

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

A **Regular** meeting of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Thursday, February 9, 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; and Audrey Anfang, Student Representative.
Absent: Judy Schwartz.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA - See #14 for Consent Agenda Items

School Board Chair Lucy Payne noted the \$19,554.45 in donations and expressed the school district's formal thank you. Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried 5-0.

A. Approval of Donations/Grants Totaling \$19,554.45

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 Musical Instruments - \$500.00
2. From Mahtomedi PTO to Wildwood Elementary Kindergarten Art Supplies - \$1,247.93
3. From Anonymous to Wildwood Elementary America's Child - \$2,000.00
4. From Multiple Cash Donations to Mahtomedi Winter Concert - \$262.00
5. From Debra Zeien to Mahtomedi Alpine Ski Team - \$100.00

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6. From Adobe to Mahtomedi Middle School Student Needs/Incentives - \$100.00
7. From Box Tops for Education to Wildwood Elementary Student Activities - \$1,029.40
8. From Wells Fargo Matching Funds to Wildwood Elementary Student Activities - \$90.00
9. From Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson Elementary Third Grade Orientation - \$225.12
10. From Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson Elementary for 36 Chrome Books and Cart, Digital Signage and Mice - \$14,000.00
11. From Amy Albrecht to Mahtomedi Community Education Early Childhood Programs - Backpacks & Toys
12. From Heidi Vosberg to Mahtomedi Community Education Early Childhood Programs - Three Bags of Books

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Student/Staff/Community Recognition

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

- TIES Exceptional Teachers: Alicia Dolentz and Elizabeth Erlenborn
- White Bear Lake Rotary Academic Achiever: Noah Eberhard
- Supporters of O.H. Anderson Gym Improvements: Mahtomedi Basketball Association - Jeff Meslow. Not Present: Mahtomedi PTO - David Barkwell; Mahtomedi Area Volleyball Association - David Casas
- Forty Years of Coaching Gymnastics and Gymnastics Hall of Fame - Debbie Driscoll (not present)

B. Wildwood Elementary - All Students Reading by 3rd Grade

Elementary Literacy Coach Jamie Chamberlain presented on all students reading well by 3rd Grade through the Balanced Literacy Program with a gradual release of learning from teacher to the student during whole group instruction (I do it), small group guided instruction (we do it), small group collaborative instruction (you do it together) to independent learning (I do it). Chamberlain shared classroom video of students learning inferencing and having a comprehension conversation. Other components to the program are phonics/vocabulary, writing workshops, classroom libraries and additional support as needed. Chamberlain explained the use of the Fountas & Pinnell–Benchmark Assessment System with all grades surpassing the set reading goals from Fall to Winter.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the audience spoke to the school board about:

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Mahtomedi Basketball Association and Athletic Facilities - Jeff Meslow.

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

School Board Student Representative Audrey Anfang reported on the following events at Mahtomedi High School: Lunch and Learn; course registration for the 2017-2018 school year, the Sliverbelle Dance at Mall of America; winter sports, new finals schedule, Student Leadership Council's food drive, the Spring Musical – Legally Blonde and the visiting Costa Rica Students.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 5, 2017 - Regular Meeting

Donovan moved, Stout seconded, approval of the minutes from the January 5, 2017, regular school board meeting. Carried 5-0.

B. January 26, 2017 - Study Session

Donovan moved, Stout seconded, approval of the minutes from the January 26, 2017, school board study session. Carried 5-0.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Calendar of Events

The Calendar of Events was reviewed.

B. Summary of January 26, 2017 Closed Meeting

School Board Chair, Lucy Payne reported on the January 26 closed meeting regarding Superintendent Mark Larson's midyear evaluation/review and stated for the remainder of the year Dr. Larson will focus on the following goals: 1. Hiring, training and supporting a new business manager; 2. A comprehensive study and recommendation on use of school time; 3. A comprehensive and detailed equity plan to share with the school board.

C. Curriculum Review - Art K-5

Wildwood Elementary Art Teacher Kristi Eckert updated school board members on the K-2 grade art curriculum and the use of technology including iPads to research projects such as making clay jewelry, record an art lesson/demonstration and show it on a smart board for equitable viewing, freeing her to work with students or let an absent student view the lesson. Eckert showed her MN Winter Landscape water color painting video and explained how she also uses the iPad to take pictures of the

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students working, which are then displayed on a monitor outside the classroom. Eckert thanked the Mahtomedi School District for supporting the Arts.

O.H. Anderson Elementary Art Teacher Chad Halsten updated school board members on the 3-5 grade art curriculum with a focus on creating 2D/3D works of art from various cultures. Halsten shared a video of his students making Gyoaku: Japanese fish impressions/prints and explained using the iPads to create individual student digital art portfolios from K-12 grade. Halsten stated the curriculum review allowed time to collaborate with art teachers throughout the district.

D. Innovation In High School Art

Mahtomedi High School Art Teacher Alicia Dolentz, updated school board members on the innovative changes in the art curriculum at the high school with the addition of technology based art classes such as: graphic design, photography, video, AP portfolio and yearbook which are utilizing the new Mac Lab computers and software, digital cameras and collaborating with the Fab Lab courses. Dolentz shared a student created music video and explained the partnership with the Fab Lab to create heat pressed shirt designs, individual acrylic potters' stamps and photo transfers to wood and glass.

E. Innovation at O.H. Anderson Elementary

Beth Erlenborn, O.H. Anderson Elementary Media Specialist, explained to school board members how she is using technology to help students learn to create their own Google presentations and store them in private Google portfolios, creating focused action based lessons and modeling innovation and think aloud trouble shooting, while encouraging students to ask questions and seek answers. Erlenborn has created a "Maker Space" area where students can create projects such as the current cube coding/programming and has goals to develop units in robotics, circuitry, engineering and music recording. She wants to collaborate with grade level research projects and teaches the International Society for Technology in Education standards (ISTE) along with digital citizenship.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Innovation Task Force/Committee

The School Board would like to create an Innovation Task Force/Committee made up of board members, administrators, teachers, parents and community members to discuss/develop innovative ideas to then incorporate in the strategic plan for the school district.

Payne moved, McGraw seconded, approval of the formation of the Innovation Task Force/Committee. Carried 5-0.

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If you would like to serve on the committee please email or call Chair Lucy Payne, Vice Chair/Clerk Julie McGraw or Superintendent Mark Larson.

B. Abatement Bonds/Parking Lots Phase II Bid Approval

Julie Osterbauer, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, and Dave Ray, Anderson-Johnson Associates Inc., presented the tabulation of the six bids received for the 2017 Abatement Bonds/Parking Lots Phase II project and recommended the bid be awarded to Peterson Companies for the amount of \$2,935,500.

Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the Abatement Bonds/Parking Lots Phase II Bid to Peterson Companies. Carried 5-0.

C. Mahtomedi High School Activity Fees and Ticket Prices

Superintendent Mark Larson recommend increasing activity fees for 2017-2018 school year by approximately 10% to \$240 (from \$220) for all sports. Increase football to \$300 (from \$270) and hockey to \$340 (from \$320). Increase all levels \$5 in 2018-2019 and \$5 in 2019/2020 and maintain ticket prices at the current level pending discussion at the conference level. Need based scholarships are available.

McGraw moved, Stout seconded, approval of the increase of Mahtomedi High School Activity Fees. Carried 5-0.

D. Approval of Resolution Relating to 2017-2018 Open Enrollment (Window #1)

Of the 245 applications received by January 15, Superintendent Mark Larson recommend putting all Kindergarten students on a waiting list; approve 18 sibling/employee preference students in First and Second Grade and put all others on a waiting list; put all 12 sibling/employee preference students in Grades 3-5 on a waiting list and deny all others; approve all 42 students in Grades 6-8; approve 3 sibling/employee preference students in Grade 9 and put all others on a waiting list; approve all 11 students in Grades 10-11; approve 1 sibling preference student in Grade 12 and deny all others and close Grades 3-5 and Grade 12. Enrollment will be reviewed again in April, June, and August.

Stout moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the Resolution Relating to 2017-2018 Open Enrollment (Window #1). Carried 5-0.

11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board

Superintendent Mark Larson gave an update on the last AMSD meeting which consisted of legislative updates.

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B. Integration District: Educational Equity Alliance (EEA)

None

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported on his trip to Washington DC with MSBA.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

The Talking Points are included in the packet.

E. Other Items/Reports

1. Curriculum and Assessment Advisory Committee

The Curriculum and Assessment Advisory Committee minutes are included in the packet.

2. Mahtomedi Area Educational Foundation (MAEF) Board Meeting

School Board Vice Chair/Clerk Julie McGraw reported on the successful MAEF fund drive, grant applications, the MAEF Gala on April 8 with tickets going on sale on February 21.

3. Special Education Parent Advisory Council

School Board Director, Mike Chevalier reported on first Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting with a presentation on related services such as speech and language and the draft of the new student support parent handbook.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark Larson reported on the following: the equity work being done to close the achievement gap by Reimagine MN, the upcoming World Café meetings, a proposal to the state legislature presented on February 8 by the Mahtomedi, White Bear Lake and the N. St. Paul- Maplewood-Oakdale school districts for funding to provide Summer support for incoming freshman, School Board Recognition Week (February 24-27). Dr. Larson thanked the school board for all they do for the Mahtomedi School District.

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13. ADJOURNMENT

Chevalier moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.
Carried 5-0.

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

A. Approval of Treasurer's Report

B. Approval to Pay Bills

1. Check Register 02 - Check No. 394121 to 394420 and 80008064 to 80008153
2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000439 to 50000442

C. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

D. Personnel

1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements

- a. Tarin Coberly - Spanish Teacher - Mahtomedi High School (1/20/2017)
- b. Andria Warner - Grade 4 (LTS) - O.H. Anderson (1/5/2017 - 2/17/2017)
- c. Individual Contracts (2016-2018)

2. Approval of Leaves of Absence

- a. Lindsey Scanlon - ELL Teacher - Wildwood Elementary (4/18/17-6/9/17)

3. Approval of Resignations

- a. Kelly Francis - Paraprofessional - Mahtomedi Middle School (1/20/2017)

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK