

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

Community Discussion: A period of community input regarding qualities community members would like the school board to consider when hiring the next superintendent.

- Question asked about the job description of the superintendent.
- Fiscal responsibility, student ranking concerns, push for academic improvement, conservative qualities with fiscal responsibility and teaching
- Takes decisive action, stands up for what is right, appropriate risk management. curiosity for problem solving, looks outside the box, and has a collaborative mindset.
- Committed and living here not commuting or treating the district as a resume builder.
- Would like them to be present in the buildings, which helps make you feel heard as a teacher.

On March 28th, 6 pm, at the Red White Theatre we will be announcing the final candidates for the position. They will be answering questions and we will have time set aside with refreshments for a meet and greet.

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, February 19, 2024 at 6:24 p.m. at the District Office Board Room.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Kurt Werner, Brian Hallgren, Steve Deml, Aemus Balsis, Corey Dassow, John Zuleger, Jodi Nuernberger, and Don Everhard were present. District Administrator Pat Sullivan 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: A member of the audience was wondering why swimming is not included in the freshman class curriculum. He also had YMCA concerns, asked about why our roofs are flat, concerns about leaking roofs at MASH, and concerns about losing power and not having a curriculum to teach if that were to happen.

Correspondence

1. Good News: None
2. MASH Student Council Report: None
3. Legislative Update: Pat Sullivan gave a legislative update.

Consent Agenda

Motion (Zuleger/Nuernberger) to approve the consent agenda: Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2024; Approval of treasurer's report, personnel reports, and approval of the international exchange student from Italy. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. **Educator of the month:** Lisa Jiskra was honored as Taylor County's Educator of the Month.
2. **Legislative Dinner:** The Legislative Dinner will be held on April 1st at MASH. Currently Senator Felzkowski and Tomczyk plan to attend. Representative Snyder, Armstrong, and Hurd all plan to attend as well. We are waiting to hear back from

some of the other Senators and Representatives. We will be finalizing topics for that evening's discussion.

- 3. Superintendent Search:** The timeline for the superintendent search is as follows:
March 4th - Job posting closes and the School Board begins review of applications and selects five or six candidates for the first round of interviews.

March 18th & 19th - School Board and staff will interview the five or six candidates selected.

March 25th - Board narrows field of candidates to two or three in closed session after the board meeting.

March 28th - Community meet and greet in the Red and White Theatre starting at 6:00pm. The candidates will introduce themselves and tell everyone a little bit about themselves. This will be followed by refreshments in the cafeteria.

First week of April: The School Board will interview the final candidates and make a final decision.

April 22nd - School Board Meeting: The final candidate is approved for hire.

- 4. Artificial Intelligence Discussion:** Laura Lundy presented on artificial intelligence and the impacts in our schools.
- 5. Potential Referendum:** Dave Koester recapped what has happened at the community forums around a possible referendum. He feels the next step would be to meet with the community members that were interested in being a part of this process to break down details. The board would like him to move forward with the process and break things down by need and cost of the projects. The board asked that people that have had concerns in the past about referendums participate in the discussions as well to collaborate together moving forward.
- 6. Student Fees:** The board reviewed our current student fees. At this time there will be no changes to the current fee structure.
- 7. Update on Finance Meeting:** Audra and Brian gave an update on the finance meeting. Budget parameters were discussed. Motion from finance committee to approve administration's recommendation for wage increases for next year's budget cycle for 2024-2025. Motion carried
- 8. A. For Second Reading Adoption:** EDF Waste Management, EEA Student Transportation Services, EEAA Student Transportation/Route Requests, EEAEA Transportation of Parents to Co-Curricular Activities
B. For First Reading: EEAEAA Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers, EEBA Use of District-Owned Vehicles, EEBB Use of Private Vehicles on School Business, EF Food Services Management
C. Review/Consideration: RVA-IGADA Work Experience Opportunities, RVA-IKF Graduation Requirements

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

Motion (from policy) to approve consideration as presented, RVA-IGADA Work Experience Opportunities, RVA-IKF Graduation Requirements Motion carried.

Contemplate adjourning to closed session:

1. Under Wisconsin Statutes to discuss and take action, if appropriate regarding Administrator Employment, Resignation, and Contract Non-Renewal [pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wis. Stat. §118.24].

There was no need to adjourn to a closed session.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Zuleger/Balsis) Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Nicole Gebert

Recording Secretary_____

Jodi Nuernberger

Clerk_____