

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of January 21, 2014

The January 21, 2014 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, and Superintendent Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

No reports were given

Action Items

- A. Discussion and Approval 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 final reading of the proposed policy changes. As requested during the December 12, 2013 meeting, section 2:80, "Board Member Oath and Conduct", the Policy Committee shared information regarding the number of absences a member of the board could miss during a calendar year. It was determined that three could be missed.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the final reading of revised BOE policy as presented, with the correction/addition to policy 2:80-E "Board Member Oath and Conduct" All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

B. Discussion and Approval of Gorenz and Associates as the School District's Certified Public Accountants

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

C. Discussion and Approval of the Past Six Month's Executive Session Minutes, and the Approval of Public Access to Selected/Approved Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Ward, to keep those prior executive session minutes closed that have been determined to remain closed, and to make public the following executive session minutes, from the past six months, open to public inspection: July 17, 2013, August 19, 2013, September 19, 2013 (the first of two executive session meetings), October 17, 2013, November 19, 2013, and December 12, 2013. The second executive session meeting on September 19, 2013, was determined to remain closed. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

D. Discussion and Approval of the 2014 Non-Tenured and Non-Certified Employee Lists

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the lists as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

E. Discussion and Approval of a Continued Contractual Agreement for Lawn Mowing Services

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the contractual agreement as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

A. Technology Upgrade

Mr. Payne shared information on the matching maintenance grant has been submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education. He has not yet received any word on the status of the grant. As the Board has approved the upgrade regardless of the grant approval, Mr. Payne recommended that we schedule Heart Technologies for the work as their summer schedule will quickly be filled. The members of the Board gave consensus to schedule to work that needs to be completed.

B. Board of Education Retreat

The Board had brief discussion on a retreat, but do not see the need to have one in the near future.

C. Graduation Date for 2014

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Wednesday, May 28, 2014, at 7:00 pm for 8th Grade Graduation. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

D. 2014-2015 School Calendar

Mr. Payne provided preliminary information on the 2014-2015 school calendar including that the superintendents have meet for discussion. The information provided was preliminary, and the next step will be communication with the teaching staff.

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 – did not meet. The next potential meeting date is Thursday, February 20, 2014
6. Policy Committee – meet, with information already covered under “Action Items”
7. Transportation Committee – did not meet

B. Principal’s Report

C. Dean of Student’s Report

D. Athletic Director’s Report

E. Superintendent’s Report

Action was not required for this agenda item

Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

Mr. Payne read a letter of appreciation submitted by a parent for bus driver, Mike Schierer. Mr. Edwards thanked the Board for the flowers.

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. Wernsman (7:29 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Ward to enter into executive session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Ward (7:47 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Wernsman, 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 Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the resignation from Carla Koenig from her position as Latchkey Director. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the hire of Kelli Gatton for the position of Latchkey Director for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the resignation from Kathy Wainman from her position of Girls Basketball Coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 7:52 p.m.) seconded by Mrs. Sikkemna, to adjourn the January 21, 2014 meeting of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Robert Fisher
President

Deborah Rauh
Secretary