

**Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting, December 13, 2017**

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The December 13, 2017 meeting of the Metamora Community Consolidated School District #1 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office at Metamora Grade School. Members present: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Gualandri, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Palmisano, and Mr. Strawn. Others in attendance included Lisa DeVore, George Oplt, Dusty Bequette, Metamora Grade School Principal Cathy Costello, Metamora Grade School Dean of Students Tim Damery, and Marty Payne.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports from the Public

No reports.

Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 7:02 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to begin the public hearing. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

The respective fund accounts and tax rates are as follows:

<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Rate for 2018-2019</u>
Education Fund \$1.52	\$1.52
O&M Fund \$.25	\$.25
Transportation Fund \$.12	\$.12
Social Security Fund \$.072	\$.057
IMRF Fund \$.061	\$.045
Special Ed. Fund \$.02	\$.02
Life-Safety Fund \$.05	\$.05
Tort Fund \$.11	\$.05
Working Cash Fund \$.05	\$.05
Lease Fund \$.05	\$.02
Bond & Interest \$.047	\$.047

The Social Security, IMRF, and Tort funds do not have a legally set limit, and are restricted to use for that fund account only. For example, the IMRF fund account can be used only to pay IMRF; it cannot be transferred to other fund accounts. As the district either brings in more revenue than what is needed, or has a healthy fund balance in the respective accounts, the rates were able to be lowered. The end result is an overall lower tax rate.

There were no questions or comments from the audience.

Motion by Mr. Palmisano (at 7:05 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Barnes, to adjourn the public hearing and to return to the normally scheduled meeting. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

### Action Items

#### **A. Metamora CCSD #1, 2017 Tax Levy**

Motion by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Strawn to approve the tentative levy as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

#### **B. RFP for Buses for the 2018-2019 School Year**

George Oplt, MGS Transportation Director, presented the RFP for a one-year lease on all of the buses. There is a slight increase in cost, primarily as there will be another security camera added to each bus. There was discussion as well regarding air and hydraulic brakes. Research will be conducted next year to determine potential cost savings.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Blundell to approve the RFP from Midwest Bus Sales, Inc. for the 2018-2019 school year. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

#### **C. First Reading of Revised Board of Education Policies 4:110, "Transportation," 5:90, "Abused and Neglected Child Reporting," and 5:290, "Education Support Personnel:"**

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the first reading of the revised policies as presented. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

#### **D. First reading of the Metamora Grade School, 2018-2019 Public School Calendar**

Mr. Payne shared the key dates of the proposed calendar with the BOE. It is very much like the current year's calendar, and lines up very closely with the MTHS calendar. The final calendar, including any changes that may be made, will be approved by the BOE at the January meeting.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to approve the tentative, 2018-2019, MGS Public School Calendar. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

#### **E. Contract for Lawn Mowing Services**

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve a contract renewal with Justin Springer for lawn mowing services. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

## Discussion Items

### **A. Joint Meeting of the Education and Finance Committees**

The BOE and administration discussed the need to put a plan in place for ongoing curricular upgrades, including both need and related costs. The committee will set a date to meet in January.

## 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

Each of the respective committee chair provided a brief report.

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 Purposes of: appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of an employee(s); collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees; student disciplinary matters; the sale or purchases of securities, investments, or investment contracts; and the establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act

Motion by Mr. Blundell (at 7:36 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Barnes, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Strawn (at 7:48 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Blundell, 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

A. Personnel

- a. Resignation from Caitlin Martin from her position as a special education assistant.

Motion by Mr. Barnes, second Mr. Palmisano to approve the resignation. All present voted yea on roll call vote.

- b. Hire of Maryn Bevard for the position of special education assistant.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Palmisano to approve the hire. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- c. Leave-of-Absence for Mark Dotterer through the FMLA.

Motion by Mr. Palmisano, seconded by Mr. Barnes to approve the leave. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

- d. Retirement – Molly Gualandri at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Blundell, to approve the retirement. Those voting aye: Blundell, Miller, Palmisano, Strawn, Barnes, and Fisher. Those abstaining: Gualandri. The motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Strawn, (at 7:48 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Blundell to adjourn the December 13, 2017 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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Mary Miller  
Secretary



