

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of December 10, 2014

The December 10, 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 (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Rauh, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Laura Anglin, Megan Huss, Mary Newbecker, Wendy Vogel, Jan Holman, Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, and Marty Payne

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

There were no reports presented from the public

Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing Regarding the 2014 Tax Levy

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema (at 7:04 p.m.), to adjourn the December Board of Education meeting for the purpose of a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Mary Newbecker was a guest at the public hearing, and asked for clarification regarding the Tax Levy. Both the members of the Board of Education and Mr. Payne provided clarification. Mrs. Anglin asked questions of clarification as well. Before the discussion ended the Board asked to be certain that all questions had been answered. The public hearing ended at 7:14 p.m.

Return to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Blundell (at 7:14 p.m.) to adjourn the public hearing and return to the open session meeting. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Action Items

Revision of School Board Policies

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve revisions to the following Board of Education policies:

5:120, "Ethics and Conduct," 5:120 AP, "Administrative Procedure – Employee Conduct Standards," "5:125, "Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct," 5:130, "Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information," 5:130 AP – "Administrative Procedure – Email Retention," 5:140, "Solicitation by or from Staff," 5:150, "Personnel Records," 5:160, "Release of Credit Information," 5:170, "Copyright," 5:170 AP – "Administrative Procedure – Copyright Compliance," 5:180, "Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity," 5:185, "Family and Medical Leave Act," 5:190, "Certification," 5:200, "Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

All present voted yea on the policy revisions.

2014, Metamora CCSD #1 Tax Levy

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the Metamora CCSD #1 Tax Levy. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

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

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the continued agreement at the same cost of \$300.00 per mowing. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

Joint BOE Meeting

Mr. Payne shared that he has had only one response regarding shared services, requesting that MGS facilitate any future meetings. Beth Sikkema and Jeff Wernsman will served on the committee.

2015-2016 School Calendar

Mr. Payne presented the following, potential calendar information:

- August 17 and 18 – Teacher Institute Days
- August 19 – First Day of Student Attendance (full day)
- September 7 – No School, Labor Day
- October 2 – 11:30 dismissal, SIP Day (MTHS Homecoming)
- October 12 – No School, Columbus Day
- October 29 (pm) and 30 (am) – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 11 – No School, Veterans' Day

November 25 – Full Day Institute, No School for Students
November 26-29 – Thanksgiving Break
December 18 – 11:30 Dismissal, SIP Day, Last Day before Christmas Break
December 19 – January 3 – Christmas Break
January 4 – First Day back after Christmas Break
January 15 – 11:30 Dismissal, SIP Day
January 18 – No School, MLK Day
February 12 – 11:30 Dismissal, SIP Day
February 15 – No School, Presidents’ Day
March 18 – 11:30 Dismissal, SIP Day (School Carnival Weekend)
March 25 – April 3, Spring Break
May 24 – Teacher Institute (with no snow days)
May 25 – Last Day of Student Attendance (with no snow days), 11:30 Dismissal
May 30 – No School, Memorial Day
June 1 – Teacher Institute (using all five snow days)
June 2– Last Day of Student Attendance (using all five snow days), 11:30 Dismissal

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the presented calendar as the “first reading”. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Information Items

- A. Committee Reports
 - 1. Building Committee
 - 2. Education Committee
 - 3. Executive Committee
 - 4. Finance Committee
 - 5. Negotiations Committee
 - 6. Policy Committee
 - 7. Transportation Committee
- 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 distributed several cards and letters that had been submitted.

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 8:21 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman (at 8:21 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

The following resignations were approved by the Board of Education:

1. Lacey Hanrahan, effective January 20, 2015
2. Connie Barber at the close of the 2014-2015 school year
3. Sheridan Ray from his position as head boys track coach
4. Chris Welty from his position as assistant boys track coach
5. Jack Frederick from his position as assistant girls track coach

The Board of Education approved the following hires:

1. Andrea Kidd (to replace Lacey Hanrahan), effective January 20, 2015
2. Steve Gorell as the 6th grade boys basketball coach
3. Aaron Zobrist as a volunteer 6th grade boys basketball coach

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Sikkema (at 8:27 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to adjourn the December 10, 2014 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Bob Fisher
President

Debbie Rauh
Secretary