

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, June 10, 2021**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center-Community Room, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, Minnesota 55115

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Kelly Reagan; Stacey Stout; Tony Vosooney; and Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, ex-officio.

Also present: Patrick Crothers, Technology Coordinator; Laura Eliason, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Peter Leatherman, Morris Leatherman Company; Jeff Priess, Director of Finance and Operations; and Lynne Viker, Assistant Superintendent of Learning.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A. McGraw moved, Vosooney seconded, to amend the agenda by moving the Capital Projects Levy/Technology Levy Survey Results to Item 4.A. and Mahtomedi Public Schools Student and Family Handbook to Item 4.B. Carried 6-0. McGraw moved, Vosooney seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 6-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Capital Projects Levy/Technology Levy Survey Results

Peter Leatherman, Morris Leatherman Company, reported on the results of the Capital Projects/Technology Levy Survey results. A household sample of 500 Mahtomedi School District residents were surveyed between May 10-26. Ninety-three percent of participants rated the quality of the schools as good or excellent. Over 70% of those surveyed support an increase in the Technology Levy and felt it would be a good investment. Eighty-nine percent felt technology is very or absolutely essential for today's students. The district is considering a \$740,000 Technology Levy renewal or an increase of \$500,000 for the Technology Levy for a total of \$1,240,000. Eighty-nine percent of those surveyed felt the Mahtomedi School District's Strategic Plan's framework focuses on the right things to address the educational needs of students. The majority felt the district does a good job communicating with residents through the

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district's website, newsletters and email. Patrick Crothers, Technology Coordinator, reported the current Capital Projects Levy for Technology will expire in 2021 (it will provide funds through the 2021-2022 School Year). The current levy's tax impact on a home with a market value of \$300,000 is \$82.28 and with a market value of \$500,000 is \$138.80 annually. The current levy funding provides critical technology infrastructure, equipment, staffing, integration, training, instructional software, technical services, and licensing/subscriptions for teaching and learning. Crothers stated if the Technology Levy funding increases there would be curriculum and program enhancements for classroom learning; ongoing professional development/training for staff; and increased technology staffing to ensure data and online security. The increased levy's tax impact on a home with a market value of \$300,000 is \$136.36 and with a market value of \$500,000 is \$232.26 annually.

B. Mahtomedi Public Schools Student and Family Handbook

Superintendent Barbara Duffrin and school board members discussed changes to the 2021-2022 Student and Family Handbook. The COVID-19 protocols have been removed.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Stout seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK