

# Minutes of Study Session

## The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

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A **Study Session** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, April 27, 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; Stacey Stout; Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio. Absent: Judy Schwartz.

Also present: Jennifer Israel, Gifted, Creative and Talented 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 Item 6 -Discussion of private educational data in closed session, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, Subd. 2(a) (3). Donovan seconded. Carried 5-0. McGraw moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 5-0.

### 4. PRESENTATIONS

#### A. Northeast Metro 916 Intermediate School District Update

Connie Hayes, Superintendent N. E. Metro 916 Intermediate School District, updated school board members on District 916's Alternative Learning Centers; Career & Technical Center offerings, and its partnership with Century College. Hayes presented an overview of the special education services they provide to 14 member districts and facilities updates on the Karner Blue Education Center, the Pankalo Education Center (Fall 2017) and the Quora Education Center (Fall 2018). Superintendent Hayes also discuss the district's legislative proposal seeking funding for intense mental health support for day treatment and educational programs with embedded metal health elements. District 916's next steps include expanding and improving consulting teams to build skills in member districts and better support for Level III Programs to reduce referrals to more restricted environments.

## 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Gifted and Talented Assessments and Services Plan

Jennifer Israel, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, presented on the process to assess and identify gifted and talented students which included: 2016 legislative changes to the World's Best Workforce regarding gifted and talented students, the current talent identification process and the potential gifted identification process. The current identification criteria includes student achievement data and aptitude data along with check lists from teachers. The potential gifted identification assessment process will also include the area of ability data with the administration of the Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) and the Primary Education Thinking Skills (PETS) assessment along with additional parent and student inventory/check lists. Students who qualify will be identified as gifted by the end of second grade. School board members requested additional information on: how other school districts identify gifted and talented students; the procedure for ability identification for new students and current students past the second grade; the cost of the identification plan and the additional cost of identifying new students and students in other grades; what current services are provided besides acceleration and a potential gifted and talented identification process page or outline for Mahtomedi students. The services plan will be presented at a future school board meeting.

### B. Open Enrollment at O.H. Anderson Elementary

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed with school board members open enrollment at O.H. Anderson Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year and the advantages (increased revenue) and disadvantages (larger class sizes) of the addition of 4 third graders, 4 fourth graders and 5 fifth graders all with sibling preference. Possible expenditure reductions were also discussed. School board members requested an impact statement on the expenditure reductions.

### C. Graduation Logistics

Superintendent Mark Larson asked school board members to give Mahtomedi High School Principal Kathe Nickleby a list of any students they would like to award diplomas to at the June 10, 2017 graduation ceremony.

## 6. CLOSED MEETING

Payne moved, McGraw seconded, approval to close the meeting. Carried 5-0. Meeting closed at 9:15 p.m.

### A. Discussion of private educational data in closed session, pursuant to Minn. Stat. §

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13D.05, Subd. 2(a) (3).

7. OPEN MEETING

Payne moved, Stout seconded, approval to open the meeting. Carried 5-0. Meeting opened at 9:40 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Payne moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK