

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of April 16, 2015

The April 16, 2015 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 8:12 p.m.). Others in attendance included Diane Grebner, Megan Huss, Rick Pope, 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 Mrs. Rauh, to approve the consent agenda as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve \$11,220 per bus for a three-year lease with Midwest Bus Sales – two buses. All present vote yea on a roll call vote.

Reports from the Public

There were no reports presented from the public

Action Items

Revision of School Board Policies

Discussion and Approval of the following Revised Board of Education Policies: 5:210, "Resignations," 5:211, "Voluntary Early Retirement," 5:230, "Maintaining Student Discipline," 5:240, "Suspension," 5:260, "Student Teachers," 8:25, "Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Entities," 8:25 AP, "Administrative Procedure – Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Entities," 8:30, "Visitors to and Conduct on School Property," 8:30 E1, "Exhibit – Letter to Parents Regarding Visits to Schools by Child Sex Offenders," 8:30 E2, "Exhibit – Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property," 8:30 AP – Administrative Procedure – Definition of a Child Sex Offender," 8:60, "Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent," 8:70, "Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities," 8:80, "Gifts to the District," 8:90, "Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs," 8:100, "Relations with other Organizations and Agencies," 8:110, "Public Suggestions and Concerns". The final revision is from BOE Policy 2:105, "Ethics and Gift Ban Act," and will add the following language: "Any gift to the district from a member of the Board of Education will first be discussed at the level of the entire Board of Education. Only upon approval of the Board of Education will the gift to the district be accepted."

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema to approve the revised BOE policies as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Polices Regarding Bullying

Discussion and approval of revised Board of Education policies: 7:20, “Harassment of Students Prohibited,” 7:180, “Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment,” and the following sections of Administrative Procedures, “AP1 – Prevention, Identification, Investigation, and Response to Bullying and School Violence,” “E1 – Resource Guide for Bullying and School Violence Prevention,” “E2 – Be a Hero by Reporting Bullying and School Violence,” “E3 – Memo to Staff Regarding Bullying and School Violence,” “E4 - Memo to Parents/Guardians Regarding Bullying and School Violence,” “E5 – Report form for Bullying and School Violence,” “E6 – Interview form for Bullying and School Violence Investigation,” and “E7 – Response to Bullying and School Violence”

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to approve revision of polices as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

First Reading of Revised Policies from Section Six, “Instruction”

Discussion and Approval of the first reading of the following revised BOE policies: 6:10, “Educational Philosophy and Objectives,” 6:15, “School Accountability,” 6:20, “School Year and Calendar Day,” 6:30, “Organization of Instruction,” 6:40, “Curriculum Development,” 6:50, “Wellness Policy,” 6:60, “Curriculum Content,” 6:60 AP, “Administrative Procedure – Comprehensive Health Education Program,” 6:65, “Student Social and Emotional Development,” 6:70, “Teaching about Religions,” 6:80, “Teaching about Controversial Issues,” 6:90, “Kindergarten,” 6:100, “Using Animals in the Educational Program,” 6:110, “Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping out of School and Graduation/Incentive Program,” 6:120, “Education of Children with Disabilities,” 6:130, “Programs for the Gifted,” 6:140, “Education of Homeless Children,” and 6:150, “Home and Hospital Instruction”

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the first reading of policy revisions as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Regional Office of Education #53 (Tazewell County) and the Metamora CCSD #1 for Participation in the ROE #53 Safe School

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

Discussion and Approval of Continued Participation in the Illinois Elementary School Association

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the continued participation in the IESA, and an annual cost of \$910. All present voted aye on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Approval of a Continued Contractual Agreement with the Western Illinois Food Cooperative

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the continued contractual agreement, at an annual cost of \$270. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Approval to Seek bids for Milk Products for the 2015-2016 School Year

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to seek bids for milk products. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion and Approval of a Time, Date, and Location for a Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to schedule a special meeting of the Board of Education for Monday, April 27, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Discussion Items

PE Uniforms

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to allow the PE department to pursue PE uniforms for grades 6th, 7th, and 8th. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Sub Finder Program

This agenda item was tabled pending further research

7th Grade Field Trip

Action needed to be taken by the BOE as the trip request is beyond fifty miles.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the 7th grade field trip request to the Lincoln Museum in Springfield. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Phone System Upgrade

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Fisher, to allow the Superintendent to pursue Health/Life-Safety funds for a phone system upgrade. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Graduation

Mr. Payne reminded the BOE that 8th Grade Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. BOE members need to meet in the main office between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

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 – Mrs. Costello shared the good news of the 22 chrome books that have been donated from the PTO. She also shared praises for the Science Fair.

C. Dean of Student's Report

D. Athletic Director's Report

E. Superintendent's Report – Mr. Payne reminded the BOE that the annual Safety Team meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 8:30 a.m. He reminded the BOE as well that on the same day, the BOE will again be preparing a staff appreciation lunch. Those members of the BOE who can help need to be at school by 10:00 a.m.

Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

Executive Session for the Purpose of Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, Dismissal, or Performance of Employees, for the Purpose of Collective Negotiation Matters between the Public Body and its Employees, and for the Purpose of the Selection of filling a Vacancy in a Public Office

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 8:14 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 9:24 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Wernsman 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

Resignation and Retirements

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Rauh, to approve the resignation from Jordan Tipsword from her position as Latchkey Director. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the resignation from Kim Kieseewetter for her position as the assistant cafeteria manager. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the resignation from Lindsey Galub from her position as Girls 8th grade basketball coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the retirement of Linda Noll from her position as a part-time custodian. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Employment

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the hire of Andrea Kidd for the position of Special Education teacher. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Rauh, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema to approve the hire of the following summer custodial workers: Christian Jones, Dylan Mullins, Dan Herring, Logan Freitag, Brady Call, Karla Kieseewetter, Jackson Ward, and Brian Payne. Those voting yea: Rauh Sikkema, Wernsman, Blundell, Edwards, and Fisher. Those abstaining: Ward. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 9:29 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Wernsman to adjourn the April 16, 2015 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Bob Fisher
President

Debbie Rauh
Secretary