription - \$1,600.00

6. From Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign to Wildwood Elementary - \$105.00

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation – Annual Fall Pledge Drive

Mike Connolly, President of the Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF), reported that MAEF is gearing up for its annual Fall fund drive. MAEF funds three main areas: grants for teachers and classrooms, student scholarships and sponsorships including basic needs. MAEF dispersed \$176,000 last school year.

B. 2016-2017 Wildwood Artist Series

Ellie Bruner, President of the Wildwood Artist Series (WAS), reported on its history, performances and its future. The Wildwood Artist Series was founded in 1991 and its mission is to provide quality, diverse, family appropriate performing arts events and encourage an appreciation of the fine arts in the community. WAS is proud to present national and international professional performers in the schools and for the community at Chautauqua Fine Arts Center. The Wildwood Artist Series has also provided scholarships to students and this school year will sponsor a week long artist in residency at Wildwood Elementary School with the future goal of providing an artist in residence at each of Mahtomedi Schools. After 26 years of service Ms. Burner is looking for a Vice Present to take over the Series.

More information on performances and tickets can be found on their website:

www.wildwoodartistseries.com

C. Student/Staff/Community Recognition

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

- Teacher of the Year: Anastasia Eldredge.
- Carole Fargo Summer Enrichment Recipients: Molly Chevalier. Not Present: Sarina Charpentier and Owen Brummel.
- 2017 National Merit Program Commended Students: Nathan Haugen, Anne Hoffman, Benjamin Nelson and Jillian Olson. Not Present: Kasey Lenarz, Marcella Manivel,
- 2017 National Merit Program Semifinalist: Thomas Richardson.
- Mahtomedi High School Student Leadership Council (SLC) and Advisor and Homecoming Parade Coordinator: SLC Presidents: Annika Hsu and Erin Hoffman; Vice Presidents: Acadia Hegadus and Chase Sullivan. Not Present: SLC Advisor: Jim Lane; Homecoming

Parade Coordinator: Craig Mickelson.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. Audrey Anfang, Student Representative

School Board Student Representative Audrey Anfang reported on the following events at Mahtomedi High School: High School Sports, Student Leadership Counsel's Fundraiser "Tackle Cancer" in conjunction with KARE 11's Randy Shaver raised almost \$7000 which was presented at the October 7th Pink Out Football Game and the Interact Club's Spirit Wear Drive.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 8, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the minutes from the September 8, 2016, school board meeting. Carried 6-0.

B. September 22, 2016 - Study Session

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the minutes from the September 22, 2016, study session. Carried 6-0.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

B. Curriculum Review Update - Music K-12

The K-12 Music Department: Kathy Schwister and Jen Seckora, Wildwood Elementary; Brett Smith, O.H. Anderson Elementary; Linda Niziolek, Mahtomedi Middle School Band; Julie Conzemius, Mahtomedi Middle School Choir; Mike Moeller, Mahtomedi High School Band and Chad Garrels, Mahtomedi High School Choir/Drama, presented to the school board on the 2015-2016 K-12 Music curriculum review process of investigating and comparing the new National Standards for Music Education with the Minnesota Standards. The identified growth area was the implementation of the Create Standard to create, perform, respond and connect through

composition & improvisation with the help of technology (ex: Quaver's K-8 Music Curriculum, Chrome Books, Laptops, ujam, YouTube and Google Classroom) and musical instruments (ex: recorders, drums, keyboards, pianos and guitars). New high school courses include Music and Event Broadcast and Musical Theater. The students learn in individual, small group and large group settings and create Electronic Portfolios from elementary school through high school.

C. Wildwood Elementary - Balanced Literacy

Mark Hamre, Wildwood Elementary Principal, presented to the school board on the new Balanced Literacy Program which focuses on the gradual release of responsibility for learning from the teacher to the student. The key components are: teacher taught large group instruction; guided instruction; flexible small student groups and independent reading. Teachers are also using the Benchmark Literacy Program and the Fountas Pinnell Assessment System along with the Daily 5 to work in small groups and individually with students to increase their reading stamina. Students will receive supplemental instruction with specialists as needed. Literacy has been increased from 90 to 120 minutes per day with new classroom libraries added. Hamre reported improved student attitudes toward reading and writing.

D. Dyslexia

Judy Livingston, reading specialist at Wildwood Elementary explained to the school board members how her Reading Professional Learning Community (PLC) in an effort to help struggling students decided to focus on dyslexia. Through a Hanson Inspired Teacher/MEAF Grant she attended a graduate level dyslexia course taught by dyslexia expert Susan Barton in Chicago last summer to become a dyslexia consultant and screener. Livingston explained one in five students are found to have mild to profound dyslexia and early screening and intervention is key to helping children. Livingston conducted a 3 hour training for intervention teachers at Wildwood and O.H. Anderson Elementary Schools, added a rhyming assessment to Kindergarten Fall Screening, implemented using a Orton – Gillingham based phonemic awareness program in kindergarten and the Barton Reading and Spelling intervention program in second grade and is updating the reading website to include resources on dyslexia for parents and teachers. School Districts are required to report to the MN Department of Education how they are screening students for dyslexia by July, 2017.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of School Board and Superintendent Goals for 2016-2017

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the following school board

and superintendent goals for 2016-2017.

School Board Goals

- The board will work to learn more about equity as they support the district in the exploration of an equity plan.
- The board will work to engage community members in the district while developing systems for communication and feedback.
- The board will work to develop collaborative relationships across stakeholder groups.

Superintendent Goals

Through the lens of Equity, Growth Mindset, and Future Ready Skills:

- Engage students, staff, and community to provide an equitable learning environment to ensure all students are college and career ready.
- Challenge students and staff to exhibit a growth mindset and demonstrate healthy behaviors.
- Inspire creativity and innovation in teaching and learning.

Carried 6-0.

B. Approval of Facilities Use Fees

Cathy Wyland, Mahtomedi Area Community Education Director, updated school board members on the need to increase fees for Class 4 & 5 facilities use to keep up with inflation and recommended approval of the increased fees. Donovan moved, Stout seconded, approval of the new Facilities Use Fees. Carried 6-0.

C. Approval of the Resolution for the Renewal of the Designation of the Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System

McGraw moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the Resolution for the Renewal of the Designation of Superintendent Mark Larson as the Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System. Carried 6-0.

11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

School Board Director Mike Chevalier reported on the most recent AMSD meeting and the legislative and executive committees' approval of partnering with the superintendent group and the establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee

to study and address the achievement gap for a more equitable education for all students.

B. Integration District: Educational Equity Alliance (EEA)

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported on the first of two yearly EEA meetings between the Mahtomedi and N. St. Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale School Districts. EEA's purpose is to empower diverse learners by providing equitable educational opportunities in a culturally competent environment through collaborative programs such as girls' swim night, positive peers, summer sampler and teen tech camps, growing scholars, the youth leadership council and Seeking Educational Equity & Diversity (SEED) night.

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported on the Fall Advocacy Tour, the upcoming December Delegate Assembly and the resolutions moving forward including Mahtomedi's two proposed resolutions urging the legislature to allocate funding for high school teachers to keep their College in the Schools eligibility and to allocate funding for school districts to develop innovative ideas to close the achievement gap. School Board Vice Chair/Clerk Julie McGraw is the delegate for the Mahtomedi School District.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

School Board Director Judy Schwartz reported that the 916 Talking Points are included in the packet.

E. Other Items/Reports

School Board Chair Lucy Payne reported the TIES Annual Meeting is on November 16th and the TIES Annual Education Technology Conference is on December 12th & 13th.

School Board Director Stacey Stout reported on the Mahtomedi Community Education Advisory Council Meeting and the Safe Routes to School Project. Upcoming community events include: October 17th TEDx Mahtomedi; November 4th Veterans Aid and Benefits and Flag Ceremony; November 5th Vendor Blender Craft Fair; November 10th MahtoREADi and November 11th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

School Board Vice Chair/Clerk Julie McGraw reported on the last Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) Meeting with the kick off of the Annual Fall Fund Drive and MAEF's continued support of the Mahtomedi Food Shelf and Weekend Backpack Program.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark Larson reported on the following: the administration's summer retreat; the district's equity work, training and plan development; District Management Council study; student wellness and support review looking at adolescent sleep studies and the former school board member reception.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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

A. Approval of Treasurer's Report

No Treasurer's Report this month.

B. Approval to Pay Bills

1. Check Register 02 - Check No. 392763 to 393187 and 80007646 to 80007757

2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000406 to 500000419

C. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

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

E. Personnel

1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements

- a. Deborah Murphy - Biology Teacher (LTS) - Mahtomedi High School (9/12/16 - 11/22/16)
- b. Samantha Ross - Social Studies Teacher (LTS) - Mahtomedi High School (9/28/16 - 1/19/17)
- c. Jason Sawyer - Custodian - Mahtomedi High School (10/3/16)
- d. Thomas Steen - Custodian - Mahtomedi High School (9/26/16)
- e. Andria Warner - Reading Teacher (LTS) - O.H. Anderson Elementary School (9/19/16 - 12/7/16)

2. Approval of Leaves of Absence

- a. Bridgette Dahlberg - Preschool Teacher - Mahtomedi Area Community Education (12/19/16 - 2/28/17)

3. Approval of Resignations/Retirements/Terminations

- a. Gloria Fong - Building RN - Wildwood Elementary School (10/5/16)
- b. John Hanken - Custodian - Mahtomedi High School (9/26/16)

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- c. Gabriel Monsour - Custodian - O.H. Anderson Elementary School
(9/23/16)
- d. Monroe Wright III - Cleaner - Mahtomedi Middle School (9/27/16)
- F. Approval of the Mahtomedi Girls' Hockey Team's November 18-19, 2016
Overnight Trip
- G. Approval of the Mahtomedi High School's Night on the Streets Event,
October 28-29, 2016

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK