

Medford Area Public School District Regular Board of Education Meeting March 17, 2016

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Thursday, March 17, 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 Comment

Jeff Lange congratulated Joseph Greget on being selected as "Person of the Year;" thank you to Ann Jochimsen for all of her years of service to the school district; and commented that he may not always be at board meetings, or the entire board meeting, but that he does watch the entire board meeting from his home through our educational channel.

Dave Fisher introduced himself as the new Food Service Director for A'viands. He started on Tuesday, March 15.

Mark Reuter addressed the board with a question to Jeff Lange – why did Jeff Lange quit the Board of Education one year short of finalizing his term?

Jeff Lange was able to answer Reuter's question. Jeff stated that the main reason was due to a health concern and another reason was that he was tired of "fighting a losing battle."

Correspondence

1. Recognitions

a. Good News

MASH

- Davey Sapinski addressed the board regarding the Auto Program and the work the students are doing.
- Congratulations to winter sports athletes Hannah Brandner (gymnastics), Kolten Hanson (wrestling), Tucker Peterson (wrestling) and Josh Brooks (wrestling) for making it to state competition.
- 31% of students participated in winter sports and 33% of students are participating in spring sports.
- Congratulations to M Award Winners and WIAA Scholar Athlete Nominees Hannah Brandner and Ben Meier.
- Congratulations to 38 junior initiates and eight senior initiates who were inducted into the National Honor Society. They join 18 current senior members. Thank you to Kris Gingras, NHS advisor.

- MAMS
- Congratulations to Jenny Shipman, Scott Geisler and the Science Olympiad teams. They placed 4th and 7th out of 29 teams in Oshkosh. The two teams have now combined their brain power for one team to go to State Competition on April 4.
 - Thank you to Lynn Coyer for organizing and leading our MAMS plan, Aesop's Classroom. Forty-six students played to a total audience of 385 spectators in their two night performance.
 - Thank you to Officer Jason Lange and Chief Ken Coyer for speaking to 8th grade students regarding internet safety and social media pitfalls.
 - Thank you to Scott Geisler and the Engineering Technology Class for building duck houses for the Taylor county Sportsman's Club.
 - Thank you to Jenny Shipman, Sara Holewinski, Kelli Ray and their respective MAMS & RVA Battle of the books teams. The MAMS and RVA teams tied for 7th place out of the 214 state teams that competed.
 - Thank you to the parents that participated in the Spring Parent/Teacher Conferences.
 - Congratulations to Joseph Greget on his being recognized as the "Person of the Year" by the Medford Chamber of Commerce.
- MAES
- Congratulations to Ashley Jochimsen-McCarron. She received a \$10,000 grant to support a study on how seating options can impact student engagement.
 - Thank you to Rachel Mildbrand, Sadie Jensen, Ashley Jochimsen-McCarron and Matt Hawley. They recently visited Edgar Elementary School to look at personalized learning at the elementary level.
 - Thank you to all the students and staff members who participated in the Science and Technology Night. It was a huge success, with over 300 participants attending.
- SES
- Congratulations to Kellie Keene for winning the Advocate for All Children Award at the NARENWICH (National At Risk Education Network Wisconsin Chapter) Conference.
 - Thank you to all the students (and their families) for donating over 1,000 items to the Annual Food Drive. Thank you also to Dave Makovsky for helping in transporting all items to the local food pantry.
- Business Services
Student Services / Special Education
- Thank you to A'viands for becoming the district's food service contractor mid-year and providing meals to our students.
 - Thank you to the Medford Chamber of Commerce for their recognition as the 2016 Person of the Year and the overwhelming support of this from peers, families, community members and students.

b. 2016 Legislative Meeting Review

The board reviewed the 2016 Legislative Meeting. The 2017 Legislative Meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2017.

c. Student Council Update

Jay Czerniak updated the board regarding Student Council activities, including March Madness brackets, constitution review, an April Blood Drive; and the Spring Fling.

d. Legislative Update

The board was updated regarding the expansion of the ruling which allows school districts the opportunity to hire teachers without teaching credentials for select subject areas.

2. Other

a. April Board of Education Meetings – April 21 and April 25, 2016

The board reviewed the potential for two meetings in April.

Consent Agenda

Motion (Wibben/Peterson) to approve the consent agenda [Approval of Agenda; Secretary's Report - Approval of Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2016 (open); Approval of Treasurer's Report; and Approval of Personnel Report]. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. Discussion of Additional Intervention Opportunities at MASH

Laura Lundy, Jill Lybert and the MASH RtI Team presenting information to the board regarding a new scheduling option which would allow for additional intervention opportunities for high school students. More information will be presented at the April board meeting.

2. Discussion of Student Representation on the School Board

The board reviewed the possibility of having a student representative on the Board of Education. More information will be gathered and will be discussed again at a future board meeting.

3. Consideration of 2016-17 Budget

- a. Update on Section / Class Sizes
- b. Update on 2016-17 Staffing

The board discussed the multiple retirements/resignations the district has received and the filling of those positions.

- c. Consideration of Support (non-instructional) Budget
Jeff Albers reviewed the non-instructional budgets.

Motion (Dixon/Fleegel) to remove the OPEB contribution of \$44,470 from the budget. Motion carried (3 opposing).

4. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and/or Deletion:

- a. For Second Reading Adoption: BDDA Public Notice of Board Meetings; BDDC Agenda Preparation, Format and Dissemination; BDDD Quorum of the Board; BDDF Voting Method; EEA Student Transportation Services; and GDE Substitute Support Staff Employment

Motion (Policy Committee) to approve the following policies for adoption: BDDA Public Notice of Board Meetings; BDDC Agenda Preparation, Format and Dissemination; BDDD Quorum of the Board; BDDF Voting Method; EEA Student Transportation Services; and GDE Substitute Support Staff Employment. Motion carried.

- b. For First Reading Adoption: BDDG Minutes; BDDH Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings; BDDI News Media Services at Board of Education Meetings; BF Policy Development; BFA Policy Development System; BFD Policy Dissemination; and JFCIA Co-Curricular Drug Testing

The board reviewed the following policies in first reading: BDDG Minutes; BDDH Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings; BDDI News Media Services at Board of Education Meetings; BF Policy Development; BFA Policy Development System; BFD Policy Dissemination; and JFCIA Co-Curricular Drug Testing

- c. Editorial Changes: Professional Staff Handbook – Section 5.9 Performance; and Salary Reviews and Section 5.10 Educational Credit Reimbursement

Motion (Reuter/Wibben) to approve the following editorial changes: Professional Staff Handbook – Section 5.9 Performance; and Salary Reviews and Section 5.10 Educational Credit Reimbursement. Motion carried.

The board took a break from 8:07 to 8:09 to allow students to leave.

5. Consideration of Curriculum Connection – Revitalizing Medford Senior High's Auto Program
Laura Lundy presented the Curriculum Connection regarding "Revitalizing Medford Senior High's Auto Program."
6. Discussion of Upcoming Referendum
The board reviewed activities surrounding providing information to the public regarding the upcoming referendum. Jenny Shipman wrote a \$1,200 grant to remind people to vote. \$300 of that will be used to help pay for a full-page information page which will appear in the Shopper on March 29.
7. Consideration of Strategic Planning
The board was updated regarding information on Strategic Planning. WASB and representatives from Pewaukee will be asked to come to the April board meeting to present their options.

Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session

Motion (Reuter/Strama) 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 8:35 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion (Wibben/Reuter) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Jennifer Kuenne
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk