

# 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.

**01/11/2016 6:30 PM**

## **I. CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**

Time: 6:00 PM

1. Evaluation and related compensation of Instructional Assistant Tracy Wiegel.

## **II. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

## **III. CALL TO ORDER**

Presenter: Larry Steffes

Time: 6:30 PM

## **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Presenter: Larry Steffes

## **V. COMMUNICATIONS**

Presenter: Larry Steffes

1. Board Communications Received

2. Citizen Communications

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. Thank you for your support of our school district.

#### **VI. ADMINISTRATIVE/BUSINESS SERVICES**

Presenter: Larry Steffes

1. Credit Card Statement of Activity
  
2. Approval of Bills Payable

#### **VII. PERSONNEL SERVICES**

1. Approval of Staff Resignation  
Presenter: Vickie Dahl

- a. Dan Bureson submitted a letter of resignation as Head Baseball Coach commencing prior to the beginning of the 2016 season.

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

1. WASB Board Development Tool  
The Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) provided Mineral Point Schools with a survey tool to learn which areas of government the board is in agreement with and which areas require more discussion at a local level. The survey tool was distributed to board members at no cost to the district at the last board meeting. A check in toward completion of the survey will be done with additional survey codes made available for board members not completing the task.  
Presenter: Larry Steffes

## IX. ITEMS FOR ACTION

1. Determination of the number of regular and special education spaces available for open enrollment in the 2016-17 school year.  
Per state statutes, the nonresident school board shall determine the number of regular education and special education spaces available within the school district in the January meeting of the school board.  
Presenter: Luke Francois, Dixie Dempsey
  
2. Financial Audit 14-15  
The board received the Financial Audit for 2014-2015 for review as prepared by Johnson Block. The audit is now placed on the January board agenda for final approval. Representatives from Johnson Block will be on hand to share the findings of the audit and answer board member questions.  
Presenter: Brent Nelson and Jay Bennett
  
3. Long Term Facility Planning - Request for Qualifications Review  
The board requested qualifications to continue work with a vendor to receive a detailed long-term facilities plan to include performance contracting. The district recommends selecting a date for vendors to return to meet with the board for interviews.  
Presenter: Luke Francois
  
4. Approval of 2016-2017 School Calendar  
Three calendar proposals for the 2016-2017 school year were brought forward for consideration. All three options were presented to staff and families of students for input on a preferred calendar. The board will review the findings of the survey and determine a course of action to include approve, modify, or reject any of the three options presented.  
Presenter: Larry Steffes
  
5. Approval of Credit Reimbursement for Principal Vickie Dahl  
Vickie Dahl requests prior approval for reimbursement of 1 credit for attending the AWSA Principal's Convention through Viterbo College. The cost of the credit is \$220. Per Ms. Dahl's contract board approval is

needed prior to reimbursement. The District recommends approval.

Presenter: Luke Francois

6. School Security - Advocacy for an Authorized Person in Addition to Police Liaison to Carry a Weapon

The board passed a motion to draft a resolution to advocate for the allowance of an authorized person other than an on-duty or off-duty officer to legally carry a concealed weapon on school grounds. The board can accept, reject, or modify the resolution.

Presenter: Larry Steffes

7. Approval of 2016-2017 CESA 3 Contract

**X. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Presenter: Luke Francois

1. PLC Vignette

Board Members expressed interest in learning more about Professional Learning Communities (PLC) through video resources. A short vignette of PLC's will be shared with the board throughout the year to give the board a better understanding of the work being conducted by staff in a PLC environment.

An Overview of the Inverted Pyramid - In this video, RTI expert Mike Mattos guides us through the inverted pyramid response to intervention. We learn that different areas of the pyramid are color-coded to designate the different teams that lead particular interventions.

<https://globalpd.com/search/content/42>

Presenter: Luke Francois

2. Advocacy and Public Relations

3. School Board Candidates

Mineral Point School Board elections are April 5. Two seats will be available with three candidates on the ballot: Larry Steffes (Incumbent), Andy Busch, Glen Pilling. Incumbent Matt Lindsey is not

seeking another term.

Presenter: Luke Francois

## **XI. Book Study - School Board Field Book**

The School Board FieldBook will be distributed with a timeline for completion and discussion agreed upon and book study questions distributed.

### **1. The School Board Field Book: Leading with a Vision Chapter Three - Three Roles Essential to Every School System**

Chapter 3 explores the need for effective communication and collaboration between the board and its constituents—administration, staff, parents, students, and the community. The board needs to communicate with individuals in differing roles so they can understand, relate to, and carry out the board's strategic direction. The authors suggest collaborative structures a board can use to listen and respond to needs and requirements, share interests, and elicit feedback.

Question 1: What are the pros and cons of operating as a board of the whole? What tools, strategies, and data help the board operate as a whole?

Question 2: Why is it imperative that the board establish and reflect upon ground rules to guide its behaviors and actions? What are the ground rules of your board, and how do you enforce them?

Question 3: What are the pros and cons of operating as a committee? What is the relationship between a board committee and the board as a whole?

Question 4: Examine the Communication Structures and Processes chart on page 132. What communication structures and processes does your board use?

Question 5: How does your board policy address the procedure for registering a complaint? How effective is your board in following the appropriate "chain of command" in addressing the complaint?

## **XII. NEXT MEETING DATES**

1. Understanding School Finance Work Session, Monday, January 25, 2016  
6:30PM, MPSD Board Room  
Presenter: Woody Wiedenhoeft Executive Director Wisconsin Association  
of School Business Officials
  
2. Regular Board Meeting, February 8, 2016 6:30PM, Board Room MPSD

**XIII. ADJOURN**

**XIV. OTHER ENCLOSURES**