

Minutes of the Metamora CCSD #1 Board of Education Joint Meeting of the Education and Finance Committees Meeting, January 26, 2018

The January 26, 2018 joint meeting of the Metamora Community Consolidated School District #1 Board of Education Finance and Education Committees was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the office of the Superintendent at Metamora Grade School. Members present: Mr. Gualandri, Mr. Palmisano and Mr. Fisher. Others in attendance included Metamora Grade School Principal Paul Weber, Diane Grebner, Tim Damery, and Marty Payne.

Reports from the Public

No reports from the public were given at the meeting

Discussion of financial and curricular long-range planning

Mr. Payne presented information on the need to upgrade all areas of the curriculum, with the current emphasis on both math and reading. He shared estimated costs, as well as the reasons as to why these particular subjects have the most need. Math is on a current renewal cycle, and the reading/literature books in the building are nearly 20 years old; they are simply wearing out. Looking ahead, the next areas of the curriculum, based on the recommendation of MGS Principal, Cathy Costello, will be science and then social studies. Technology will be upgraded as well, as all areas of the curriculum will continue to grow with additional components of technology.

Mr. Weber shared that while the building will eventually need to be upgraded for Wireless Access Points to cover all areas of the building, but the immediate need is to upgrade much of the K-4th grade sections of the building with power. Currently the rooms do not have sufficient electrical outlets to handle an upgrade. The current estimate for the upgrade is roughly \$20,000. Once the power is upgraded, the next steps in adding wireless technology in the building can be done. There was discussion on the addition of chrome books in every classroom, but to be added on a needs basis, and as funds allow for the purchases. Funding of the respective projects will begin with \$40,000 that has been set aside for curriculum upgrades, and then built into the district budget on a several year, strategic basis.

Executive Session for the Purpose of the Discussion of Collective Bargaining

Motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Palmisano, to enter into Executive Session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

*Mr. Palmisano needed to leave the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 12:55), seconded by Mr. Gualandri, to adjourn the executive session meeting and return to open session. All present voted yea on a roll call vote.

Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Fisher (at 12:56 p.m.) seconded by Mr. Gualandri, to adjourn the meeting.
All present voted yea on a voice vote.

Robert Fisher
President

Mary Miller
Secretary