

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, February 25, 2016**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

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

Also present: Rochel Manders, Director of Business Services; Lynne Viker, Director of Learning and Accountability; Robert Pontious, Diversity and MCP Coordinator; Cathy Wyland, Community Education Director and Patrick Crothers, Technology Coordinator.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. School Board Goals

Superintendent Mark Larson and school board members discussed the four school board goals: to continue community engagement, continue professional development, concentrate on making a positive change in the larger educational area through legislation and customer service. Customer service goals were revised to include a definition of customer service/communications: what is already in place to track communication; what are the proper response protocols, expectations and procedures for communication; use of the feedback loop with a goal of being proactive vs. reactive.

1. Growth Mind Set

Sara Dusek, O.H. Anderson Elementary Q-Comp- Peer Coach, presented to the school board on Growth Mindset in the Classroom: fixed mindset vs. growth

mindset, building a growth mindset school culture, the reward of failure, using growth mindset in praise and feedback, redirecting fixed mindset thinking and teaching about the brain. Sara is conducting mindset book studies with teachers, other peer coaches and parents.

B. Revised 2015-2016 Budget

Rochel Manders, Director of Business Services, presented a revised 2015-2016 budget. Manders discussed the driving forces of school district budgets: enrollment, salaries/benefits and special education formulas, also areas of change - revenue and expense, and reviewed changes made to the General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Community Education Fund.

C. Integration Budget and Update

Robert Pontious, Diversity and MCP Coordinator, explained the Achievement Goals: to reduce the proficiency gap and increase enrollment in honors courses and the Integration Goals: of an integrated environment and cross district partnerships. The Mahtomedi School District has a partnership with the North St. Paul-Maplewood-Oakdale School District through the Education Equity Alliance (EEA). Pontious discussed how the funding received for achievement and integration is being used: Students - Preschool Scholarships, Climb Theater, Positive Peers, Summer Camps, Youth Leadership Council, Students Working to close the Achievement Gap (SWAG) mentoring, Young/Growing Scholars classes and Outreach/Family Engagement; Staff- Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED) classes/workshops, cross district trainings/professional development, classroom partnerships, new normal workshops, Nexus Leadership Program and Social Justice and Bias Training.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, adjournment. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK