

**Medford Area Public School District
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Medford Area Public School District Office
January 24, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00 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, John Zuleger, Don Everhard, and Cheryl Wibben were present. District Administrator Pat Sullivan was present.

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: Cory Dassow: introduced himself as he is running for school board, Nakkita Muelbauer: concerns with masking, and natural immunity, Rachel Clark: concerns about masking during finals and end of semester, Amy Kohn: close contacts and mask exemption concerns

Correspondence

1. Recognitions: None
2. Good News: None
3. MASH Student Council Report: None
4. Legislative Update: None

Consent Agenda

Motion (Dixon/Wibben) to approve the consent agenda: Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report; Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of December 20, 2021; Approval of Treasurer's Report; Personnel Report, Motion Passed.

Regular Business

1. **Strategic Goal 7 Infrastructure:** Erica from Findorff gave an update on how they will support us during the referendum, and help us communicate with the community to keep them informed. Pat provided an update on the projects that pertain to strategic goal 7: Infrastructure.
2. **Dome Project:** Pat Sullivan updated the board on the FEMA Grant project. Area businesses have made financial pledges towards the project if the district is awarded the grant. The grant application will be handed on on Tuesday, January 25, 2022.
3. **COVID Protocols:** Discussion on current COVID Protocols. Dave Fleegel made a motion to have masks be optional. (Fleegel/Wibben) Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Everhard, Balsis, Fleegel, Wibben **No:** Dixon, Deml, Zuleger, Nuernberger, Hallgren. Motion failed 5-4

John Zuleger made a motion that if a school reaches 3% of the student population positive for COVID-19 we would have that building start wearing masks, if that

building has 3 days in a row below 3% the district administrator can then choose to end masking. We no longer need to wait until the next school board meeting, during this time mask exemptions will be honored. (Zuleger/Deml) Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Zuleger, Nuernberger, Hallgren, Balsis, Everhard, Fleegel, Dixon, Wibben, Deml Motion passed 9-0

4. **Referendum Ballot Wording:** The board discussed the referendum ballot
5. **Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,910,000:** 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 \$29,910,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project consisting of: construction of a secure entry and office, additions for classrooms, student services, and cafeteria, and renovations at the High School; district-wide capital maintenance and site improvements, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) updates and other renovations; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment. Motion to approve (Zuleger/Hallgren) Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Wibben, Zuleger, Hallgren, Fleegel, Dixon, Deml, Balsis, Nuernberger, Everhard Motion Passed 9-0
6. **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 \$29,910,000:**

Motion (Fleegel/Dixon) 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 \$29,910,000

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 \$29,910,000" (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 5, 2022.

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 5, 2022 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:** Hallgren, Deml, Balsis, Dixon, Fleegel, Zuleger, Everhard, Nuernberger, Wibben Motion Passed 9-0

- 7. Finance Meeting Update:** Brian Hallgren updated the board on the finance meeting
- 8. Support and Professional Staff Pay Scale:** Motion from finance to approve recommended support and professional staff pay scale. Motion passed
- 9. Clerk's Report of Candidates for the 2022 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, Cheryl Wibben, Cory Dassow, Kurt Werner, and Fred Ebert
- 10. WASB Convention:** John Zuleger, Steve Deml, Laura Lundy, and Jodi Nuernberger attended the WSAB convention this year and shared some takeaways from the event.
- 11. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and Deletion**
 - a. **For Second Reading Adoption:** BF Policy Development & Dissemination; BFA Policy Development System; BFD Policy Dissemination; BFE Administration in Policy Absence; BFF Emergency Policy Suspension; JECBD School Open Enrollment; RVA-JECBD School Open Enrollment
 - b. **For First Reading:** BFG Policy Review & Evaluation; BHB Board Member Development Opportunities; BHD Board Member Compensation & Expenses; RVA-BBA Governance Board Powers & Duties

The board discussed first and second reading policy adoption and deletion. Motion (from Policy) to approve second reading as presented. Motion carried.

Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session

Motion (Wibben/Zuleger) to adjourn to closed session. Roll Call Vote: **Yes:** Deml, Everhard, Wibben, Balsis, Dixon, Zuleger, Fleegel, Hallgren, Nuernberger - Motion passed 9-0. The Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:15 p.m.

1. Under Wisconsin Statutes to discuss and take action, if appropriate regarding Administrator Employment, Resignation, and Contract Non-Renewal [pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and Wis. Stat. §118.24].

Reconvene in Open Session: Take action if appropriate concerning matters discussed in closed session, including approval of administrator contracts. Motion to reconvene in open session (Wibben/Balsis) Motion passes.

Motion to accept the 1 year renewal of administrative contracts (Wibben/Dixon) Motion Passes.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Wibben/Balsis). Motion carried
The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Nicole Gebert
Recording secretary _____

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk _____