

Minutes of Special Meeting

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Special Meeting** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, May 24, 2018**, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Judy Schwartz.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier (arrived 5:51 p.m.); Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex-officio.

Also present: Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services; Beth Sneden, Director of Student Support Services; Lynne Viker, Assistant Superintendent of Learning.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Payne moved, Donovan seconded, approval of agenda. Carried 5-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. November 2018 Levy

Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services, discussed with school board members three resolutions relating to determining the necessity of revoking an existing referendum revenue authorization and approving a new referendum revenue authorization and calling a special election on November 6, 2018. Scenario one includes a tax increase estimated at \$127 on a median house valued at \$350,000 with a \$220 increase per adjusted pupil unit and a tiered revenue increase of \$800,000. Scenario two includes a tax increase estimated at \$140 on a median house valued at \$350,000 with a \$243 increase per adjusted pupil unit and a tiered revenue increase of \$880,000. Scenario three includes a tax increase estimated at \$159 on a median house valued at \$350,000 with a \$275 increase per adjusted pupil unit and a tiered revenue increase of \$1,000,000. All scenarios are tiered for taxes payable 2019-2021, 2022-2024 and 2025-2028 to keep up with inflation and structural deficits related to State funding. Scenario three would help reduce class sizes, increase student safety, increase personalized learning and assist in future reductions. The school board

agreed to eliminate scenario one and will vote to approve either scenario two or three at the study session/special meeting.

B. Funding Recommendations for Additional Revenue

Lynne Viker, Assistant Superintendent of Learning, discussed with school board members the funding recommendation for additional revenue which included: keeping elementary class sizes reasonable and close to the metro average, increasing class sections from 9 to 10 in sixth and seventh grade, adding a shared media specialist at Mahtomedi Middle School and High School and reducing class size in classes with more than 35 students at the High School. Curriculum reviews will be put on hold while Viker serves as the interim Wildwood Elementary principal for the 2018-2019 school year. Viker stated the recommended items will not be added back until funding is available.

C. Administrative Task Force Document

School Board Clerk/Vice Chair Julie McGraw stated she was not the appropriate presenter for this document as she wasn't the author or the editor. School Board members discussed the purpose of the document. The purpose of the task force was to examine Mahtomedi School District's administration structure compared with neighboring and like sized districts. Recommendations included: reviewing the document with the new superintendent at a study session or board retreat, sharing the data on the percent of funds spent on district administration and in classrooms in comparison with the other districts with the Vote Yes Committee and creating a transition timeline for the new superintendent.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Payne moved, Chevalier seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

JULIE MCRAW, CLERK