

Medford Area Public School District Regular Board of Education Meeting February 18, 2016

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 6:01 p.m. in the Medford Area Public School District, District Office.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Brandon Brunner, Paul Dixon, Dave Fleegel, Barb Knight, Jeff Peterson, DeDe Strama, Mark Temme and Cheryl Wibben were present. Mark Reuter was absent. Administrator Pat Sullivan was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting Law Compliance

Dave Fleegel stated that a copy of the agenda was sent to the Medford Area Public Schools, Star News, WKEB/WIGM Radio and was posted at the District Office.

Public Comment

Jeff Lange requested that the American flag be turned so the eagle was facing out.

Correspondence

1. MASH Student Council Report

Jay Czerniak, Student Council President, updated the board on Student Council activities, including the Winter Carnival dance, Teen Dating Violence Awareness and the Middle School Leadership Conference.

2. Recognitions / Good News

MASH

- Thank you to Elizabeth Grefsheim, a faculty member of VoiceCare Network of Minneapolis, for working with our choirs.
- Congratulations to the Science Olympiad team. They are celebrating a regional championship, taking the top place out of 22 teams.
- Congratulations to Mikayla Kelz for her reporting of the Iowa Caucus. She has now received a formal invitation to the 2017 Presidential Inauguration.
- Congratulations to the MASH FFA members for their success at the Athens District 21 Speaking Contest, including the following: Parliamentary Procedure Team placed 2nd and is headed to sectionals (team includes: Taylor Adleman, Joe Tomandl, Amannda Szomi, Sienna Demulling, Noah Sackmann and Lucia Marshall); Job Interview – Taylor Adleman took 1st of 7 competitors and is heading to sectionals; and Discussion Meet – Noah Sackmann took 2nd and is heading to sectionals. The sectional competition is on March 31 in Colby. Thank you to Lisa Kopp for all of her time and effort she has put into making our FFA Program what it is today.

MAMS

- Congratulations to Jake Cipar for winning the school's spelling bee.
- Special recognition to the middle school FFA team members (Abby Tomandl, Cassie Nicks, McKenzie Schmeiser, Rachel Mudgett and Sami Stolp). They took 1st at regionals and will head to sections.
- Congratulations to those that have qualified for the Regional History Bee in Minneapolis on April 2, including: Connor Zirngible, Jake Cipar, Nick Husser, Austin Shaw, Elijah Mahner, Logan Egle, Sam Liske, Seth Mayrer, Isaac Zepeda and Mike Mahner. Thanks to Mr. Wellman for organizing the History Bee.

- Thank you to Mrs. Frahm for organizing and running the Forensics Program at the middle school. This year, 52 students in grades 6 – 8 were involved in forensics. Of the 52 students who competed at Level 1, 44 students competed in level 2 competition. Of the 44 competing at level 2, 40 students received blue ribbons.
- MAES
SES
- Thank you to Susan Eloranta for all her work with the students in various counseling activities.
 - Thank you to the MAPSD administration, MAPSD school staff, community members and local agencies for the outpouring of support for our teacher, Jeanne Huml, who died on January 30 in a snowmobile accident. The support received was overwhelming.
- Student Services / Special Education Curriculum & Instruction
- Congratulations to the recent graduates of the MADA Program. Since MADA's inception in 2010, 29 people have graduated from the program.
 - Thank you to Don Everhard for his leadership at Stetsonville during the tragedy with Mrs. Huml's passing.
 - The "testing bulletin board" has been updated with new student testing results.

3. Legislative Update

The assembly has passed a bill which would require WIAA to comply with open meeting laws.

Consent Agenda

Motion (Peterson/Wibben) to approve the consent agenda [Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report - Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from January 28, 2016 (open and closed); Approval of Treasurer's Report; and Approval of Personnel Report]. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. 2016-17 Budget Study and Consideration of 2015-16 Budget

a. Review of Budget Booklet

Jeff Albers reviewed the proposed 2016-17 budget.

b. Discussion of Enrollment / Section Numbers

Administration reviewed the current / projected enrollments for grades PK – 6.

2. Consideration of Curriculum Connection – Making Math Meaningful

Laura Lundy presented a curriculum connection regarding math.

3. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and/or Deletion

Paul Dixon presented the following policies:

- a. For Second Reading Adoption: BCH Consultants to the Board; BD School Board Meetings; BDC Closed Session; IIB Class Size; RVA-IIB School and Class Size; RVA-IKE Promotion Criteria K-8; and RVA-IKF Graduation Requirements

Motion (Policy Committee) to approve policies: BCH Consultants to the Board; BD School Board Meetings; BDC Closed Session; IIB Class Size; RVA-IIB School and Class Size; RVA-IKE Promotion Criteria K-8; and RVA-IKF Graduation Requirements. Motion carried.

- b. For First Reading Adoption: BDDA Public Notice of Board Meetings; BDDC Agenda Preparation, Format and Dissemination; BDDD Quorum of the Board; BDDF Voting Method; EEA Student Transportation Services; and GDE Substitute Support Staff Employment

The board reviewed the first reading policies.

- c. Editorial: IKF Graduation Requirements and GED Option #2

The board reviewed the editorial changes.

- d. Review / Consideration: Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, Page 7, 1st Offense; All Handbooks - add 3.17 Hazardous Communication; Professional Staff Handbook – Section 6.13 – Health Savings Account and 7.5 Funeral Leave; and Support and Specific Staff Handbook – Sections 6.10 Retirement Benefits and Recognition, 6.12 Health Savings Account, 7.4 Sick Leave – Consideration, and 7.5 Funeral Leave – Review

Motion (Wibben/Knight) to approve the proposed changes to: Co-Curricular Code of Conduct, Page 7, 1st Offense; All Handbooks - add 3.17 Hazardous Communication; Professional Staff Handbook – Section 6.13 – Health Savings Account and 7.5 Funeral Leave; and Support and Specific Staff Handbook – Sections 6.10 Retirement Benefits and Recognition, 6.12 Health Savings Account, 7.4 Sick Leave – Consideration, and 7.5 Funeral Leave. Motion carried.

4. Discussion of Referendum
The board discussed the town board meetings, questions received from the public and watched the video which Laura Lundy put together regarding the referendum.
5. Consideration of Strategic Planning Process
The board reviewed information about strategic planning.

Mark Reuter arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion (Peterson/Wibben) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Jennifer Kuenne
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk