

Medford Area Public School District Regular Board of Education Meeting August 16, 2018

The regular meeting of the Medford Area Public School District Board of Education was called to order by President Dave Fleegel, on Thursday, August 16, 2018, at 5:32 p.m. in the Taylor County Education Center.

Roll Call

Roll call indicated that Board Members Dave Fleegel, Brian Hallgren, Barb Knight, DeDe Strama, Mark Temme and Cheryl Wibben were present. OraLee Dittrich, Paul Dixon and Mark Reuter were absent. Administrator Pat Sullivan was present.

The board took a tour of the Taylor County Education Center.

OraLee Dittrich arrived at 5:37 p.m.

Motion (Fleegel/Dittrich) to recess and reconvene at the district office. Motion carried. The board recessed and traveled to the district office at 6:19 p.m.

The board reconvened the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Paul Dixon and Mark Reuter arrived at 6:00 p.m. at the district office.

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 Radio and was posted at the District Office.

Public Comment

Kaylee Seifert, Student Council President, updated the board regarding the upcoming Homecoming events.

Dave Fisher, A'viands, updated the board regarding the summer breakfast and lunch programs. The district has a grant that will last a minimum of five years.

Mark Schiltz addressed the board regarding BRI and hiring more BRI employees from summer jobs, like mowing, etc.

Correspondence

1. The WASB Regional Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, in Rothschild. Board members should indicate their intents on attendance by Friday, August 31.
2. The WASB Convention is scheduled for January 23 – 25, 2019, in Milwaukee. Lisa Kopp will be presenting information regarding our Barn Project at the convention.

Consent Agenda

Motion (Wibben/Temme) to approve the consent agenda [Approval of Agenda; Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes from July 19, 2018 (open); Approval of the Treasurer's Report; Approval of Personnel Report; Approval of 66.0301 Agreement between the RVA and Chequamegon; and Approval of Foreign Exchange Student]. Motion carried.

Regular Business

1. Recognition of the Taylor County Educator of the Month – RVA
Kelli Ray was recognized as the Taylor County Educator of the Month. Kelli works at the Rural Virtual Academy (RVA).
2. Presentation from Medford Area Chamber of Commerce
Sue Emmerich presented information to the board regarding the Economic Development Foundation, including employment, unemployment, economy and housing.
3. Consideration of Allowing Retired Law Enforcement Officers to Carry a Concealed Weapon While on District Grounds Motion (Reuter/Dixon) to approve the Concealed Carry Weapon Memorandum of Understanding for retired law enforcement officers as presented. Motion carried.
4. Discussion of Referendum Projects (Strategic Goal #7: Infrastructure)
The board was updated regarding referendum projects.
5. Consideration of Barn Project Financing
The board was updated regarding the barn project financing.
6. Consideration of Going Out to Bid for Health Insurance (Strategic Goal #6: Staff Culture and Satisfaction)
The board was updated regarding the health insurance bid process/plan.
7. Presentation of Information Related to Strategic Goal #5: Operations / Technology (Technology Plan)
Dennis Hinderliter presented information to the board regarding the district technology plan.
8. Consideration of Certified Staff and Support Staff Vacancies and Job Assignments for 2018-19, Including Acceptance of Late Resignations (Strategic Goal #6: Staff Culture and Satisfaction)
The board was updated regarding staff vacancies and job assignments for 2018-19.
9. Projected Enrollments for 2018-19 and Other Opening of School Problems/Concerns (Strategic Goal #6: Staff Culture and Satisfaction)
The board was updated regarding projected enrollments.
10. Consideration of Board Policy Adoption and Deletion:
 - a. For Second Reading Adoption: EFC Vending Machines; EGAD Telephone Use Guidelines; EI Insurance Management; EIA Worker's Compensation and Sick Leave; FEA Developing Educational Specifications; FEB Selection of Architect; FG Board Inspection and Acceptance of New Facilities; and FL Retirement of Facilities

Motion (Policy Committee) to approve policies: EFC Vending Machines; EGAD Telephone Use Guidelines; EI Insurance Management; EIA Worker's Compensation and Sick Leave; FEA Developing Educational Specifications; FEB Selection of Architect; FG Board Inspection and Acceptance of New Facilities; and FL Retirement of Facilities for second reading. Motion carried.
 - b. For First Reading: GBA Equal Employment Opportunity; GBC Staff Ethics; GBCA Staff Conflicts of Interest; GBCAA Staff Use of School Facilities, Equipment / Materials; and GBCBC Pre-employment Drug Testing

Paul Dixon reviewed policies: GBA Equal Employment Opportunity; GBC Staff Ethics; GBCA Staff Conflicts of Interest; GBCAA Staff Use of School Facilities, Equipment / Materials; and GBCBC Pre-employment Drug Testing for first reading.

- c. Editorial Changes: Professional Staff Handbook – 5.11 Educational Credit Reimbursement; Professional Staff Handbook – 6.7 Worker’s Compensation; and Support Staff Handbook – 6.7 Worker’s Compensation

Motion (Policy Committee) to approve changes to Professional Staff Handbook – 5.11 Educational Credit Reimbursement; Professional Staff Handbook – 6.7 Worker’s Compensation; and Support Staff Handbook – 6.7 Worker’s Compensation. Motion carried.

11. Consideration of Monday, September 24, 2018, Board of Education Meeting Time and Place, and 2018-19 Board Meeting Dates

The board reviewed the change in board meeting dates to the 4th Monday of each month.

Motion (Fleegel/Dixon) to move the regular board meetings for December and May to the 3rd Monday of the month, due to holidays. Motion carried.

The board also reviewed the October board and committee meeting schedule. Finance will meet on Friday, October 19. There will be a special board meeting on Monday, October 22, to consider/discuss health insurance vendors. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 29, with the regular board meeting to follow.

Contemplate Adjourning to Closed Session

Motion (Reuter/Knight) to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote: Dittrich, Dixon, Fleegel, Hallgren, Knight, Reuter, Strama, Temme and Wibben – Yes. Motion carried 9-0. The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion (Reuter/Wibben) to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Jennifer Kuenne
Recording Secretary

Cheryl Wibben
Clerk