

# **Medford Area Public School District Regular Board of Education Meeting September 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Thursday, September 15, 2016, at 6:00 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 and Mark Temme were present. Mark Reuter and Cheryl Wibben were 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**

Patty Noland addressed the board regarding student transportation and the amount of time students are on the bus.

## **Correspondence**

1. Student Council Presentation  
Jay Czerniak updated the board regarding homecoming and other activities scheduled at MASH.

Cheryl Wibben arrived at 6:15 p.m.

2. Legislative Update  
The board was updated that legislators continue to look at public education and how to address funding.
3. Other
  - a. WASB Regional Meeting  
Board members were reminded of the WASB Regional Meeting scheduled for September 21 in Rothschild.
  - b. WASB Convention  
Board members are to inform Jennifer if they plan on attending the WASB Convention by October 1.

## **Consent Agenda**

Motion (Peterson/Dixon) to approve the consent agenda [Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report - Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from August 18, 2016 (open & closed); Approval of Treasurer's Report; Approval of RVA Representative and Alternate Representative; Approval of Medical Advisor for the 2016-17 School Year; and Approval of Line of Credit.]. Motion carried.

## **Regular Business**

1. Introduction of New Staff Members  
New staff members introduced themselves to the board members.

The board took a break from 6:20 – 6:31 p.m. to mingle with the new staff members.

Mark Reuter arrived at 6:27 p.m.

2. Consideration/Discussion of Referendum Projects  
Dave Makovsky updated the board on projects which were completed this summer.
3. Consideration of Location of 2017 Summer Swim Lessons  
Motion (Reuter/Dixon) to proceed ahead with holding the 2017 summer swim lessons at the Medford City Pool. Motion carried.
4. Consideration of 2015-16 Budget Adjustments  
Motion (Finance Committee) to approve the 2015-16 budget adjustments as presented. Motion carried.
5. Consideration of 2016-17 Budget  
The board was updated regarding the 2016-17 budget.
6. Consideration of Fund Equity  
Motion (Finance Committee) to have unassigned general fund equity in an amount not to exceed 20.66% of the subsequent budgeted expenditures, to be used for cash flow purposes. Further, the Board assigns 100% of the equity in the Food Service Fund to be used for equipment upgrade, replacement and excess expenses over revenues. Also, the Board assigned the equity in the Community Education Fund to be used for CLC programming and other community based programs. Motion carried.
7. Presentation of Curriculum Connection – Personalized Learning Spaces  
Laura Lundy presented the curriculum connection, highlighting personalized learning spaces.
8. Presentation of Testing Results  
Testing results were not shared with the board, as they are still embargoed by the State of Wisconsin.
9. Consideration of Opening of School, Enrollment and Administrative Report
  - a. District Administrator’s Report on Enrollment and Staffing  
Nothing.
  - b. Principal’s Report and Good News Report
    - SES
      - School is off to a great start and all safety drills have been completed.
      - Thank you to the anonymous donor of \$1,000 to help with the Walking Trail at SES which will be dedicated in the memory of Jeanne Huml.
    - MAMS
      - Special thanks to MAMS Student Council, Mrs. Stockwell, Ms. Klinner, Mrs. Schumacher and Mrs. Buehler for hosting the Back to School Book Fair during open house and the first three days of school. From the profits, MAMS was able to purchase \$800 of classroom library reading materials.
      - MAMS enrollment is up 45 students.
      - MAMS is in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of implementing classroom technology in a 1:1 environment, using Chromebooks.
      - Fire and severe weather drills have been completed. The “Shelter in Place” drill is scheduled for next week.
    - MAES
      - MAES is off to a great start with a renewed focus on meeting the needs of all learners.
      - Technology is “rolling.”
      - Behavioral supports are in place and we are on track with the latest state initiatives, “Trauma Sensitive Schools.”

- RVA
  - RVA has entered its 12<sup>th</sup> year and has 400 fulltime enrollments.
  - Blended learning/enrollments is on the rise, from 250 student enrollments to now over 1,400 student enrollments encompassing 12 of our 16 consortium districts and 35 different teachers each using digital curriculum to supplement or replace their existing classroom curriculums.
- Curriculum/Instruction
  - Personalized learning was started in the schools for all students; however, the staff is also receiving personalized learning during PLC times.
- MASH
  - Over the last 12 years, MASH has never had such a fun, positive and energetic start to the school year, with the implementation of two major new initiatives and the positive response has been overwhelming.
  - MASH opened new Flexible Learning Spaces for students, providing student the opportunity to earn privileges of making choices that best meet their learning needs.
  - MASH is also starting a modified block schedule with the built in academic support and enrichment courses the last week in September.
  - School spirit is alive and well, with an impressive student spirit group known as the Red Riot. They are often dressed in themes and always cheering loudly and positively.
- Student Services/  
Special Education
  - Congratulations to Amber Fettes, Early Childhood Special Education teacher, and Sheryl Balciar, Speech Language Pathologist, for begin recognized with an Above and Beyond Collaborative Team of the Year Award through the Wisconsin Early Childhood Association and the Wisconsin Division of Early Childhood.
  - Thank you to Michelle Armbrust, Taylor County Health Department, and Nancy Hemmer for their presentations on Suicide Prevention for our staff and community.
  - Congratulations to Kris Brandner, Kathy Schumacher, Misty Galli and Mary Flihs for receiving Friend of Literacy Awards through the Taylor County Literacy Council.
  - Thank you to all of our veteran and new special education staff for all their efforts in beginning the school year for our special needs students.

10. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and Deletion:

- a. For Second Reading Adoption: CB School District Administrator; CBD Administrators Compensation and Benefits; CBE Administrative Staff Development Opportunities; CBG Administrator Evaluation; DFB Fund Balance; GCD Staff Hiring; and IL Testing Program  
Motion (Policy Committee) to approve policies CB School District Administrator; CBD Administrators Compensation and Benefits; CBE Administrative Staff Development Opportunities; CBG Administrator Evaluation; DFB Fund Balance; GCD Staff Hiring; and IL Testing Program. Motion carried.
- b. For First Reading: CC Administrative Organization Plan; CCB Line and Staff Relations; CCC Conflict of Interest (Nepotism); and CE Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees  
Paul Dixon reviewed policies CC Administrative Organization Plan; CCB Line and Staff Relations; CCC Conflict of Interest (Nepotism); and CE Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees for first reading with the board.
- c. Discussion/Consideration/Review: Professional Staff Handbook, Section 5.10 – Educational Credit Reimbursement and Advancement Plan  
Paul Dixon reviewed Section 5.10 – Educational Credit Reimbursement and Advancement for professional staff with the board.

11. Strategic Planning Update

The board was updated regarding the Strategic Planning Process. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. Approximately 60 community and board members have responded that they are interested in participating in the Strategic Planning Process.

12. Consideration of October Board of Education Meeting Date

Motion (Wibben/Reuter) to move the October Regular Board of Education meeting to Monday, October 31, 2016. Motion carried.

**Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session**

Motion (Dixon/Knight) to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Reuter, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 7:22 p.m.

**Reconvene Into Open Session**

Motion (Reuter/Dixon) to reconvene into Open Session. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Reuter, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting was reconvened into open session at 8:20 p.m.

Motion (Wibben/Temme) to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried.

**Adjourn**

Motion (Reuter/Knight) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Jennifer Kuenne  
Recording Secretary

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Cheryl Wibben  
Clerk