

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 11, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Mike Chevalier; Mary Jo Deters; Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Superintendent Mark Larson, ex officio; and Acadia Hegedus, Student Representative. Absent: Judy Schwartz.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, approval of the agenda with the addition of 10. E. Approval of resolution directing the school board to request action from Washington County to improve traffic safety on Highway 12 and the Mahtomedi High School/Middle School entrances. Carried.

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

School Board Chair Lucy Payne noted the \$14,526.14 in donations and expressed the school board/district's formal thank you. Donovan moved, Chevalier seconded, approval of the actions recommended on the consent agenda. Carried.

A. Approval of Donations/Grants Totaling \$14,526.14

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 Wildwood Elementary Library for Media Books - \$1,000.00
2. From Dawn Barrette to Wildwood Elementary Adopt a Book - \$331.00
3. From General Mills to O.H. Anderson Elementary Box Tops for Education - \$664.40

4. From Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson Elementary Behavior Specialist Games - \$146.15
5. From Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson Elementary Field Trip Support - \$1,000.00
6. From Thomson Reuters - Community Program to Wildwood Elementary Parent Volunteer Math - \$500.00
7. From General Mills to Wildwood Elementary Box Tops Program - \$1,666.40
8. From Mahtomedi PTO to Wildwood Elementary K- Teacher- Warren Classroom Supplies - \$97.19
9. From Mahtomedi PTO to O.H. Anderson 2nd Grade Teacher- Marshall Classroom Supplies - \$121.00
10. From The Cossack Foundation to the Black Box Theater - \$9,000.00

5. PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITION

A. Student/Staff/Community Recognition

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

- TIES Exceptional Teachers: Jim Lane and Jeanna Warren
- Wildwood Elementary Rotary Academic Achiever: Aidan Carlson
- Mahtomedi Middle School Geography Bee Final Three: Gavin Oelrich, Caleb Rock, Reggie Schwab
- Mahtomedi Middle School State Honor Choir Participants: Nina Duffy, Saale Pearson, Ellie Anderson, Sarah Lisowski, Anna Martinson
- Mahtomedi High School - Perfect ACT Score of 36: Nathan Haugen

B. Wildwood Elementary Coding

Wildwood Elementary Media Specialist Jean Oswald and second grade teacher Anne Miller and first grade teacher Julie Comfort presented on Coding in the Classroom. First and second grade students are learning 3-D Graphical Coding with Dash and Dot through the use of apps and collaborative problem solving, which is fostering a growth mindset in perseverance/trial and error. The programming covers math, science/engineering and technology standards. The students demonstrated for the Board the “Round-a bout” programming of Dash with lights/voice to move around obstacles.

C. Mahtomedi High School AP Computer Science

Mahtomedi High School teacher Matt Oswald presented on the new Advanced Placement Computer Science class which is taught in the FAB Lab. Student can

earn three college credits by passing the AP exam in May along with high school math credit. The students learn to write, run, test and debug solutions in the Java programming language. Students who learn Java in high school will be poised to succeed in university level computer science programs that will prepare them for a career in computer science, which is on average the highest paid college major upon graduation. AP Computer Science students Ben Nelson and John Vanstrum explained to the Board how the course is teaching them problem solving skills that can be applied in other high school courses they are taking such as: Calculus, Engineering, Graphic Arts and English.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Open Enrollment and MSHSL Class Determination for Athletics – Debbie Driscoll

Mahtomedi School District Parking Lot Renovations and Cemstone Company – Jeff Claude

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

A. Acadia Hedegus, Student Representative

School Board Student Representative Acadia Hedegus reported on the following events at Mahtomedi High School: start of second semester, Silverbelle dance, winter sports with the wrestling team raising \$1600 in the take down for cancer fundraiser, one act plays, math and rocket teams, a new school newspaper, and the White Bear Big Band and Mahtomedi Jazz Band concert.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. January 7, 2016 - Regular Meeting

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2016, regular school board meeting and the minutes from the January 28, 2016, school board study session. Carried.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Calendar of Events

Chair Lucy Payne reviewed the calendar of events. Superintendent Mark Larson noted School Board Recognition Week, February 15th-19th and thanked the School Board for their service on behalf of the District's students, staff and families.

B. Staff Health and Wellness

Patrick Crothers and Nicole Flesner, members of the employee health and wellness committee, spoke to the school board about the committee and its members, the Blue Cross Blue Shield's \$30,000 fund for health and wellness-related initiatives and how they are using these funds to improve staff health and morale. The committee invited the keynote speaker on how to manage stress to the back-to-school program, sponsored a healthy lunch and awarded FitBit prizes. They helped coordinate the Community of Learners staff development day, which included Self-care Yoga, How to Zen and invited all staff to participate in Wellness Bingo. Future plans include possible online health assessments or testing/screening to gather data, communication of Blue Cross Blue Shield's health-and-wellness resources and an 8.32K walk/run for staff and their families.

C. Summary of January 27, 2016 Closed Meeting

The school board met on January 27th in closed session to conduct the mid-year evaluation of Dr. Mark Larson. Superintendent goals to communicate the district's vision, hold staff listening sessions, student focus groups/classroom visits, connect with elected officials, participate in Chamber of Commerce events, close the achievement gap in reading, baseline of student/staff health and individual instruction/growth mindset for students were reviewed. The Board was impressed with Dr. Larson's work and expressed its appreciation.

10. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Resolution Relating to 2016-2017 Open Enrollment

Of the 256 open enrollment applications that were received by January 15, Superintendent Mark Larson recommended the following:

Kindergarten – Wait List all 74.

Grade 1 – Approve 8 Sibling/Employee Preference. Wait List 17.

Grades 2-5 – Wait List all 70.

Grades 6 – Approve 11 Sibling Preference. Wait List 18.

Grades 7-11 Approve all 58.

Grade 12 – Close to Open Enrollment.

Enrollment will be reviewed again in April, June, and August. Chevalier moved, Deters seconded, approval of Resolution Relating to 2016-2017 Open Enrollment. Carried.

B. 2016-2017 School District Calendar Revisions

Superintendent Larson reviewed the revisions with the school board members to list the September curriculum nights and the elimination of parent-teacher conferences and the addition of staff development for grades 6-8 on February 24,

2017. Donovan moved, Deters seconded, approval of the revised 2016-2017 school calendar. Carried.

C. 2017-2018 School District Calendar Approval

Superintendent Larson reviewed with school board members the 2017-2018 school calendar. Larson presented on the current calendar committee's members and the addition of a future PTO parent representative, the process for building the district calendar, which included traditions, academic impact, teacher contracts, holidays and other considerations. The fourth quarter is longer due to student testing and field trips. Deters moved, McGraw seconded, approval of the 2017-2018 school calendar. Carried.

D. MSHSL Membership Designated Representatives

The Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) requests member school districts to designate two voting representatives: one should be a member of the school's governing board the other shall be an administrator or fulltime faculty member. Deters moved, Chevalier seconded, the approval of Superintendent Mark Larson and School Board Member Mike Chevalier as MSHSL representatives. Carried.

E. Approval of Resolution Directing the Administration and School Board to request action from the Washington County Commissioners to Improve Safety on Highway 12

Mahtomedi School District is planning parking lot improvements at Mahtomedi High School and Middle School and wishes to work collaboratively with Washington County on traffic improvements that will result in improved safety conditions for Mahtomedi students, staff and families. Superintendent Larson recommended the administration and school board write a letter requesting action by Washington County to improve safety on Highway 12.

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, approval of Resolution Directing the Administration and School Board to request action from the Washington County Commissioners to Improve Safety on Highway 12. Carried.

11. SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Association of Metropolitan School Districts (AMSD) Board Presenter: Mike Chevalier

School Board Director Mike Chevalier reported on a new program from the Secretary of State's office called MN Students Vote 2016, which will send free materials to schools for grades 6th -12th to hold mock elections with real time results posted on their website.

B. Integration District: Educational Equity Alliance (EEA)

School Board Director Mary Jo Deters reported there will be one meeting this year on February 16th and two meetings next year. She reviewed the EEA's purpose and goals with the board and the continuing programs and professional development. She discussed a future EEA event "Mahtomedi Students Matter" panel discussion to address diversity and an inclusive environment for all students.

C. Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) Legislative Liaison

School Board Treasurer Kevin Donovan reported that MSBA will support the mock elections, their 14 days of advocacy is concluding, the Executive Board's trip to Washington DC was rescheduled to June due to the snow storm and the work being done on the special election state statute for the replacement of a school board member before their term is up at the cost of the school district.

D. Northeast Metro 916 Board

None - Talking Points are included in the packet.

E. Other Items/Reports

1. 02-11-16 Policy Committee Meeting

School Board Chair Lucy Payne reported on the committee's review of the required annual policies and a few others that needed changes.

2. 01-11-16 Curriculum Advisory Meeting

School Board Chair Lucy Payne reported on last year's Science and World Language reviews and this year's Family and Consumer Science, Language Arts and Performing and Fine Arts reviews.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Mark Larson reported on the following: MEAF grant requests totaling \$240,000, the MSBA conference, the project based learning Biomimicry course and Safety Boat Project, David Horsager's speech during staff development day, National Signing Day, school walk-arounds, subbing in Ms. Halverson's High School English Class and the April 9th MAEF Gala.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, Deters seconded, adjournment. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

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. 390354 to 390670 and 80006852 to 80006931

2. Check Register 05 - Check No. 50000353 to 50000361

C. Approval of Wire Transfer Transactions

D. Personnel

1. Approval of Contracts and Work Agreements

a. Paula Bhagyam - Paraprofessional - Wildwood Elementary (2/25/2016)

b. Michelle DeMars - Paraprofessional - Early Childhood Special Education (1/27/2016)

c. Andrew Dokken - Math Teacher (LTS)- Mahtomedi Middle School (2/16/16 - 6/10/16)

d. Briana Dunkleberger - Paraprofessional - Early Childhood Special Education (1/20/2016)

e. Deborah Murphy - Science Teacher - Mahtomedi Middle School (1/19/2016-6/10/2016)

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK