

REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2009

1. CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Graham called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Elementary Board Conference Room. Trustees Present: Claude Keith, Krystal Zentner, Penny Young and Mark Giesick. Others Present: John Ballard, Betty Sweet, Gary Levine, Kay Allen, Houston Finn, Wes & Tara Schwend and K.C. Hickok.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. MINUTES:

Trustee Young made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 12th Special Meeting as presented and the January 20th Regular Meeting with the following amendments: item 7- change the words “hourly staff” to “the paraprofessionals”, Item 8A- correct third to last sentence to read “...that would be increased test scores, meets needs of all graduates, and, having the district make AYP”, item 10F- add to read “According to school policy 4411...”, change the word “would” to “could” and strike the first sentence in the second paragraph, and, Item 14 change “March” to “February”. Trustee Giesick seconded the motion and members voted 5/0 in favor.

4. CLAIMS & PAYROLL:

Trustee Keith made a motion to accept the following: payroll warrants 15958-16004 with number 15376 declared void, 2/4/09 direct deposit listing and claims 12345-12415 with number 12038 declared void. Trustee Young seconded the motion. Vote 5/0. The polycarbonate for the greenhouse was to repair damages from a hailstorm last summer.

5. ATHLETIC/ACTIVITY ACCOUNTING:

Based on the request of Diane George, Trustee Young made a motion to write off a debt of \$27.00 in the Elementary Fundraising account due to a discrepancy with the customer as to the amount of candy delivered. Trustee Zentner seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the activity accounting for January. Trustee Giesick seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. The Danes’ Legacy account was used for the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) donations and purchase. The Shop Account is negative due to a building that has yet to be sold. Riverstone gave a donation to pay for the Girls and Boys Basketball traveling uniforms. Mrs. George gave a report on this years’ chocolate sales fund raiser. The net sales totals \$2,532.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter of commendation for the girls responsible for the AED project was received from the Sudden Cardiac Arrest Association. OPI accepted our addition of K through 2nd grade to the After-School program under the 21st Century Grant. Notice of the MTSBA Budget Workshop was given.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT: None at this time.

8. SPECIAL REPORTS:

A. Architects Report: Gary Levine of Spectrum Architects was on hand to discuss the findings of his tour of the campus and the needs of the district. Building or leasing a structure for storing

buses on or off-site was discussed as well as an area for the vocational building project. The foundation problems in the Elementary are not as bad as they look; there has been some soil settling, particularly on the north side. Randy Novakovich will be installing some stabilizing jacks and once the old boilers are removed the area under them should be shored up with support piers. The High School has no significant foundation issues as the 'cracks' that have been of concern are actually expansion joints. That building is moving but it is moving uniformly. The priorities determined by the Board with the recommendations of Superintendent Ballard and Mr. Levine are: 1) Elementary boiler/heating project (with foundation stabilization) and replacing the front doors, 2) Lighting in the gym, 3) Windows, insulation and lighting in the Vo-Ag/Art Building. Other items include: repair or replace sidewalk on 4th Street, storage and seating on the Football Field, new locker rooms and storage area in the High School. Changing the grassy area in front of the Elementary into a parking/student pick-up area was discussed. The Board authorized Superintendent Ballard to prioritize and begin repairs as the budget allows.

B. Activities Director: Girls Basketball is over for this season and the Boys Tournaments start this week.

C. Classified Base Rates/Matrix: Trustee Zentner and Chairman Graham will be bringing information to the March meeting. The two will be meeting February 26th to work on the material.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Policy 4330 F – Facilities Use Agreement: Trustee Zentner made a motion to table this item till Jeff Weldon gets information back to us. Trustee Keith seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

B. Cooperative: The Sports Cooperative Board met February 3rd, Trustee Keith made a motion to accept the recommendation of the coop board to dissolve the Sports Cooperative at the end of the 08-09 basketball season and to advise MHSAA of the change. Trustee Young seconded the motion and members voted 5/0 in favor. 1) Future of the Coop: Trustee Zentner made a motion to continue the joint board with a change to the mission and by-laws to include educational cooperatives. Trustee Young seconded the motion and members again voted in favor. Superintendent Ballard has spoke with administrators in the area and all are in favor of the vocational building project which would fall into this 'educational cooperative' category.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Personnel: Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Ballard to hire Ole Olsen as the Jr. High Head Track Coach for the 2009 season. Trustee Keith seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0. As provided by statute 2-3-203 (3) MCA, the meeting was declared closed for rights of privacy at 8:40 p.m. The meeting opened at 9:00 p.m. Trustee Young made a motion to hire Tara Schwend as the Assistant Jr. High Track Coach. Trustee Giesick seconded the motion and all members voted in favor. *NOTE: these motions were rescinded at the March 12, 2009 meeting. Tara will be the Head Coach and Ole the Assistant.*

B. Future Building Maintenance Plans: discussed above in item 8A.

C. Student Attendance Agreements: Trustee Keith made a motion to accept the out-of-district attendance agreements for Jordan Webb-5th grade and Alicia Griffin-10th grade. Trustee Young seconded the motion and all members voted in favor.

D. Policy Revisions: Trustee Zentner made a motion seconded by Trustee Young to table policy 3231-Searches & Seizure for further clarification on 'school authorities'. Vote: 5/0. Trustee Zentner made a motion to accept the revisions to the following policies as given by MTSBA with amendments made to tailor the policies to our district: 1700-Uniform Grievance Procedure, 3226-Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation/Hazing, 5015- Bullying/ Harassment/Intimidation and 5130-Staff Health. Trustee Giesick seconded the motion. Vote: 5/0.

E. First Reading: Trustee Keith made a motion to accept the first reading of 1135 & 1135P-School Board Advocacy. The motion failed for lack of a second. This policy was recommended by MTSBA, not required.

F. Personnel-Superintendent evaluation/negotiations: As provided by statute 2-3-203 (3) MCA, the meeting was declared closed for rights of privacy at 10:00 p.m. The meeting opened at 11:12. No action was taken.

11. CLERK'S REPORT: Enrollment figures for the current year were provided as well as summaries of the previous five years. A draft of the Activity Accounting Manual for the district will be presented at the next meeting.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The negotiations meeting scheduled with the Teamsters Union this morning was cancelled by the union representative. The e-rate assessment for the upcoming year is \$8,124.98. The vocational project has been discussed with Fromberg's superintendent and with representatives of the College of Technology. A meeting date will be set. Credits through the College of Technology will be available to students involved with the project. President Obama has authorized funding that will increase our Title I and IDEA –B allocations. Dolly Donges is off on a work-comp injury.

13. FUTURE ISSUES:

Four Day School Week, Elementary Roof, updates and additions to district policies, building appraisals, Extracurricular Activities: accounting policies/procedures, emergency planning, transportation issues and negotiations.

14. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be held March 12th. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board Chairman

Clerk of the Board