

**Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting of March 17, 2016**

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The March 17, 2016 meeting of the Metamora Community Consolidated School District #1 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at Metamora Grade School. Members present: Mr. Blundell, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Strawn, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, Bookkeeper Jan Holman, and Marty Payne. Visitors to the meeting included Diane Grebner, Megan Bernitt, Becky Rhodes, Amanda Peck, Megan Huss, Kaleigh Christ, and Paul Weber.

Consent Agenda

Motion was by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the consent agenda. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Reports from the Public

No reports were given

Action Items

**A. Discussion and Approval of the Fee Structure for the 2016-2017 School Year**

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to keep the fee structure as set for the current 2015-2016, school year. The respective fees are as follows:

Registration - \$130

Food Service:

-Student Breakfast - \$2.10

-Adult Breakfast - \$2.35

-Student Lunch \$2.85

- Adult Lunch \$3.35

Activity Fee - \$25 each activity

Latchkey - \$4 per hour

Gate Fees:

-Adults - \$2

-Senior Citizen - \$1

- Students – No Charge

Sub Teachers - \$85

All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**B. Discussion and Approval of an Architectural Firm to Serve as the Primary Consultant for the District**

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the Farnsworth Group as the primary architectural firm. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**C. Discussion and Approval of a Date for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Ceremony**

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., in the large gym, for the 2016 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**Discussion Items**

**A. Technology Strategic Plan**

Metamora Grad School Technology Director, Paul Weber, was present for the meeting, and shared his annual budget and plan for the district. There were several clarifying questions asked, and Mr. Weber was thanked for his service to the district.

Action was not required for this agenda item.

**Information Items**

**A. Committee Reports**

1. Building Committee – the building committee had a meeting and interviewed four potential architectural firms for the district
2. Education Committee
3. Executive Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Negotiations Committees
6. Policy Committee
7. Transportation Committee
8. Alternative Revenue Committee

Mr. Payne shared the need to meet with the respective committees to more specifically address both short and long-range planning. Mr. Payne will be in touch to begin to schedule committee meetings.

Action was not required for this agenda item

## **B. Administrative Reports**

Members of administration shared recent successes of staff, including choral awards, and the recent Dr. Seuss mystery readers. Mr. Payne also shared a letter of appreciation a parent had written for Ms. Vogel.

Mr. Payne shared as well information from the State, comments from Senate President John Cullerton, that until there is, “education funding reform” he will not pass an education budget. The fear is that we may come to the start of next year without any state funding. This could be financially devastating for the district.

### **Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters**

Action was not required for this agenda item

### **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. Strawn (at 7:26 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Strawn (at 8:04 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Ward 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**

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the Reduction in Force of the following education support personnel from the transportation department, effective at the close of the 2015-2016 school year: Debbie Schertz (mid-day E.C.E. route only), George Oplt, Becky Balk, Jamie Shuda, and Gina Kurtz. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to approve the Reduction in Force of the following non-certified personnel effective at the close of the 2015-2016 school year: Gina Kurtz, Jen Mechiletti, Mollie Hawkins, George Oplt, Jamie Shuda, and Sarah Murray. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the following: to be consistent with past practice, the Board of Education has been made aware of a situation that may be in conflict with Board Policy, and the administration is directed to take steps for immediate compliance. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Sikkema, to approve Jennifer Duncan for the position of Assistant Girls Track Coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve Scott Cornell for the position of full-time custodian. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Blundell, (at 8:14 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Wernsman to adjourn the March 17, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

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Bob Fisher  
President

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Jeff Wernsman  
Secretary