

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Retreat, February 20, 2016

The February 20, 2016 meeting of the Metamora Community Consolidated School District #1 Board of Education Building Committee was called to order at 8:31 a.m. in the office of the Superintendent at Metamora Grade School. Members present: Mr. Blundell (arrived at 8:33 a.m.), Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Strawn, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wernsman, Mr. Fisher, and Superintendent Marty Payne. Others in attendance included Diane Grebner, Melanie Wallace, and MGS Dean of Students, Tim Damery.

Reports from the Public

No reports from the public were given at the meeting

Preliminary Look at the Fee Structure for the 2016-2017 School Year

Mr. Payne shared a spreadsheet showing the respective fee rates from neighboring school districts. As the Board discussed the fee rates for next year, it was determined that policy needs to be put into place that will not allow student to participate in extracurricular activities until both the activity and registration fees are paid. The Board discussed including fees not paid for the current school year. The Board will address as an action item at the March, 2016 regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

Additional financial brainstorming, include the ideas of a Risk Management Plan, the current intent of a \$2,000,000 Working Cash Bond, and a Referendum.

Preliminary Look at Summer Maintenance Projects

In addition to the well discussed Health/Life-Safety projects that are to be completed this summer, the Board discussed the areas of the building that need to painted, gym floors, and summer cleaning. Mr. Payne shared as well that a parent is interested in a fundraising project for new gym lights. Mr. Payne will further research this with the architect.

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. Blundell (at 9:52 a.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema (at 11:17 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Fisher to adjourn the Executive Session meeting and return to Open Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Short and Long-Term Planning

The Board discussed the need to schedule additional committee meetings. Future committee meeting discussions will include ongoing building maintenance and planning for infrastructure need, continued review of the budget, and looking at the properties near the baseball diamond for potential purchase as we study the need to expand the campus. Ongoing work with what may be newly selected primary architectural firm was discussed as well. Finally, the need to review our major contractual services are to be reviewed, starting with the current contract for custodial and maintenance supplies. More specific discussion will take place at the respective committee meetings.

Action Taken after Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to schedule a special meeting of the Board of Education for Wednesday, February 24, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. in the office of the superintendent. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 11:23 a.m.) seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to adjourn the February 20, 2016 meeting of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Retreat. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Robert Fisher
President

Jeff Wernsman
Secretary