

## **Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of October 17, 2013**

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The October 17, 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. Blundell, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Rauh, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman (arrived at 7:01 p.m.). Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Dean of Students Tim Damery, Rick Pope, Wendy Vogel, Jan Holman, Lindsey Larson, Megan Huss, Tony Wooden, Nicole Wooden, and Superintendent Marty Payne.

### Consent Agenda

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

### Reports from the Public

Mr. and Mrs. Wooden presented a request for an extension on the payment of tuition. Their home in the district is nearly completed, and they are already paying property taxes. Mr. and Mrs. Wooded provided both a letter from the contractor for their home, as well as copies of checks paid for property taxes.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve a waiver of tuition through the end of the 2013-2014 school year. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

### Action Items

#### A. Discussion and Approval of the fiscal Year 2013 Audit and Annual Financial Report.

Stephanie Ramsey of Gorenz and Associates, presented data from the AFR, and provided time for discussion, questions and answers among the Board of Education.

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the Audit and Annual Financial Report as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

#### B. Discussion and Approval of an RFP for School Buses

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve a development of an Request for Proposal for bus leases. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

#### C. Discussion and Approval of a Continuation of a Contractual Agreement with the Illinois Fuel Consortium

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the continued contractual agreement with the purchase of 12,500 gallons of diesel fuel. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- D. Discussion and Approval of the first reading of revised Board of Education policies, 1:10, “School District Legal Status,” 1:120, “District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements,” and 1:30, “School District Philosophy”

There was brief discussion from the Board of Education Policy Committee regarding the process, both legally and from the perspective of the committee, on the revision of the Policy Manual. The process will be lengthy. The Board made the decision that as the revision process continues, fifteen minutes will be given at each monthly meeting of the Board to review potential revisions. Other discussion included potential language change under 1:30, “School District Philosophy”.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the first reading of said sections of the Board Policy Manual. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

- E. Discussion and Approval of a Time, Date, and Location of a Public Hearing regarding the waiver of selected public school holidays.

Mr. Payne explained that the legal requirements have changed regarding the waiver of holidays, and that the process has become much easier. Once the waiver has been approved by the Board, the waiver is good for life. The public holidays that can be waived include, in chronological order, Martin Luther King, Abraham Lincoln, Casimir Pulaski, Columbus Day, and Veteran’s Day. While the district has historically waived only Abraham Lincoln, and Casimir Pulaski, the recommendation from both the Illinois State Board of Education and the Regional Office of Education is to approve the waiver of all selected holidays at the same time.

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 7:00 p.m., for a public hearing regarding the waiver of selected public school holidays. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- F. Discussion and Approval of a request for building use

The Junior Women’s Club has requested the use of the cafeteria on Saturday, December 7, 2013, for a Breakfast with Santa.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the request at no charge. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

#### Discussion Items

- A. Discussion of School Choice as Pertains to No Child Left Behind.

No action was required for this agenda item.

## B. Presentation and Update on Gaggle

Mrs. Huss, technology instructor, presented an update of the gaggle program, sharing both the problems that have been encountered, as well as the success of the program. She further explained what she believed to be the advantages for MGS of gaggle as compared to the use of Goggle Docs.

No action was required for this agenda item

## C. Discussion of a Contractual Agreement for Building Electricity

Lands Energy Services, Inc., is the current provider of Natural Gas for the district, and has presented a contract that has the potential to save the district of nearly \$15,000. Mr. Payne and Board President Bob Fisher explained the information that had provided by Lands Energy. The turn-around time was only one day, which resulted in necessary questions and discussion among the members of the Board.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve a contractual agreement with Lands Energy Services, Inc., for a two year contractual agreement for the supply of electricity, and to approve Mr. Payne the authority to accept changes of the agreement as needed, based on rate changes. Those voting yea: Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wernsman, Mr. Blundell, Mrs. Rauh, and Mr. Fisher. Those voting nay: Mr. Edwards...motion carried.

### Information Items

#### A. Committee Reports

1. Building Committee – did not meet
2. Education Committee – meeting for the discussion of the Common Core
3. Executive Committee – did not meet
4. Finance Committee – did not meet
5. Negotiations Committee – did not meet
6. Policy Committee – had meeting and have begun the policy revision process
7. Transportation Committee – had meeting to discuss bus leases and fuel purchase contractual agreement

B. Principal's Report – discussed tech plan for PARCC needs

C. Dean of Student's Report – Mr. Damery shared the monthly discipline report

D. Athletic Director's Report – Ms. Vogel shared information on a potential Cheerleading fundraiser, her efforts at getting staff to attend home extracurricular activities and work in the concession stand, as well as several students who are auditioning to sing the National Anthem at state series events. Mr. Fisher shared his congratulations to Ms. Vogel for the Boys' Cross Country team making it to the state meet.

## E. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Payne shared an article reporting the unfair financial distribution of state funds to the Chicago Public Schools as compared to the rest of the state. In addition, he shared the celebration of the district again receiving the Bright Start Award, showing the district performing in the top 1/3 of the state academically and in the lower 25% in cost per student. Finally, Mr. Payne began the discussion on the need to upgrade the school's security camera system. Mr. Weber, district Technology Director, will be present for the November meeting to further discuss both the needs for the PARCC assessment, as well as for the security cameras.

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mr. Fisher to approve the cheerleading fundraiser as presented. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve a "Pink the Place" night for December 3, 2013. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

### Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

Mr. Payne distributed a few cards of appreciation that had been submitted to the Board of Education, Faculty and Staff

### Executive Session for the Purpose of Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, Dismissal, or Performance of Employees and for the Purpose of Collective Negotiation Matters between the Public Body and its Employees

Motion by Mrs. Rauh (at 8:50 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Fisher, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Ward (at 9:25 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Rauh to adjourn the Executive Session meeting and return to Open Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

### Action Taken after Executive Session

#### Employment

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the request for a leave of absence, in accordance with the Family Medical Leave Act. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Ashley Nauman as a volunteer volleyball coach, pending obtaining proper certification and the results of a criminal background check. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 9:27 p.m.) seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the October 17, 2013 meeting of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

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Robert Fisher  
President

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Deborah Rauh  
Secretary