

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Meeting, January 17, 2018

The January 17, 2018 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 (by teleconference), Mrs. Miller, Mr. Palmisano, and Mr. Strawn. Others in attendance included Lisa DeVore, 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.

Action Items

- A. Revised/New Board of Education Policies: 4:110, "Transportation," 5:90, "Abused and Neglected Child Reporting," and 5:290, "Education Support Personnel"

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

- B. 2018-2019 Metamora Grade School, Public School Calendar

Highlights of the 2018-2019 school calendar are as follows:

2017-2018 SCHOOL CALENDAR

August

Tuesday, August 14, Teacher Institute
Wednesday, August 15, Teacher Institute
Thursday, August 16, first full Day of School

September

Monday, September 3, Labor Day, No School
Friday, September 28, 11:30 dismissal/SIP – MTHS Homecoming

October

Monday, October 8, Columbus Day, No School
Tuesday, October 9, Teacher Institute
Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26, Parent/Teacher Conferences

November

Friday, November 2, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP

Wednesday, November 21 – Sunday, November 25, Thanksgiving Break, No School

*note: school will not be in session on Wednesday, November 22

December

Friday, December 21, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP

Saturday, December 22 – Sunday, January 6 – Christmas Break, No School

January

Monday, January 7, Return from Christmas Break

Friday, January 18, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP

Monday, January 21, MLK Day, No School

February

Friday, February 15, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP

Monday, February 18, Presidents' Day, No School

March

Friday, March 8, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP – School Carnival Weekend

Saturday, March 23-Sunday, March 31 – Spring Break

April

Monday, April 1, Return from Spring Break

Friday, April 19-Monday, April 22 – Easter Break

Tuesday, April 23 – Return from Easter Break

May

*note: ***With No Snow Days...***

Thursday, May 23, Teacher Institute

Friday, May 24, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP – Last Day of School

*note: ***Using all 5 Snow Days...***

Friday, May 31 Teacher Institute

Monday, June 3, 11:30 Dismissal/SIP – Last Day of School

- Based on Snow Days used, Monday, May 27 would be a non-attendance day for Memorial Day

Motion by Mr. Strawn, seconded by Mr. Barnes to approve the 2018-2019 calendar. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

C. Review of the Past Six Month's Executive Session Minutes

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Barnes, to keep closed those prior executive session minutes closed that have been determined to remain closed, and to make the following executive session minutes open for public inspection: August 16, 2017, and September 21, 2017. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

D. Contract Renewal with Gorenz and Associates as the Districts' Certified Public Accountants

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

E. 2017-2018 Tenured Faculty and Non-Certified Seniority Lists

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

Discussion Items

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

A report was made from the joint meeting of the education and finance committees. The discussion focused on the need to upgrade all areas of the curriculum, with math currently due, and reading with the most need. The need to upgrade infrastructure for technology is also a current need. A comprehensive plan will be developed for adoption and implementation.

Action was not required for this agenda item

B. Administrative Reports

Action was not required for this agenda item

Mr. Payne asked for two BOE members to serve on a committee with the MTHS, the Metamora Police Department, and the Metamora Village Board for discussion of a school police liaison officer. Mary Miller and Travis Barnes will serve on the committee.

Mr. Payne also reported on the progress being made to address the lead/water problems.

Motion by Mr. Blundell, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to approve the use of Health/Life-Safety Funds for the project. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

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. Fisher (at 7:41 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yes on a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Barnes (at 7:51 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 Wendy Vogel from her position of head girls track coach.

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

- b. Resignation from Michele Russell from the position of Dean's Secretary

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

- c. Resignation from Mollie Hawkins from the position of special education assistant.

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

- d. Retirement – Kathy Steele at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Blundell, (at 7:53 p.m.), seconded by Mr. Strawn to adjourn the January 17, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education. All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Bob Fisher
President

Mary Miller
Secretary

