

# **Medford Area Public School District Regular Board of Education Meeting January 28, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at 6:01 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 Hearing on 2016-17 Budget**

None.

## **Public Comment**

Jeff Lange commented about the referendum and he thought the district has too many administrators.

Karen Jardaneh, from A'viands introduced herself to the board members.

## **Correspondence**

1. MASH Student Council Report  
Jay Czerniak, Student Council President, updated the board on Student Council activities, including Winter Carnival activities.
2. Recognitions / Good News
  - SES
    - Family Math Night is scheduled for February 2.
    - SES recently had another PBIS celebration recognizing the student body for their great work on behavior.
  - MAES
    - Students in grades 2 – 4 have completed the NWEA testing.
    - Thank you to all MAES staff for their review of every student receiving interventions.
    - Students at MAES have been the leaders in a few projects, including a fund raiser for Heuys' Hide-away and the first student led elementary Science Fair scheduled to occur in the near future.
  - MAMS
    - Special thanks to Susie Doberstein and Jason Rappe for organizing and coaching our Archery in the Schools Club. Seventy-eight students participated in this club this year.
    - Congratulations to our Forensics Team. Fifty-five students are involved and they all earned a "1" at their Edgar competition.
    - The MAMS theater cast has been finalized. Fifty-six students are involved in the program scheduled for March 7-8.
  - RVA
    - RVA continues to grow and will be extending its services to grade 11 in the 2016-17 school year.

## MASH

- Raiders Committed continues to boost school spirit and provide safe alternatives to drugs and alcohol to students.
- MASH currently has 170 student athletes. Only 3.5% of those students are ineligible due to grades. Thanks to Jina Lange and Becky Sniegowski who run the after school intervention program.
- Congratulations to Mikayla Kelz and Madilyn Brost. They have been selected to participate in the Senate Scholar Program.
- Congratulations to Mikayla Kelz. She is headed to the Iowa Caucus and is looking forward to interviewing the candidates and questioning them on their viewpoints regarding college affordability and social security.
- Special recognition to our Science Olympiad Team and its advisors, Brad Paff and Kris Gingras. Medford's varsity team finished a close 2<sup>nd</sup> of 61 high school teams overall, and 1<sup>st</sup> in the small school division, earning medals in 21 of 28 events and top three finishes in 10 events. Medford's JV teams added several more medals.

## Curriculum / Instruction

- The inservice held on January 22 reflected on activities over the first semester, technology and curriculum adoption.

## Student Services /

- Congratulations and thank you for all those that worked with the Employment First Partnership Grant.

## Special Education

- Congratulations to Kellie Keene on being a presenter at the NARENWICH Conference in February regarding "At Risk Teacher Teaching At Risk Students" Making Connections.
- Congratulations to Beth van der Berg. She was asked to present at the Youth Transition Conference in March. Her session will be training student ambassadors for the Employment First Partnership Grant. Beth and two students will be presenting.

## 3. Legislative Update None.

## Consent Agenda

Motion (Reuter/Dixon) to approve the consent agenda [Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report - Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2015 (open and closed); Approval of Treasurer's Report; and Approval of Course Option Applications]. Motion carried.

## Regular Business

1. Question & Answer Period with Representative Edming  
Representative Edming conversed with board members, administrators and audience about a variety of topics, including: Auto injector, SB355 and budget. Comments & questions were on topics that included: WRS, guns in schools Academic Excellence Scholarships and the naturalization test.
2. Discussion of No Child Left Behind Updates  
Laura Lundy presented information regarding No Child Left Behind.
3. Consideration of ACT Test, Badger 3-8 Results and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses / Testing  
Laura Lundy presented information regarding the ACT test, Badger 3-8 results and AP courses/testing.
4. Website Construction Update  
Jennifer Kuenne presented a brief review of the new website construction.
5. Consideration of Support Staff Retirement Benefit  
Motion (Finance Committee) to amend the support staff retirement language to include the highlighted changes, as presented. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Reuter, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Motion carried 9-0.

Break from 8:20 – 8:22 to allow students to leave.

6. Consideration of ACT Test, Badger 3-8 Results and Advanced Placement (AP) Courses / Testing  
The board was informed that there will be no school for students in Grades 9, 10 and 12 on March 1 when the juniors will be taking the ACT test.
7. Discussion of Compensation Model  
Pat Sullivan shared the Finance Committee's direction of budgeting for salary increases, but allowing administration to determine the distribution of those salary dollars.
8. Consideration of 2016-17 Budget
  - a. Budget Parameters
  - b. Prioritizing Areas / Timelines
  - c. Budget Booklet
  - d. Budget Guidelines  
Jeff Albers reviewed the budget parameters, process and timelines.

Break from 8:58 – 9:05 p.m.

9. Consideration of 2016-17 CESA Service Contracts  
Motion (Fleegel/Reuter) to approve the 2016-17 CESA Service Contract as presented.
10. Clerk's Report on Candidates for 2016 Spring Election
  - a. Certification of Candidates
  - b. Determination of Need for a Primary Election
  - c. Determination of the Order of Names on the Ballot  
Jennifer Kuenne reviewed the clerk's report with the board.
11. Update regarding the WASB Convention and Strategic Plan Discussion  
Board members reviewed the breakout sections they attended at the WASB Convention, including: health insurance, CTE, benefits, communications, strategic planning, board goals and a senior tax credit program.
12. Consideration of Moving the June Board of Education Meeting to June 23  
Motion (Temme/Dixon) to move the June board meeting from June 16 to June 23, 2016. Motion carried.
13. Consideration of 2014-15 Audit  
Motion (Reuter/Peterson) to approve the 2014-15 audit as presented. Motion carried.
14. Consideration of Board Room Sounds System  
The board reviewed quote for a sound system for the board room. More information will be gathered prior to moving forward.
15. Discussion of Referendum  
The board reviewed the upcoming referendum and meetings which have been attended and are scheduled for in the future.

## **Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session**

Motion (Reuter/Temme) to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Reuter, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 9:50 p.m.

## **Reconvene Into Open Session**

Motion (Reuter/Dixon) to reconvene into open session. Roll call vote: Brunner, Dixon, Fleegel, Knight, Peterson, Reuter, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting was reconvened in open session at 10:10 p.m.

Motion (Reuter/Dixon) to approve the administrative contract as discussed. Motion carried.

## **Adjourn**

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

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Jennifer Kuenne  
Recording Secretary

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Cheryl Wibben  
Clerk