

# MINERAL POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA

Public Notice is hereby given to the public and to news media pursuant to Chapter 19, Subchapter IV, Wisconsin Statutes that a Regular Meeting of the School Board of the Mineral Point Unified School District in the Mineral Point Middle School/High School building located at 705 Ross Street in the city of Mineral Point, Iowa County, Wisconsin.

**10/08/2012 7:00 PM**

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Time: 7:00 PM

## **II. RECOGNITION**

There are no recognitions scheduled for this month.

## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

## **IV. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Correspondence/Board Communication

2. Citizen Comments

If interested in addressing the School Board during the Communications portion of the meeting, please stand and state your name when the Board President requests communications from the citizens.

a. President's Comments to the Audience

*On behalf of fellow Board members, at this time I would like to invite any member of the audience to stand with comments about items of interest or concern that do or do not appear on the agenda this evening. Please begin by stating your name and address. It would be appreciated if you would limit your comments to three minutes so that we can keep the meeting moving in a timely fashion and allow others an opportunity to speak. We ask that you remember that Wisconsin law prohibits us from discussing specific employees or their job performance. Thanks for your support of our school district.*

## V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### 1. WASB Board Recognition Program

I'm pleased to inform the board that board member Maureen 'Mo' May-Grimm has acquired sufficient points in the WASB Board Member Recognition Program to be eligible for recognition at their upcoming regional meeting. Members Austin and Stephenson will be in attendance at the regional meeting to recognize her achievement.

Board members acquire points by attending events hosted by the WASB and the National Association of School Boards, by serving on WASB committees, or testifying at legislative hearings.

### **2012 Region 9 \* Regional Meeting**

Date: October 9, 2012

Location: Southwest WI Tech. College

City: Fennimore

Time: 6:00 p.m. - Registration/Networking

6:30 p.m. – Dinner

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. - Program

### 2. State Report Card Update

### 3. Custodial Procedural Manual

### 4. Request to Commence Negotiations

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Administrative/Business Services
2. Personnel Services
  - a. Approval of Revised Superintendent Contract

## **VII. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

1. 2012-2013 MP Enrollment Count

The third Friday count of students recently completed shows an overall increase of two students in the district. Open enrollment students find the ratio between students enrolling out to enrolling in increasing by one student in Mineral Point's favor over last year.
2. Every Child A Graduate DPI Agenda 2017

Wisconsin is advancing education reforms to ensure every child graduates ready for further education and the workplace. These reforms build on our nation-leading graduation rates, college entrance exam scores, and more students taking rigorous college-level courses. On this foundation, the state is implementing new standards and higher expectations for students and their schools.

## **VIII. ITEMS FOR ACTION**

1. Approval of Gifts
  - a. Cookbooks
  - b. High School Gym Curtain

c. High School Scoreboard

d. High School Stadium Donation

## 2. Approval of WRS for Support Staff Contribution

RESOLVED, by the Mineral Point Unified School District Non-Certified Staff of Iowa County that pursuant to Wis. Stats. §§ 40.21 and 40.22 of the above named entity does hereby determine to be included under the Wisconsin Retirement System and will recognize 0% of prior creditable service for all employees eligible for participation on the effective date of January 1, 2014. Number of eligible employees 36. This resolution, when filed, is irrevocable after the November 15 preceding the effective date.

Currently the Board will pay each support staff a sum equal to 11.75% of their previous year's gross regular time wages to be placed into a tax sheltered annuity program specified by the employee. The amount for 11-12 for TSA's was 101,293.78

The personnel committee met to discuss the move from a TSA to the WRS. The current contribution to the WRS is 5.9% by employee and 5.9% by employer with contribution increasing to 6.65% for calendar year 2013.

The personnel committee recommended allowing staff to opt-in to the WRS. Opting in is not an option as the state requires that all eligible employees are mandated to participate if the board adopts a resolution. Based on a comparison of schools our size, most schools offer the WRS system to support staff employees.

The WRS benefit for support staff would create a competitive environment for hiring new support staff, financially benefit the average aged employee upon retirement, and remain relatively cost neutral to the district.

*The District recommends ceasing the TSA option for support staff and commencing with the Wisconsin Retirement System.*

3. Approval of Audited Financial Statements for Year End June 30, 2012  
The completed 2011-2012 school financials has been audited by Johnson Block and review completed by the board's finance committee. The audit is now available for full board inspection. Upon acceptance, the audit will be posted to the district web site for public inspection.

The finance committee recommends approval of the 2011-12 audit.

4. Approval of Mineral Point Unified School District Budget for July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013  
The District submits the finalized 2012-13 budget to the board for approval. The budget represents a decrease to the total tax levy as well as a decrease in total expenditures. The decrease in expenditures is due to strategic planning by the District to defease debt.

The finance committee has reviewed the budget and recommends approval.

5. Approval of Agreement with TNC for spring prairie planting at the Mineral Point High School  
The Director of Conservation for the Nature Conservancy has received \$3,000 to assist with seeds for a spring planting at Mineral Point High School's conservancy. In order to provide the funding the school district would need to sign an agreement with the Nature Conservancy that states that the planting will be maintained with land management activities, such as burning and invasive species control, and that the planting can not be destroyed for 15 years.

## **IX. BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

1. Considering Board Priorities At the Board Table

- X. **CONVENE IN POSSIBLE CLOSED SESSION UNDER S.S. 10.85 (1)(c,e)**  
The board will convene in closed session for the purposes of evaluation and related compensation of the superintendent.

**XI. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION**

**XII. NEXT MEETING DATES & ADJOURNMENT**

1. Monday, October 22, 7pm Board Room. Special Board Meeting

2. November 12 7pm Board Room, Regular Board Meeting

**XIII. OTHER ENCLOSURES**