

**Medford Area Public School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Medford Area Public School District Office
September 27, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:04 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Aemus Balsis, Paul Dixon, Don Everhard, Steve Deml, Brian Hallgren, Jodi Neurnberger, and John Zuleger were present. District Administrator Pat Sullivan was present. Cheryl Wibben arrived at 6:13 p.m.

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

The following community members addressed the board regarding the following:

Carol Jasmine and Robert Bennett - against masking

Kristi Ulrich, Kim Wojcik, Pam Catron, Kelly Kleist, Rachel Clark, Marilyn Matyka, Larry Matyka – concerns about quarantining healthy children, letting parents monitor their children for symptoms, children missing too much school, multiple quarantines, difficulty getting testing done, amount of time it takes to get a test, driving to find out they will not perform a test

Nakkita Muehlbauer – natural immunity, read information for Crystal Ecklund whom could not attend about remote learning and it being detrimental for children

Brad Rau – His son deciding to home school, multiple quarantines, concerns over teachers not helping the children catch up

Ann Olson – ventilation in the schools

Sherry Meyer – weekend notification of quarantines, kids being in school due to late notification, concerns about children's education due to quarantines

Joe Bauer – vaccinated vs un vaccinated children

Jasmine Stibbe – how the board works in decision making process

Tatum Ziembo – concerns over seating in classrooms and quarantine process not being followed correctly

Sara Spanbauer – multiple quarantines for her children, affecting school, job, mental health

Brad Smith – concerns for school work when kids are out and keeping them caught up

Correspondence

1. MASH Student Council Report: Alexis Fleegel updated board on upcoming Homecoming activities and Raiders Committed.
2. Legislative Update

Consent Agenda

Motion (Wibben/Zuleger) to approve the consent agenda including (approval of agenda; approval of regular meeting minutes from August 23, 2021, approval of treasurer's report; approval of personnel report, approval of medical advisor for the 2021-22 school year, RVA agreements, hockey contract, foreign exchange student approval, and 2021-22 fundraising calendar). Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. **COVID -19 Protocols:** Pat Sullivan presented the administrative recommendation to the board that students and/or staff who are identified as a close contact, and are exhibiting no symptoms, have a choice to attend school or stay home. Motion to accept (Everhard/Wibben). Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Fleegel, Balsis, Everhard, Deml, Wibben **No:** Dixon, Hallgren, Nuernberger, Zuleger

Motion carried

Aemus Balsis made a motion to amend the recommendation; to not require Pat to distribute close contacts in the eyes of the school to the Taylor Co Health Department, but provide that information to parents. (Balsis/Everhard). Role call vote: **Yes** Fleegel, Balsis, Wibben, Everhard **No** Nuernberger, Zuleger, Hallgren, Dixon, Deml

Motion Failed

John Zuleger made a motion to amend the recommendation but it failed to get a second.

2. **Introduction of New Staff Members:** This item was cancelled
3. **Curriculum Connection: Curriculum Adoption Cycle (Strategic Goal 1: Academic Skills):** Laura Lundy presented a video to the board on curriculum adoption cycle.
4. **High school Facility Needs:** We will have Findorff come back to the October board meeting with drawings/site plans to discuss potential future referendum.
5. **FEMA Dome:** Pat Sullivan provided an update on project
6. **Town Board Meetings:** Paul Dixon provided an update on expectations of the board for town meetings, asking each board member to try and attend two meetings a year with Pat Sullivan.
7. **Health Insurance:** Aspirus presented information about their insurance plan over the last year. While the board did not pass a motion to stay with Aspirus the strongly indicated that they would.
8. **Finance Committee Meeting Update:** Brian Hallgren updated the board on the finance meeting.
9. **Consideration of 2021-22 Budget:** Audra Brooks updated the board on the budget
10. **Back to School Report:** Pat Sullivan updated the board that things have been going well getting back to school this year. Barb Krug also updated the board that bussing has been going very well.
11. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and/or Deletion
 - a. Second Reading: AA School District Legal Status; AB The People and Their School District; ABA Community Involvement in Decision Making; AD Education Philosophy; AEA District Goal Setting; AFB Evaluation of the District Administrator; AFC Evaluation of Professional Staff; AFD Evaluation of Support Staff
 - b. BB School Board Legal Status; BBA School Board Powers and Duties; BBAA Board Member Authority; BBB School Board Elections; BBBA Board Member Qualifications; BBC Board Member Resignation; BBE Unexpired Term Fulfillment; BBF Board Member Responsibilities; BBFA Board Member Conflicts of InterestMotion to accept second reading as presented (Wibben/Neuernberger). Motion carried.
Motion (from Policy) to accept policies under consideration as presented. Motion Carried

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Zuleger/Wibben). Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Nicole Gebert
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk