

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

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The May 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 (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Mr. Fisher, Mr. Strawn, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Jori Sparry, Cory Sparry, Becky Rhodes, Russ Knoblauch, Tony Laesch, Chris Render, Tara Wilson, Brad Wilson, Mandi Peck, Megan Huss, Jan Holman, Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, and Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

Russ Knoblauch, from Country Financial Insurance, presented information on the renewal rates for Building and Board of Education liability insurance. The overall increase in rates comes to 2.2%. This information was informational only for this meeting, and will be an action item for the June 2016 meeting.

Action Items

**A. Discussion and Approval a Revision to Board of Education Policy, 8:20, "Community Relations: Community use of School Facilities."**

Motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the revised policy. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**B. Discussion and Approval of a Request from Metamora Township High School to House a Visiting Marching Band**

Chris Render, Band Director from Metamora Township High School, presented the request to the Board of Education. Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Edwards, to approve the request as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**C. Discussion and Approval of a Contract Renewal with the Western Illinois Food Cooperative.**

The Western Illinois Food Cooperative is the vendor used to allow for the cafeteria food purchasing. The renewal cost is \$270.00, which is the current fiscal year rate; there is no increase in the membership fee. Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to renew the contract. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**D. Discussion and Approval of a Change in the 2016-2017 School Calendar**

The change was presented based on a request from the Metamora Grade School Foundation for Educational Excellence, and the need to move the annual school carnival to a week earlier in March. The change in the school calendar will move the 11:30 student dismissal/SIP day from Friday, March 17, 2017, to Friday, March 10, 2017. Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr Ward, to approve the change in the school calendar. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**E. Discussion and Approval of a Tentative, Amended Metamora Grade School, Fiscal Year 2016 Budget**

The amended budget will come from the Education Fund, adding an additional \$20,000 in expenditures to the line item for Electricity.

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amended Amount</u>
10-2540-466-00	Electricity	\$20,000

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Ward to approve the Tentative Amended Budget as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

**F. Set the Date, Time, and Location for a Public Hearing regarding the Amended, Metamora CCSD #1 Fiscal Year 2016 Budget**

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to approve Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., at Metamora Grade School, for a Public Hearing Regarding the Amended Budget. All present voted yea on a roll call vote. This is the date of the scheduled June, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education.

**Discussion Items**

**A. State Budget Concerns**

Mr Payne shared that numerous variations of plans for funding schools continue to come from Springfield. Some have Metamora Grade School getting additional General State Aid, and others have us receiving less. Some have us receiving less money with a first year, hold-harmless clause, to be phased out over several years. Mr. Payne shared as well that while not all members of the Finance Committee are able to make a meeting, representation will be meeting with First Midstate, Inc., to further discuss Working Cash Bonds.

## Information Items

### **A. Board of Education Committee Reports**

1. Building Committee
2. Education Committee
3. Executive Committee
4. Finance Committee
5. Negotiations Committees
6. Policy Committee
7. Transportation Committee
8. Alternative Revenue Committee

Action was not required for this agenda item

### **B. Administrative Reports**

Members of administration shared the following information:

April 27 was “Administrative Professionals Day – Secretaries Day – praise and Appreciation was given to the secretaries

May 2-6 is Teacher Appreciation Week – praise and appreciation was given to staff

May 18 is 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation – Mr. Payne reminded Board members to be at School no later than 6:30 p.m.

May 25 – staff appreciation lunch – Mr. Payne reminded the Board to be a school By 10:00 a.m.

### 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

Motion by Mr. Strawn (at 7:28 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Ward, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Strawn (at 8:36 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Blundell 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. Blundell, to approve the resignation from Heather Brown from her position as Speech Pathologist. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the resignation from Steve Gorrell from his position of 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr Strawn, to approve an amended superintendent contract, for the length of five years. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

While action was not taken on the following items, based on personnel discussion form the Executive Session meeting, the Board has directed the Finance Committee to discuss with First Midstate up to 1.5 million in working cash bonds, and for the Board to develop a committee to further research an Education Fund referendum.

The board also stated the need to keep an very watchful eye on the growing class sizes for next year's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.

### Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, (at 8:42 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Strawn to adjourn the May 12, 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