

# 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, January 28, 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 Chair Lucy Payne.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier (arrived 7:05 p.m.); Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; and Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio. Absent: Mary Jo Deters.

Also present: Rochel Manders, Director of Business Services; Mike Neubeck, Mahtomedi Middle School Principal; Julie Osterbauer, Director of Building and Grounds; Cathy Wyland, Community Education Director.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried.

### 4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

#### A. Abatement Bonds/Parking Lots Update

Rochel Manders, Director of Business Services; Dave Rey, Anderson-Johnson Associates and Paul Spakousky, Center for Efficient School Operations reviewed with the board the recommendations for the improvements to the district's parking lots and sidewalks. Recommendations being considered included: 1.) District Office - reconstruct the existing parking lot and sidewalk 2.) O.H. Anderson Elementary - add two lane loops on the south side with twelve additional car parking spots and expand the bus area 3.) Mahtomedi Middle School and High School - add a walking trail, improve current parking lot traffic flow and create a parking lot closer to the school buildings. Mike Neubeck, Mahtomedi Middle School Principal suggested improving and expanding the current middle school entrance to be the main entrance for the high school and creating a new middle school entrance. All recommendations will improve traffic flow and student safety.

## B. 2016-2017 Open Enrollment

Superintendent Mark Larson discussed with school board members the projected enrollment numbers for the 2016-2017 school year and the recommendations that will be brought forward to the February 11 school board meeting. The district received 256 open enrollment applications during Window #1 (September 8, 2015 -January 15, 2016).

## C. Legislative Update

Superintendent Mark Larson and school board members discussed the current legislative goals and a need to advocate for them. The Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) legislative platform includes: Creating the World's Best Workforce; Stabilize Education Funding; Increase Referendum and Debt Service Equalization; Local Control and Teacher Quality; Increase access to High Quality, School-Based Prekindergarten Programs.

## D. Mid-Year Review of School Board Goals

Superintendent Mark Larson reviewed with school board members the four school board goals: 1. More visible and active role in the community. 2. Continue professional development. 3. Work outside the district to make positive change in the larger education arena. Board members are reviewing the fourth "customer service" goal.

## 5. CLOSE MEETING

Donovan moved, Schwartz seconded, approval to close meeting. Carried. Meeting closed at 9:05 p.m.

### A. Discussion of Personnel Matter Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.05, subd. 3(a) - Superintendent Mid-Year Review

## 6. OPEN MEETING

Donovan moved, Chevalier seconded, approval to open meeting. Carried. Meeting opened at 9:43 p.m.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Chevalier seconded, adjournment. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

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JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK