

## **Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of December 12, 2013**

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The December 12, 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. Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Dean of Students Tim Damery, Rick Pope, Tara Ott, Heather King, Amanda Peck, 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 were given

### Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing Regarding the Metamora CCSD #1, 2013 Tax Levy

Motion by Mr. Edwards (7:02 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education for the Purpose of a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing regarding the Metamora CCSD #1, 3013 Tax Levy. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Mr. Payne explained that while the 2013 Levy does not equal or exceed 5%, the Board of Education has always provided a Public Hearing. Their desire is to be as open with the tax payers as possible. The Levy provides for a total of 4.97% increase in the EAV. Mr. Payne further explained that there haven't been any changes made to the Levy, since the "Tentative Levy" was approved at the November meeting. There weren't any questions or comments from either the Board or from the public.

Motion by Mr. Edwards (at 7:04 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the Public Hearing. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

### Return to the Open Session Meeting

Motion by Mr. Edwards (7:04 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Fisher to return to the open session meeting. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

### Action Items

#### A. Discussion and Approval of the Metamora CCSD #1, 2013 Tax Levy

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the 2013 Tax Levy as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

- B. Consideration and Action on a Resolution Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied the Year 2013 to Pay Debt Service on General Obligation Bonds (Alternative Revenue Source), Series 2010B for the Metamora CCSD #1, Woodford County Illinois

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

- C. . Discussion and Approval of the First Reading of Revised Board of Education Policies: 2:10, "School District Governance," 2:20, "Powers and Duties of the School Board," 2:20-E, "Exhibit – Waiver and Modification Resource Guide," 2:30, "School District Elections," 2:40, "Board Member Qualifications," 2:50, "Board Member Term of Office," 2:60, "Board Member Removal from Office," 2:70, "Vacancies on the School Board – Filling Vacancies", 2:80, "Board Member Oath and Conduct," 2:80-E, "Exhibit – Board Member Code of Conduct," 2:100, "Board Member Conflict of Interest," 2:105, "Ethics and Gift Ban", 2:110, "Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers," 2:120, "Board Member Development," 2:125, "Board Member Expenses," 2:130, "Board-Superintendent Relationship," and 2:140, "Communications to and from the Board

Mrs. Rauh, Policy Committee Chair, lead the discussion on the first reading of the proposed policy changes. Mr. Fisher requested that under policy 2:80, "Board Member Oath and Conduct", that additional language be added regarding unexcused absences for members of the Board, primarily for those holding offices. The recommendation is for the policy committee to have further discussion, and provide a recommendation when the second reading is provided during the January 2014 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the first reading of revised BOE policy as presented, with the need for additional language to policy 2:80,"Board Member Oath and Conduct" All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- D. Consideration and Approval of a Request for Proposal Regarding Buses for the Metamora CCSD #1 Transportation Department

Mr. Wernsman, chair of the transportation committee, lead the discussion. The recommendation from the committee is as follows:

- Mini-Bus, 12,000 – Midwest Transit, one-year lease at \$9,575
- Mini-Bus, 25,000 – Midwest Bus, one-year lease at \$14,902.98
- 48-Passenger Bus – Midwest Bus at \$14,995.07

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the recommendation from the transportation committee as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

## Discussion Items

### A. Technology Upgrade

Mr. Payne presented information regarding the technology needs with the PARCC Assessment (Common Core Standards). Mr. Weber, Technology Director, has reworked his proposal, allowing for the upgrade to take place over the next two years, while staying within his budget. The discussion of the PARCC assessment includes the potential purchase of both computers (\$47,547.38) as well as wiring upgrades (\$22,615.62).

Mr. Payne shared as well that the matching maintenance grant has been submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education, but he has not received any word on the status of the grant. Discussion among the Board shows support for the complete security camera upgrade, but will wait until the ISBE either approves, or not, the grant application. At that time, the final decision on the upgrade will be made.

### B. Board of Education Convention

The members of the Board that attended the School Board convention, made a brief presentation on respective sessions that they attended.

- Mr. Fisher – Delegate Assembly, Common Core Standards, Athletic Waivers, and Negotiations
- Mr. Edwards – Pension Reform, Technology, and Negotiations
- Mr. Wernsman – Technology and School Safety
- Mr. Payne (Superintendent) – Pension Reform and Negotiations

## Information Items

### A. Committee Reports

1. Building Committee – did not meet
2. Education Committee – did not meet
3. Executive Committee – did not meet
4. Finance Committee – did not meet
5. Negotiations Committee – tabled until executive session
6. Policy Committee – discussed under “Action Items”
7. Transportation Committee – discussed under “Action Items”

### B. Principal’s Report

### C. Dean of Student’s Report

### D. Athletic Director’s Report

### E. Superintendent’s Report

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to renew the two-year contract with St, Mary’s School for Cross Country and Girls Basketball. All present voted yea on a roll call 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 Mr. Edwards (7:55 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Ward to enter into executive session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Edwards (8:31 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

#### Employment

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve Stephanie Haney as a part-time cafeteria worker. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve Ryan Bowald for the position of substitute bus driver. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Ward, to change the date of the January 2014 meeting of the Board of Education to Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. All present vote yea on a voice vote.

#### Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Edwards (at 8:32 p.m.) seconded by Mr. Ward, to adjourn the December 12, 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