

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of September 20, 2012

The September 20, 2012 meeting of the Metamora Community Consolidated School District #1 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office at Metamora Grade School. Members present: Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Rauh, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wernsman, and Mr. Roemer. Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, Rick Pope, Jan Holman, Angela Armstrong, Amy Messacar, Heather Brown, Sandra Freitag, and Superintendent Marty Payne.

Mr. Edwards arrived at 7:28 p.m.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Roemer, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Reports from the Public

Angela Armstrong from the MGS, PTO, presented a potential fundraiser, focusing on the sale of gift cards. The BOE thanked her for the presentation. Later in the meeting, Mr. Damery, Dean of Students, was directed to research the fundraiser further.

Public Hearing on the 2013 Fiscal Year Metamora CCSD #1 Budget

Motion by Mrs. Rauh (at 7:14 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the meeting for the purpose of a public hearing on the district budget. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Mr. Payne presented data on the budget, including the deficit of nearly \$500,000 in the Education Fund. Included in the explanation was the fact that over the past four years, the State has cut the district revenue by roughly \$400,000, and the cost of both special programs, as well as conducting the general business of the district, has continued to increase. Other fund accounts end with positive balances.

There weren't any questions or comments from anybody in attendance.

Motion by Mr. Edwards (at 7:28 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Roemer, to adjourn the public hearing. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, (at 7:29 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to return to the open session meeting. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Action Items

- A. Motion by Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve the Fiscal Year 2013 Metamora CCSD #1 Budget as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
- B. Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the Annual Recognition of Schools. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
- C. Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Roemer, to seek bids for mini buses for the Metamora CCSD #1 transportation department. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
- D. Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mr. Roemer, to approve the following personnel as delegated representatives of the Board of Education Secretary to maintain official Board of Education Election documents: Cathy Costello, Tim Damery, Jan Holman, Val Huser, Elisha Bachman, Hollie Richards, and Marty Payne. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
- E. Motion by Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the Metamora Grade School, School Improvement Plan and the Internal Review Plan as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
- F. Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the Teacher and Administrator Salary Report as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

A. School Board Election Calendar Concerns

Mr. Payne shared that the last day that candidates may file election materials is December 24, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. With the office being closed for the holiday, the District's Attorneys have recommended that a drop box location be provided, with a posted note indicating candidate directions for that day. Additional information will be included in future newsletters, newspaper of general circulation, and on the district website. Those who have been approved to receive elections materials will handle any paperwork on December 24.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve the attorney recommendation for the collection of election materials on December 24. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

B. Request from the 2013, 12U Flames Softball Team

The team has requested use of the softball diamond on Sunday afternoons for practice.

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Roemer, to approve the request as presented. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

C. Mrs. Rauh presented the concern of lighting in the large gym, and that the appearance of our lights makes the gym appear dark. Both members of administration and the BOE will observe the lighting during contests to determine a potential solution.

Information Items

A. Committee Reports

The Finance Committee met earlier in the month. A representative from First Midstate was present for the meeting to discuss options for increased revenue for the district. The reduction of expenditures was also discussed as the district looks at both current and anticipated deficit spending

B. Principal's Report

C. Dean's Report

D. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Payne provided the 2012-2013 6-day enrollment numbers with the BOE. The overall enrollment is down this year. The current Kindergarten class is smaller than last year's 8th grade class.

Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

Mr. Payne circulated a Thank You letter

Executive Session for the Purpose of Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, Dismissal, or Performance of Employees

Motion by Mr. Roemer (at 8:02 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Edwards, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 8:50 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Roemer, to adjourn the executive session meeting and to return to open session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Action Taken after Executive Session

1. Motion by Fisher, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the resignation from Merrie Jo Allen from her position as a 2nd grade teacher. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
2. Motion by Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the resignation from Amber Dean from her position as an aide. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
3. Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the hire of Stephanie Kiesewetter as a special education aide. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
4. Motion by Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the hire of Sherilyn Purdy as a special education aide. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
5. Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Roemer, to approve the hire of Amber Dean as a 2nd grade teacher. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
6. Motion by Mr. Roemer, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the hire of Kathy Weinman as the 7th grade girls' basketball coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
7. Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve Chuck Kahler as a volunteer baseball coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 8:55 p.m.) seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the September 20, 2012 meeting of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Roger Roemer
President

Greg Martin
Secretary