

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, June 13, 2019**, 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; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout; and Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, ex-officio.

Also present: Laura Eliason, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services; and Cathy Wyland, Director of Community Education.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, approval of the agenda. Carried 6-0.

4. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

A. First Reading of Policy 902 - Use of School Facilities

Cathy Wyland, Director of Community Education, discussed the changes to Policy 902 - Use of School Facilities and Appendices A-D with school board members which included: minor policy changes, the hold harmless agreement liability insurance raised to \$1.5 million and an increase in facility fees to keep in pace with inflation. Fees for Class III events will be increased by \$1, Class IV by \$5 and Class V by \$10. Class descriptions are listed in the policy, with fees listed in Appendix D and are available on the district's website. Policy 902 – Use of School Facilities (Appendices A-D) will be brought for approval at the June 27 school board meeting.

B. 2019 Legislative Session – School Funding Summary

Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services, reported on the 2019 Legislative Session school funding changes which included: 2% increase on the general education state aid funding formula for the next two years and Special Education increased funding and reform. The 2019-2020 funding formula will increase \$126 to \$6,438 per adjusted pupil unit. The 2020-2021 funding formula will increase \$129 to \$6,567 per adjusted pupil unit. The rate of inflation is projected to be approximately 2.4%. Menozzi explained the goal of the legislation is to increase Special Education aid in 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 by the amount needed to hold the state average cross subsidy per pupil constant at the 2018-2019 level of \$820 per average daily membership (ADM). The cross subsidy reduction aid has a new component in the Special Education aid formula of 2.6% for 2019-2020 and 6.43% for 2020-2021 and beyond, with the 2019-2020 Special Education Cap increased to the greater of the current cap or 56% of the sum of Special Education program costs, plus 100% of the current year special transportation cost, plus tuition adjustments. In 2020-2021 and beyond the cap is eliminated.

C. Increased Meal Prices

Bill Menozzi, Director of Business Services, updated school board members on the increased meal prices required by the Paid Lunch Equity (PLE) calculation, which is a federal guide for school districts' food service meal prices. The Mahtomedi School District's 2018-2019 meal prices were the same or below neighboring school districts' meal prices. The recommendation for 2019-2020 school year is an increase of 10 cents for elementary and adult breakfast, 15 cents for elementary lunch, 5 cents for middle school lunch and 10 cents for high school/adult lunch. The required meal price increases will be brought for approval at the June 27 school board meeting.

5. CLOSE MEETING

McGraw moved, Schwartz seconded, approval to close meeting. Carried 6-0. Meeting closed at 7:54 p.m.

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

6. OPEN MEETING

Chevalier moved, Stout seconded, approval to open meeting. Carried 6-0. Meeting opened at 8:11 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Stout moved, Chevalier seconded, adjournment. Carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK