

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of March 21, 2013

The March 21, 2013 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. Roemer, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Dean of Students Tim Damery, Beth Sikkema, Jason Logan, Diane Grebner, Alec Schaer, Wendy Vogel, Gail Simpson, Amber Johns, Valerie Wolfe, Megan Huss, Laura Anglin, and Superintendent Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

Valerie Wolfe presented information to the Board of Education on the development of a small garden on school property. The Girl Scouts will have the direct responsibility of tilling, planting, and ongoing maintenance of the garden. The Board encouraged Ms. Wolfe to pursue the interest.

Action Items

A. Discussion and Approval of an Eagle Scout Project

Alec Schaer presented information to the Board of Education on a type of enclosure over the benches at the end of the north sidewalk to help keep students dry during rain storms while they wait for their parents after school. The project is for his Eagle Scout Project. Based on Board discussion of the current financial state of school districts, the following Board of Education action ensued:

Motion by Mr. Fisher to approve the Eagle Scout project, but district funds will not be used to support the project. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roemer. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

- A. County-Wide Sales Tax – Discussion on this agenda item was not needed

- B. Request for a Cooperative Project with the Village of Metamora – Don Hutchens, Village of Metamora Trustee, presented information on the proposed project of a cost share to of extending the Village bike path along the north end of the bus garage. The Board requested more financial research and tabled the agenda item.

- C. Fee Structure for the 2013-2014 School Year – Mr. Payne shared a survey of many school’s fee structures across central Illinois. The information was not designed for action at this meeting, but will be added to the April 2013 BOE meeting as an action item.
- D. MGS School Newspaper – Amber Johns and Gail Simpson presented information to the Board of Education of the possibility of a Metamora Grade School Newspaper. While more research needs to be conducted, there will be no cost associated with the project.

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to pursue the school newspaper. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Information Items

A. Committee Reports

- 1. Building Committee – the committee discussed a proposal of Entec Services for boiler work. More research needs to be conducted. The Board also discussed the potential cost savings of offering a fruit/vegetable choice in the food service for next year. The project will save several thousand dollars. For this to happen, a hole will need to be cut into the serving line wall.

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Edwards to pursue the construction project, with a cost not to exceed \$12,000

NOTE: Even with the cost of the construction project cost in the first year of the food service choice option, there will be significant savings in the cafeteria/food-service.

B. Principal’s Report

C. Dean’s Report

- D. Athletic Director’s Report – Ms. Vogel shared that the IESA has requested that Metamora Grade School host the 7th Grade, 2A girls state basketball tournament for the 2013-2014 school year.

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Roemer to approve the hosting of the tournament. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

E. Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Payne informed the Board that the state is currently behind \$129,894 in mandated categorical payments. The line items that are behind in payment are for Special Education services and for Transportation services

Action on these agenda items was not needed

Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

There were neither cards nor letters to be presented at this month's Board meeting

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

Motion by Mrs. Rauh (at 8:27 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Martin, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 9:43 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Martin, 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

Resignations

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the resignation from Natalie Zook. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Reduction in Force

1. Non-Certified Employees

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Roemer, to approve the RIF of the follow non-certified employees: Lori Dvziac, Joe Ringenberg, Mary Schierer, Brenda Scarbeary (transportation department only), Brenda Dennis, Mia Morge, Gail Simpson, Paula Adams, Amy Gregory, Sherlyn Purdy, Margit Stucko, Camille Hufnagel, Alan Vieck, Chrissy Nauman, and Severn Berg. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

2. Certified Employees

Motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve the honorable dismissal of certified personnel, Amber Dean. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Dismissal

1. Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to terminate the contract of non-certified employee Mike Moore. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 9:51 p.m.) seconded by Mr. Martin, to adjourn the March 21, 2013 meeting of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Roger Roemer
President

Greg Martin
Secretary