

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

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The November 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. Fisher, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Strawn, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Wernsman. Others in attendance included Becky Rhodes, Mary Miller, Wendy Vogel, Megan Huss, Willie Williams, Donna Williams, Jim Sickenger, 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

Mr. Jim Sickenger presented the possibility of a fundraiser to purchase textbooks for the district, or other classroom needs, through an on-line type of donation process. The idea was well-received by the Board of Education. The Board advised Mr. Sickenger to run the fundraiser through the Education Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie and Donna Williams presented the possibility of a “black card” fundraiser that would have a percentage of proceeds going to the district. The men’s basketball league, based in Germantown-Hills, would sponsor the fundraiser, and would be based on discounts to local businesses with, again, a percentage of proceeds going to the school district. The Board supported Mr. and Mrs. Williams on the fundraiser.

Action Items

**A. Revised Board of Education Policy 8:25, “Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities”**

The change in policy allows for local school districts to promote district initiatives on campus.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the revision of policy. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

**B. Tentative Metamora CCSD #1, 2016 Tax Levy**

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the tentative Levy with an estimated 10% increase in EAV, and maintaining all current, district-level fund account tax rates. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

**C.** Set the date, time, and location for a Truth-in-Taxation public hearing regarding the Metamora CCSD #1, 2016 tax levy

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to schedule the public hearing for Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Metamora Grade School. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

**D.** First Reading of Revised and/or New Board of Education Policies: 2:120, “Board Member Development,” 2:125, “Board Member Compensation; Expenses,” 2:220, “School Board Meeting Procedure,” 4:60, “Purchases and Contracts,” and 4:175, “Convicted Child Sex Offender, Screening; Notification”

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the first reading of the revised policies as presented. Policy 2:125, “Board Member Compensation; Expenses” was tabled. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

**E.** Special Meeting of the Board of Education

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to schedule a special meeting of the board of education for Monday, November 21, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the superintendent. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

#### Discussion Items

**A.** Education Fund Referendum

The Board reached a consensus to put the referendum on the ballot in April, 2016, and directed the superintendent to have an updated resolution prepared for the December 7, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education meeting.

#### 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

The district owns an old, red van that will not be able to be used in the future. The board reached consensus to donate the van to Metamora Township High School for shop classes. Mr. Payne will have further discussion with the high school administration.

**B. Administrative Reports**

Mrs. Costello shared many of the positive events happening at MGS.

M. Damery shared highlights from the fall sports and activities.

Mr. Payne share positive comment regarding the Veterans Day Assembly

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 Mr. Strawn (at 8:22 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to enter into executive session. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema (at 8:25 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 the Executive Session Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the resignation from Debbie Clark as the cafeteria manager. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr Blundell, to approve a leave-of-absence for Melanie Wallace. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, (at 8:26 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Blundell to adjourn the November 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





