

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting, September 15, 2016

The September 15, 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. Fisher, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Strawn, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Becky Rhodes, Megan Miller, Jessica Hilst, Jason Hohulan, Jan Holman, Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, and Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

None given.

Public Hearing for the Metamora CCSD #1, Fiscal Year 2017 Budget

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, at 7:04 p.m., seconded by Mr. Strawn, to recess the meeting of the Board of Education to conduct a public hearing for the FY17 budget. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Mr. Payne shared information on the budget, including the process of approving a school district budget, as well as the basic financial information for this year's budget. The only change from the approved "Tentative Budget" was the total amount of deficit spending in the Education fund is at \$259,900.

There was brief conversation regarding budget procedures.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, at 7:12 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, adjourn the public hearing and return to the normally scheduled meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Action Items

A. Fiscal Year 2017, Metamora CCSD #1 Budget

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Strawn to approve the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

B. Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Financial Report

Jason Hohulin, from Gorenz and Associates, presented the Annual Financial Report to the Board of Education.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the Annual Financial Report. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

C. Change in Health Care coverage to Include Dental and Vision

This agenda item was tabled, pending further research.

D. 2016-2017 Application for the Annual Recognition of Schools

Mr. Payne shared that the application is a report that must be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education, stating that the para-professionals in the district have the necessary credentials to hold their respective positions; they do.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the application. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

E. First Reading of Revised/New Board of Education Policies: 6:100, "Using Animals in the Educational Program," 7:10, "Equal Educational Opportunities," 7:340, "Student Records," and 8:810, "Public Suggestions and Concerns."

A summary of the changes in policy are as follows:

6:100 – Using Animals in the Educational Program – the content of the policy has not changed, but has been divided into two paragraphs with new headings. The first, "Animal Experiments," focuses on classroom activity with live animals. The second, "Animal Dissection," focuses on classroom activity with dead animals.

7:10 – Equal Educational Opportunities – the policy language has not changed, but a footnote has been added, stating the districts need to consult with their respective attorney when developing policy that may lead to any type of a discrimination law suit.

7:340 – Student Records - the change focuses on the distribution of student directories, and not to identify any students by gender.

8:810 – Public Suggestions and Concerns – this is a new policy, and provides language that in the event of a public suggestion or concern, it needs to be directed to the appropriate level at the school. Metamora Grade School follows the chain-of-command.

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the first reading of revised/new policy. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

F. Request from Great Oaks Church for the use of a Room, before School Hours, on a Weekly Basis

Mr. Payne shared that this is an annual request, and the church is required to show both proof of insurance and complete the building use form.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the request. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

A. Education Fund Referendum

As the committee chair, Mr. Wernsman provided an update of the work being done by the Grassroots Committee. Mr. Fisher shared the steps the district may need to take in the event the referendum is unsuccessful, including putting the referendum on the April, 2017 ballot, issuing bonds, conducting a Risk Management Plan, researching the county-wide sales tax to be placed on a ballot, and cutting staff and extracurricular programs (athletics and fine arts). Mr Fisher stated that these are thoughts and not decided upon actions.

Mr. Wernsman brought forth initial discussion of a change in policy regarding community use of MGS facilities. The policy of note 8:25, "Advertising and Distributing Materials in School Provided by Non-School Entities".

Information Items

A. Board of Education Committee Reports

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

Action was not required for this agenda item

B. Administrative Reports

Action was not required for this agenda item

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 Mrs. Sikkema (at 8:00 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Blundell, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema (at 8:18 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Strawn to adjourn the Executive Session meeting and return to Open Session. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Action Taken after Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to increase the salary for Rick Pope, Transportation Director, to avoid an overtime penalty. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to adjust the salary for Karla Kiesewetter to the current salary of the Cafeteria Manager, while the manager is on a leave-of-absence. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to approve Andy Symmonds for the position of volunteer assistant, 6th grade boys basketball coach, pending the results of a criminal background check. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Ward, (at 8:24 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Strawn to adjourn the September 15, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Bob Fisher
President

Jeff Wernsman
Secretary

