

**Medford Area Public School District  
Regular Board of Education Meeting  
Medford Area Middle School  
August 19, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 6:02 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

**Roll Call**

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Kurt Werner, Steve Deml, Aemus Balsis, Corey Dassow, John Zuleger, Jodi Nuernberger, Brian Hallgren, and Don Everhard were present. District Administrator Laura Lundy was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open Meeting Compliance**

Dave Fleegel stated, "This meeting has been posted in accordance with the state open meeting law."

**Period of Public Comment:** None

**WASB Convention:** This will be held on January 22-24, 2025 in Milwaukee

**Legislative Update:** None

**Consent Agenda**

Motion (Zuleger/Nuernberger) to approve the consent agenda: Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2024; Approval of treasurer's report, personnel reports and the approval of the model for special education policies and procedures. Motion carried.

**Regular Business**

1. **Taylor County Educator of the Month:** Jessica Haenel was honored as the Taylor County Educator of the Month
2. **Learning Center Lease:** Was not discussed
3. **Staffing/Back to School:** The RVA has a support staff position open, MAES/SES has one support staff position open, MAMS has two support staff positions open, and MASH has all staff hired at this time.
4. **Update on Finance Meeting:** Audra Brooks and Brian Hallgren gave an update on the finance meeting. Review of the 2024-25 Budget - Budget is presented with a deficit of \$235,834. Mill Rate is expected to drop from \$5.87 to \$5.53. If the referendum passes, the impact will be an additional .47 with a total estimated mill rate of \$6.00 per thousand or \$600 on a property value of \$100,000. Finance reviewed quotes for the MAES Gym Floor replacement. Insurance will cover \$150,000. 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Audit - went well for the department.
5. **Review of the Insurance Bid:** No update
6. **Approval of Line of Credit 2024-25:** Abby Bank has provided us with our line of credit with an interest rate of 6.350%.
7. **Initial Resolution:** INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$22,665,000: BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Medford Area Public School District, Taylor and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$22,665,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school facility improvement project consisting of: construction of an addition and renovations at the High School, including for technical education, classrooms and

accessibility updates; capital maintenance, remodeling, safety and systems improvements at the Elementary, Middle and High Schools; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

Motion (Zuleger/Dassow) to accept the referendum question as presented and request a roll call vote. Roll Call Vote: Yes: Hallgren, Deml, Balsis, Dassow, Fleegel, Zuleger, Everhard, Nuernberger, Werner, Motion passes 9-0

**8. Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$22,665,000:**

Motion (Fleegel/Everhard) to accept the resolution providing for a referendum election of the question of the approval of an initial resolution as presented. I request a roll call vote.

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Medford Area Public School District, Taylor and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$22,665,000" (the "Initial Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 5, 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on November 5, 2024 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Initial Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in The Star News within ten days after the date hereof.
- (b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in The Star News in the issue published immediately prior to the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be published in The Star News in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit C shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 52 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 120.115(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Initial Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Roll Call Vote: Dassow, Everhard, Deml, Balsis, Fleegel, Werner, Zuleger, Nuernberger, Hallgren, Motion passes 9-0

**9. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and/or Deletion:**

- a. For Second Reading:** EFF Family Services Account Charges and Collections, FEB Selection of Architect, FG Board Inspection and Acceptance of New Facilities, FL Retirement of Facilities
- b. For First Reading:** GBA Equal Employment Opportunity, GBC Staff Ethics,

GBCA Staff Conflicts of Interest, GBCBA Harassment in the Workplace  
c. **Review/Consideration:** JB Equal Education Opportunity, Nondiscrimination  
Policy

Motion (from policy) to approve second reading as presented. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn (Zuleger/Balsis) Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Nicole Gebert

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Jodi Nuernberger

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_