

Medford Area Public School District Regular Board of Education Meeting October 31, 2016

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, October 31, 2016, at 6:43 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, Mark Reuter, DeDe Strama, Mark Temme and Cheryl Wibben were present. 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

None.

Correspondence

1. Student Council Presentation
Jay Czerniak updated the board regarding homecoming and other activities scheduled at MASH.
2. Recognitions
DeDe Strama was recognized for her years of service as a board member with a Level 3 Participation Award from WASB.

Lisa Kopp thanked the board for supporting the National FFA Convention. Thirteen students were able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Don Everhard recognized Jenna O'Flanagan for her efforts in securing grant monies for new physical education programs.

Don Everhard also recognized Marcia Duellman for all her efforts with the Jeanne's Way Trail. The trail was dedicated on October 27.

2. Legislative Update
The board was updated that legislators continue to look at the budget and the upcoming election.
3. Other
 - a. WASB Regional Meeting
Dave Fleegel reviewed with the board some of the highlights of the WASB Regional Meeting.
 - b. WASB Convention
Board members indicated whether they were going to be attending the WASB Convention in January or not.

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 September 15, 2016 (open & closed); Approval of Treasurer's Report; Approval of the Personnel Report; Approval of District Fund-Raising Calendar; Designation of Deputy Clerk; Approval of Overnight Out-of-State and Foreign Student Travel; Approval of Course Options; and Approval of Memorandum of Understanding.].
Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. Discussion of Taylor County Educator of the Month
The board was informed of the new program "Taylor County Educator of the Month." Gilman, Rib Lake and Medford will all have three educators selected per year that will be highlighted in the Star News, interviewed by WKEB and recognized at the board level.
2. Discussion of MASH Barn Project
Lisa Kopp presented information about the MASH Barn Project.
3. Consideration of Summer Swimming Lessons
The board was updated regarding summer swim lessons at the Medford City Pool.
4. Consideration of Health Insurance HSA Contribution
Motion (Finance Committee) to approve an additional \$200 HSA contribution for family health high deductible insurance policies and an additional \$100 HSA contribution for single health high deductible insurance policies. Motion carried.
5. Consideration of Natural Gas Purchasing Contract
Motion (Finance Committee) to approve the Natural Gas Contract with Midwest Energy Procurement Solutions, LLC, as presented. Motion carried.
6. Update on Referendum Projects
 - a. MAMS Campus – Pick Up/Drop Off Plans
Brad Simonson from HSR and Scott Groholski from POB provided plans and cost estimates to the board regarding the MAMS parking lot project.
 - b. MASH Athletic Fields
Brad Simonson from HSR and Scott Groholski from POB provided plans and cost estimates to the board regarding the MASH athletic field.
 - c. Swimming Pool & Locker Rooms
Brad Simonson from HSR provided plans to the board regarding the swimming pool and locker room renovations at MASH. Cost estimates are planned to be shared with the board in November.
7. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and Deletion:
 - a. For Second Reading Adoption: CC Administrative Organization Plan; CCB Line and Staff Relations; CCC Conflict of Interest (Nepotism); CE Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees; and Professional Staff Handbook, Section 5.10 – Educational Credit Reimbursement and Advancement Plan
Motion (Policy Committee) to approve policies: CC Administrative Organization Plan; CCB Line and Staff Relations; CCC Conflict of Interest (Nepotism); CE Administrative Councils, Cabinets and Committees; and Professional Staff Handbook, Section 5.10 – Educational Credit Reimbursement and Advancement Plan. Motion carried.

b. For First Reading: CF School Building Administration; CH Policy Implementation (Enforcement); CHA Development of Administrative Rules; and CHCA Development and Approval of Handbooks
Paul Dixon reviewed policies: CF School Building Administration; CH Policy Implementation (Enforcement); CHA Development of Administrative Rules; and CHCA Development and Approval of Handbooks with the board for first reading.

c. Discussion / Consideration / Review: National Background Check System
Motion (Reuter/Knight) to approve the use of National Background Check System for background checks. Motion carried.

8. Strategic Planning Update

The board was updated regarding the Strategic Planning Process.

9. Consideration of Curriculum Connection – Personalized Learning, Part II

Laura Lundy presented the curriculum connection, Personalized Learning, Part II.

Mark Reuter departed at 8:50 p.m.

10. Consideration of Tax Levy and Mill Rate

Motion (Temme/Peterson) to approve the tax levy against the property of the school district in an amount equal to 8.49 mills of equalized property value, but not less than \$7,455,294. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of December and January Board of Education Meeting Dates

The board reviewed the December and January board meeting dates. The December board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20. The January board meeting will be held on Thursday, January 26.

Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session

Motion (Wibben/Knight) to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Reuter – Absent. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:02 p.m.

Reconvene Into Open Session

Motion (Peterson/Dixon) to reconvene into Open Session. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Reuter – Absent. Motion carried 8-0. The meeting was reconvened into open session at 10:22 p.m.

Motion (Dixon/Peterson) to approve the 2017-18 administrative contracts as presented. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion (Peterson/Wibben) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Jennifer Kuenne
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk