

**Medford Area Public School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Medford Area Public School District Office
January 25, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Brian Hallgren, Steve Deml, DeDe Strama, Paul Dixon, Dave Fleegel, John Zuleger, Barb Knight, OraLee Dittrich, Cheryl Wibben were present. District Administrator Pat Sullivan was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting Law Compliance

Dave Fleegel stated, "This meeting has been posted in accordance with the state open meeting law."

Period of Public Comment

Sherry Meyer addressed the board regarding resuming 2021 school activities.

Jodi Nuernberger introduced herself to the board. She will be running for school board in the 2021 Spring Election.

Correspondence

1. Good News
2. MASH Student Council Report
3. Legislative Update

Consent Agenda

Motion (Strama/Zuleger) to approve the consent agenda including [Approval of Agenda; Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from December 21, 2020, Approval of Treasurer's Report; Approval of Personnel Report]. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. Administering the COVID Vaccine to Employees
Pat updated the board on Taylor County Health Department plans to administer the COVID vaccine to employees
2. Strategic Goal 7: Infrastructure
Pat provided an update on Strategic Goal 7: Infrastructure
3. Referendum Ballot Wording
The board discussed the referendum ballot
4. Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$39,900,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Medford Area Public School District, Taylor and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$39,900,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project consisting of: construction of additions, renovations and site improvements at the High School; district-wide safety, security and building infrastructure improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates and other renovations; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment. Motion to approve (Wibben/Hallgren)

Roll call vote: Yes - Dixon, Knight, Deml, Strama, Fleegel, Wibben, Zuleger, Dittrich, Hallgren. Motion passed 9-0.

5. Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$39,900,000

Motion (Strama/Knight) to approve: RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF THE APPROVAL OF AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$39,900,000

WHEREAS, the School Board of the Medford Area Public School District, Taylor and Marathon Counties, Wisconsin (the "District"), has heretofore duly adopted a resolution entitled: "Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an Amount Not to Exceed \$39,900,000" (the "Initial Resolution"); and

WHEREAS, the School Board deems it to be desirable and in the best interest of the District to direct the District Clerk to submit the Initial Resolution to the electors for approval or rejection at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the District as follows:

Section 1. Referendum Election Date. The District Clerk is hereby directed to call a referendum election to be held in the District at the regularly scheduled election to be held on April 6, 2021 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the proposition of whether the Initial Resolution shall be approved.

Section 2. Notice to Electors. The District Clerk is directed to give notice by:

- (a) causing a Notice to Electors in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A to be published in The Star News within ten days after the date hereof.
- (b) causing a Notice of Election in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B to be published in The Star News in the issue published immediately prior to the fourth Tuesday before the referendum election.
- (c) causing a Notice of Referendum (which includes the facsimile of the sample ballot) in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit C to be published in The Star News in the issue published immediately preceding the referendum election. This Notice shall also be posted in each polling place on election day.

If any of the municipalities within the District use an electronic voting system employing a ballot label and ballot card, the Notice of Referendum set forth in Exhibit C shall also include a true, actual-size copy of the ballot label and ballot card in the form in which they will appear on election day.

Section 3. Polling Places and Hours. The District electors must vote at the referendum election at the times and polling places at which they cast their ballots in regularly scheduled elections.

Section 4. Referendum Election Officials. The election officials appointed in each of the municipalities within the District shall conduct the election.

Section 5. Official Referendum Ballot Form. The ballot to be used at the referendum election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.64(2) and 7.08(1)(a), Wisconsin Statutes. The ballot shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit D.

The District Clerk shall cause to be printed sufficient ballots for use at said referendum election, both as actual ballots in those polling places which do not use voting machines and as absentee ballots where voting machines are used and as specimen ballots (the latter to be of a different and easily identifiable color from the actual ballot). The form of the ballot shall be filed with the official responsible for providing the ballots for the election, and the District Clerk shall file a copy of the ballot with the clerk of each county having territory within the District, as soon as possible after the date hereof but in no event later than 70 days prior to the election, as provided in Section 8.37, Wisconsin Statutes. If the District prepares the ballots, they should be delivered to the municipal clerks running the election at least 25 days prior to the election, to allow the municipal clerks to comply with their obligation to provide absentee ballots under Section 7.15, Wisconsin Statutes.

The municipal clerks of the municipalities within the District shall receive applications for absentee ballots and initial the same when issued to qualified absentee voters.

Section 6. Canvass. The returns of the referendum election shall be canvassed by the Board of Canvassers of each municipality within the District. Each Board of Canvassers shall certify the returns of the referendum election to the District Clerk. The District Clerk and two other reputable citizens appointed by the District Clerk prior to the date of the referendum election shall act as the District's Board of Canvassers for this referendum election. This Board of Canvassers shall meet in open session no later than 9:00 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election to determine the result of the referendum election. The canvass shall be open to the public and the District Clerk is directed to give due notice of said meeting.

Section 7. DPI Notice. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 120.115(1), Wisconsin Statutes, the District Clerk shall notify the Department of Public Instruction of the date of the referendum election and shall provide the Department with copies of the Initial Resolution within 10 days after the adoption of the Initial Resolution and shall further notify the Department of the results of the referendum within 10 days following the election using the method prescribed by the Department.

Roll call vote: Yes – Zuleger, Dittrich, Hallgren, Strama, Knight, Fleegel, Dixon, Wibben, Deml. Motion passed 9-0.

6. Remaining Calendar and Activities for 2021
The board discussed remaining activities for the 2021 school year
7. 2021 Prom
Recommendation to hold Prom with social distancing and mask guidelines
8. Spring Music Concerts
Recommendation to move forward with Spring music concerts at MASH
9. MASH Winter Carnival Activities
MASH Students will be taking a day trip to Camp Forest Springs
10. February Board Meeting Date
The February board meeting is rescheduled to February 15, 2021
11. ACT
Laura Lundy updated the board and the ACT will be administered at MASH this year
12. Driver's Ed
Jim Giese is retiring. The board discussed options for future driver's ed offerings.
13. COVID Leave
The Federal COVID leave benefit ended as of January 1, 2021. Staff will need to now use their personal sick leave if they are quarantined.
14. MAES Parking Lot
The maintenance budget has the funds to redo the MAES bus parking lot. Plans are to redo this spring.
15. Finance Meeting Update
The finance committee provided an update on the finance meeting including food service, maintenance, budget, and OPEB
16. Clerk's Report on Candidates for 2021 Spring Election
 - a. Certification of Candidates
Cheryl Wibben provided a clerk's report on candidates for the 2021 Spring election. The following candidates will be running: Aemus Balsis, Barbara Knight, Dave Fleegel, Jodi Nuemberger, Don Everhard
17. WASB Convention
WASB Convention was held completely online this year.

18. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and Deletion:

- a. For Second Reading Adoption: IGBF Homeless Children and Youths; JFCN Antisocial or Criminal Activities by Students; JFE Married Students and School-Age Parents; JFG Interviews and Searches; JFGA Control of Lockers and Facilities – Students; JFI School Disruptions; JFIA Students Reporting of Disruptive Behavior; RVA-IGDF Sales & Fundraising Activities
- b. For First Reading: JGA Corporal Punishment/Use of Physical Force; JGD Student Suspension; JGE Student Expulsion; JHA Student Insurance Program; JHCA Control of Pediculosis (Lice)

The board discussed first and second reading policy adoption and deletion.

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

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Wibben/Dittrich). Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Sara Budimlja
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk