

**Medford Area Public School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Medford Area School District Office
November 25, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 6:00 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, Brian Hallgren, and Jodi Nuernberger were present. Don Everhard was absent. 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

Recognitions: Joseph Greget received the 2024 HL Kuse Award, Girls Swim Team qualified for state, and the 200 freestyle relay team placed 10th setting a new school record of 1:43.46 at state. Congratulations to the Medford School District Residents for passing a \$22.6 million referendum.

Legislative Update: DPI 25-27 Budget Proposal

Asking for \$4 billion in new spending

- Per pupil increase to revenue limits (\$325)
 - \$425 in 2026
 - \$437.75 in 2027
- Increase special ed reimbursement rate to 90% by 2027. Current rate is 31.5%
- \$311 million for school [nutrition](#)
- \$304 million for youth [mental health](#)
- \$60 million to help districts recruit & retain [teachers](#)

WASB Convention Milwaukee: January 22 - 24, 2025, Baird Center, Milwaukee

Consent Agenda

Motion (Deml/Hallgren) to approve the consent agenda: Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024, approval of treasurer's report and personnel reports. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. **Recognition of the Taylor County Educator of the Month:** Dan Nelson was recognized as Taylor County's Educator of the month for November.
2. **Post Referendum Discussion:** Currently the district is accepting RFQ's and setting up site visits with interested companies. December 9th is the deadline for proposal submissions. The district will set up interviews to take place December 12th and 13th and have a firm recommendation to the board by the December board meeting. Debby Brunett from Baird presented on referendum financing.
3. **Test Scores:** Elizabeth Rachu presented on test scores.
4. **Finance Meeting Update:** Brian Hallgren and Audra Brooks presented on the finance meeting.

5. **Fund 46 Checking Account:** The board approved the fund 46 checking account.
6. **Food Service Contract:** Discussion with the board on the food service timeline of contract renewal. Recommendation to proceed with a fixed meal price contract. Fixed Price contracts are in the best interest of the district because the burden of performance and profitability is the responsibility of the Food Service Management Company. This also allows us to charge lower prices for our families.
7. **Election Notices and Deadlines:** Dec 27, 2024 is the deadline for incumbents to file notice of noncandidacy. Jan 7, 2024 is the deadline for candidates to file all ballot access documents.
8. **Curriculum Connection - Expressive Therapy:** Elizabeth Rachu presented on expressive therapy.
9. **Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and/or Deletion:**
 - a. **For Second Reading Adoption:** GBCAB Network Use – Staff, GBCAC Network Use / District Website – Staff GBCB Staff Conduct, GBCBB Employee Possession, Use, Sale or Distribution of Alcohol & Other Drugs GBCBC Pre-Employment Drug Testing

Motion to approve second reading as presented. Motion carried.

Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session

1. Consideration to move into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(f) and §120.13(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider personal histories and/or disciplinary data and charges against specific persons which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of a person involved in such histories and data, and to deliberate concerning a case which was the subject of a hearing before the school board – conduct student expulsion hearings and deliberate regarding same.

2. 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].

Motion (Hallgren/Zuleger) to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call Vote: Yes, Corey Dassow, Jodi Nuernberger, Kurt Werner, Aemus Balsis, Steve Deml, John Zuleger, Brian Hallgren, Dave Fleegel. Don Everhard absent. Motion carried 8-0
Meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:04 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Zuleger/Deml) Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Nicole Gebert

Recording Secretary _____

Jodi Nuernberger

Clerk _____