

The February 15, 2017 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, Mrs. Sikkema, Mr. Strawn, Mr. Ward, Mr. Wernsman and Mr. Fisher. Others in attendance included Rick Pope, Megan Huss, Joe Gualandri, Melanie Wallace, 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

There were no reports given from the public.

Action Items

A. Revised/New Board of Education Policies: 5:125, “Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct,” 5:190, “Teacher Qualification,” 5:250, “Leaves of Absence,” and 5:330, “Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves”

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the revised policies as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

B. First Reading of Revised/New Board of Education Policies: 6:15, “School Accountability,” 6:160, “English Language Learners,” 6:170, “Title 1 Programs,” 6:340, “Student Testing and Assessment Program,” and 7:70, “Attendance and Truancy”

Motion by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the first reading of revised Board of Education policy as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

C. Annual Approval of Board of Education Policies Referring to Bullying: 7:20, “Harassment of Students Prohibited,” 7:180, “Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment,”

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the annual renewal, with no changes, to the district’s bullying policies. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

D. Lawn Mowing Services for 2017

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the contract renewal with Justin Springer for lawn mowing services for 2017. The price will remain the same at \$300 per mow. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

E. Request from the Sun Foundation for the use of a Metamora Grade School Bus and Driver for the Annual Art and Science in the Woods Program. The Sun Foundation pays all related transportation costs. Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve the request. All present vote yea on a roll call vote.

G. Request from ADDWC to use the parking lot for an electronics pick-up.

The date of the pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to approve the request. All present vote yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

Mr. Payne shared potential dates for this year's 8th grade graduation ceremony. The district has, for several years, had graduation on a Wednesday evening. The current calendar has Wednesday, May 24, 2017 as the last day of the school year. After brief discussion...

Motion by Mr. Wernsman, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to schedule the 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony for Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place in the large gym.

Mr. Payne also shared with the Board a revised summer schedule. Rather than have each of the three office support staff work three individual weeks, they will all work the same three weeks. This will allow for more collaboration, effective and efficient use of time. The tentative schedule would be as follows (with the use of no snow days)

- Last day of school – Wednesday, May 24
- Last day of office support staff – Thursday, June 1
- The office will be closed during the month of June (members of administration and bookkeeper will keep their respective, summer hours)
- The office will open again on Tuesday, July 11, with all members of the office support staff on duty. Office hours will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.
- On Tuesday, August 1, the office will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday
- Students return to school for the 2017-2018 school year on Thursday, August 17. Normal office hours will resume.

The Board of Education supported the new summer schedule, but asked that it be evaluated at the end of the summer for overall effectiveness.

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

Mr. Payne shared a letter from a parent, Amy Zobrist, thanking Katie Hyde, Athletic Boosters President, for the many hours she puts in in support of our programs. Members of administration supported the positive comments, sharing their appreciation for Mrs. Hyde.

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 7:26 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema to enter into executive session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 7:49 p.m.), seconded by Mrs. Sikkema to adjourn the executive session meeting and to return to open session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Action taken after the Executive Session Meeting

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the resignation from Logan Kiesewetter as a part-time cafeteria worker. All present voted aye on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mrs. Sikkema, to approve the hire of Dayna Traver as an assistant track coach. All present voted aye on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, seconded by Mr. Ward, to approve Johnny Rebholz for the position of volunteer track coach. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

It is noted that all personnel items are approved pending the results of a criminal background check.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Wernsman, to approve the retirement of Rick Pope from his position as Transportation Director at the close of the 2017 fiscal year. All present voted aye on a roll call vote.

The final order of business was to change the date for both the March and April BOE meetings. The new date of the March meeting is Wednesday, March 15, 2017. The new date for April meeting is Tuesday, April 11, 2017. All present voted aye on a voice vote.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Sikkema, (at 8:00 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Blundell to adjourn the February 15, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Bob Fisher
President

Jeff Wernsman
Secretary

