

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting, May 16, 2017

The May 16, 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. Barnes, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Gualandri, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Palmisano, Mr. Strawn, and Mr. Fisher. Others in attendance included Becky Rhodes, Neel Beer, Melanie Wallace, Diane Grebner, Heather Little, Scott Wood, Jori Spary, Cathy Costello, Tim Damery, and Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

Heather Little visited with the Board regarding ways that she wants to better educate MGS students on suicide awareness. Her focus is on junior high students, and wished to be a partner with MGS staff in an effort to work collectively for the betterment of students. Mr. Fisher, BOE President, thanked her, and recommended that she work initially with the school administration for implementation.

Action Items

A. Electricity and Natural Gas

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to table this item until the third party administrator can be present for the meeting. All members voted yea on a roll call vote.

B. Metamora High School Request

Motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve a request from MTHS to host a visiting marching band this summer for the annual marching band show at the high school. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

C. Renewal with the Western Illinois Food Co-Op

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to approve the renewed contract with the Western Illinois Food Co-Op. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

D. Fee Structure for the 2017-2018 School Year

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to approve the 2017-2018 fee structure as follows:

Registration Fees - \$135

Food Service:

- Student Breakfast, \$2.15
- Adult Breakfast, \$2.45
- Student Lunch, \$2.90
- Adult Lunch, \$3.40

Activity Fee - \$25 per activity, no cap

Latchkey - \$4 per hour

Gate Fees:

- Adults, \$2
- Senior Citizens, \$1
- Students, No Charge

Substitute Teacher – the BOE asked for research among area schools before setting the daily rate of compensation for substitute teachers.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Strawn, to approve the fee structure for the 2017-2018 school year as listed. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

E. Contract Renewal for Copy Machines

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve a 4-year contract renewal for copy machines with Digital Copy Systems. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Discussion Items

A. Board of Education Retreat

The BOE set the date of Saturday, July 8, 2017 for the retreat. Mr. Payne shared that the school attorney and bond underwriter will be present at the retreat, and that the BOE needs to begin the strategic planning process for a combination of financial and curricular needs.

B. BOE Liability and Building Insurance

Neel Beer from Country Insurance shared information with the BOE regarding insurance, including the 5% increase rates for the coming fiscal year. The actual renewal will be an action item on the June BOE meeting agenda.

C. Health Insurance Agent

Mr. Payne shared the process for selecting a health insurance agent for the district (teacher lead and a teacher vote). John Moore and Dean Ambrosch from the Health Insurance Exchange have been selected as the health insurance agents for the district.

Information Items

A. Board of Education Committee Reports

Mr. Fisher, BOE President, lead the discussion for the respective BOE committees. The committees have been set as follows:

*NOTE: My apology, but I'll need to get a list of the respective committees and committee members. I did not get this recorded from the May BOE meeting.

B. Administrative Reports

Acknowledgement of Cards and Letters

Executive Session for the Purpose of Appointment, Compensation, Discipline, Dismissal, or Performance of Employees

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 7:53 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Strawn to enter into executive session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote

Motion by Mr. Strawn (at 8:26 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Barnes 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. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to approve the following resignations: Hollie Richards and the Scholastic Bowl Coach, Mike Persich as the Head Girls Basketball Coach, and Ryan Crawley as a Teacher. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Palmisano to approve Lisa DeVore for the position of Bookkeeper. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve Kyle Eaton as a volunteer assistant baseball coach.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Blundell, (at 8:29 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Strawn to adjourn the May 16, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Bob Fisher, President
President

Mary Miller, Secretary
Secretary

