

**Medford Area Public School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Medford Area Public School District Office
November 29, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, November 29, 2021 at 6:01 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Aemus Balsis, Paul Dixon, Steve Deml, Brian Hallgren, Jodi Nuernberger, and John Zuleger, were present. Don Everhard present via online source. District Administrator Pat Sullivan was present. Absent: Cheryl Wibben

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:

Nakkita Muehlbauer: Concerns over quarantine letters, and natural immunity

Tom Tiffany: Gave the federal viewpoint on quarantine guidelines.

Correspondence

1. Recognitions: None
2. Legislative Update: None
3. Other: WASB Convention will be held January 19-21, 2022, in Milwaukee

Public Hearing

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. 118.38(1)(b), regarding submission of a request to the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to waive the minimum number of hours of instruction set forth in Wis. Stat. 121.02(01)(f) as set forth in Wis. Stats. 120.129(sm) and 115.415, for the 2021-22 school year due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency and the school closure orders.

Consent Agenda

Motion (Deml/Hallgren) to approve the consent agenda (Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of October 25, 2021; Approval of Treasurer's Report; Personnel Report, RVA Five Year Charter Renewal, Approval of RVA Agreements for consideration and approval. Motion Passed.

Regular Business

1. **Recognition of the Taylor County Educator of the Month:** Bill Dallas was presented with the award for Taylor County's Educator of the Month.
2. **COVID/Quarantine Protocols:** Pat Sullivan presented a proposal for close contact students. A student considered a close contact will receive both a rapid as well as a PCR test as soon as possible. From that day the student will take the rapid test daily, wear a mask, and socially distance, whenever possible for the duration of their quarantine. Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Zuleger, Nuernberger, Hallgren, Dixon **No:** Balsis, Everhard, Fleegel, Deml. Motion Failed
Dave Fleegel made a motion to end contact tracing in the schools. (Fleegel/Balsis)
Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Everhard, Balsis, Fleegel **No:** Dixon, Deml, Zuleger,

Nuernberger, Hallgren.
Motion failed

Steve Deml made a motion that if a student is deemed a close contact, testing is optional, but the student must wear a mask during the quarantine time frame. (Deml/Dixon). Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Deml, Everhard, Dixon, Zuleger, Hallgren, Nuernberger, Fleegel. **No:** Balsis
Motion carried

3. Consideration of Request to the Department of Public Instruction for Waiver of Instructional Hours for the 2021-22 School Year

Motion to approve the request to the Department of Public Instruction for Waiver of Instructional Hours (Dixon/Hallgren)
Motion carried

4. Test Scores: Laura Lundy updated the board on our test scores.

5. 2022-23 Transportation Contract: Dave Fleegel presented the 2022-23 transportation contract that was worked on with the Transportation Committee. Motion to approve the contract as presented. (Zuleger/Deml)
Motion Carried

6. 2022-23 & 2023-24 School Calendars: Pat Sullivan presented the upcoming school calendars. Motion to approve the 2022-23 & 2023-24 calendars. (Fleegel/Dixon)
Motion carried

7. Curriculum Connection (Cursive Writing): Laura Lundy presented the curriculum connection on cursive writing.

8. Potential MASH Referendum: Findorff presented plans for a potential referendum. The board discussed several ideas/changes. Findorff will present a revised plan at the December Board of Education Meeting.

9. Finance Meeting Update: Brian Hallgren updated the board on the finance meeting.

10. Election Notices and Deadlines: The Spring Election schedule was reviewed with the board.

11. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and Deletion

- a. **For Second Reading Adoption:** : BCB Board Officers, BCD Board – Administrator Relationships, BCF Advisory Committees to the Board of Education, BCG School Attorney, BCH Consultants to the Board, BD Board of Education Meetings, BDA Remote Participation in School Board Meetings, BDC Closed Session
- b. **For First Reading:** BDDA Public Notice of Board Meetings, BDDC Agenda Preparation, Format and Dissemination, BDDD Quorum of the Board, BDDF Voting Method, BDDG Minutes, BDDH Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings, BDDI News Media Services at Board of Education Meetings
- c. **Discussion/Consideration/ Review:** Professional Staff Handbook
- d. **Formatting:** JE Attendance/Truancy

Motion (from Policy) to approve second reading as presented. Motion carried.
Motion (from Policy) to approve policies under consideration as presented. Motion carried.
Motion to approve discussion/consideration/review of the Professional Staff Handbook (Fleegel/Dixon). Motion carried
Motion (from Policy) to approve formatting of JE attendance/truancy. Motion carried

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Zuleger/Balsis). Motion carried
The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Nicole Gebert
Recording secretary _____

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk _____