

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of October 18, 2012

The October 18, 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. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Martin, Mrs. Rauh, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, Stephanie Ramsey (district Auditor), Beth Sikkima, Rick Pope, Megan Huss, Jan Holman, and Superintendent Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

No reports from the public were given at the meeting

Action Items

- A. Discussion and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2012 Metamora CCSD #1 Audit and Financial Report

Stephanie Ramsey, school district Auditor, presented information on the district's audit and annual financial report.

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to accept the audit and annual financial report as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- B. Discussion and Approval of a Contract Renewal with Interstate Studios for School Pictures

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the contract renewal as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- C. Discussion and Approval to Seek Bids for School Copy Machines

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve seeking bids. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

D. Discussion and Approval of a Change in Policy in Regards to Student, Extracurricular Activities

Mr. Damery, Dean of Students, presented information on potential policy that addresses those extracurricular activities not covered by the IESA. The focus of the discussion covered academic eligibility to participate in the events.

The Board tabled the agenda item, with the request to develop more specific language for the proposed, new policy.

Discussion Items

A. Review and Discussion of the dates for the November and December, 2012 meetings of the Board of Education

The meetings for November and December do not follow the normal meeting schedule, which has the Board meeting on the third Thursday of the month. The Board discussed and made the determination to keep the revised schedule as developed. The meeting schedule for November and December are as follows:

Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Thursday, December 13, 2012

B. Letters from the Congerville, Goodfield, Eureka and Riverview School Districts regarding School Choice

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Fisher, not to accept students from these school districts, as pertains to No Child Left Behind and school choice. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

C. Continued Discussion of the “Script” PTO Fund Raiser

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the fund raiser as presented by the administration. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Information Items

A. Committee Reports

Mr. Payne presented information on the recent Transportation Committee meeting. Discussion at the committee meeting included the review of our current bus lease, and the research being conducted to determine if smaller buses can be leased to cover the routes. Smaller buses could potentially result in several thousand dollars in savings for each bus. Mr. Payne is also researching the potential of IDOT's approval of Routes 89 and 116 as "Hazardous". If this can be approved, then the school district can receive state reimbursement for students needing to cross these roads to get to school.

Mr. Payne also shared that the Senate Bill 7 joint committee will need to meet in either November or December to address the bill's "must-do's" for the current fiscal year. The committee is composed of an equal member of administration/Board members and from the members of the teaching staff.

B. Principal's Report

C. Dean's Report

D. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Ward presented the use of credit/debit cards as a means of payment for school related fees. Initial research has been conducted, and more will be done to see if this is a feasible option for MGS.

Action was not required for this agenda item

Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

Mr. Payne circulated several cards of appreciation that had been written to the Board of Education and district staff.

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

Motion by Mr. Wernsman (at 8:04 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Fisher, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Martin (at 8:38 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Fisher, 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

A. Personnel

- a. Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to accept the resignation from Mary Upp from her position of aide. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.
- b. Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve the hire of Elyse Bawyer as a latchkey employee. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Edwards (at 8:40 p.m.) seconded by Mr. Fisher, to adjourn the October 18, 2012 meeting of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Roger Roemer
President

Greg Martin
Secretary