

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
January 12, 2015

President Van Sickler called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the high school media center.

Members present: Davis, Drumm, Herman, McNerney, Palmer, Van Sickler, Zinn

Members absent: None

Administrators present: Hubbard, Walderzak, Weaver

Administrators absent: None

Visitors present: Sharon Davis, Connie Marshall, Jody Zinn, Tammi Daymon, Dianne Wilson, Jody Johnston Vissman

Oath of Office

Hubbard administered the Oath of Office to Brian Zinn and Ivan Palmer.

Election of Officers

President

Interim Superintendent Hubbard asked for nomination for President.

McNerney nominated Van Sickler as the Board President.

Van Sickler elected President by acclamation.

Vice President

Zinn nominated Palmer for Vice President.

Palmer elected Vice President by acclamation.

Treasurer

McNerney nominated Drumm for Treasurer.

Drumm elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Secretary

Herman nominated McNerney for Secretary.

McNerney elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by McNerney, support by Herman to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Recognition of Guests: None

Questions on Building Reports: None

Communications

Brandon Hubbard – School Board Recognition Month

Superintendent Hubbard presented the board with a certificate of appreciation for their service on the school board. Hubbard stated that he would like to get the board members a shirt or sweater and would like to see them wear them at the board meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Davis, support by McNerney to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held December 8, 2014.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Davis to approve the minutes of the Special Board meeting held December 8, 2014

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Treasurer's Report – January

Motion by Drumm, support by McNerney to approve bills as monies become available.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Consent Agenda

Van Sickler stated that we will separate the consent agenda so that Mr. Zinn can abstain from the middle school coaching position.

Motion by Palmer, support by McNerney to approve William Baird's resignation as the junior varsity football coach.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Herman, support by McNerney to approve hiring Matt Koutz as a fulltime teacher.

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Motion by Palmer; support McNerney to hire Brian Zinn as the middle school girls' basketball coach.

Roll call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes, Palmer - yes, Van Sickler - yes, Zinn – abstain

Motion CARRIED 6-0, 1 abstain

New Business

Dr. Koenigsknecht, MAISD – Homeless services

Tabled until Dr. K arrives.

Best Practice Approval

Hubbard talked to the board about the Best Practice Grant. The requirements have tightened up this year; however Mr. Hubbard believes that we meet all of the requirements. Hubbard is asking for the board's approval to submit this to the state which would generate another \$50.00 per pupil.

Motion by Davis, support by Drumm to approve the Best Practice Grant.

Motion CARRIED: 7-0

M-Step presentation

Mrs. Weaver presented to the board the new assessment for all our students called the M-Step. This testing is replacing the MEAP and has been moved to the spring. The high school will also take the M-Step. It is about 15 hours of testing for the 11th grade between ACT/Work keys and M-Step.

Weaver talked about what grades will be assessed and the content. Weaver talked about why this testing is important. Weaver also talked to the board about some of the strategies teachers have been working on with kids to get them prepared for the test. Hubbard talked about the testing and how important this is to our district.

Ski Club

Walderzak talked to the board about the ski club. Right now it is for fun. But it is a MSAC Sport and if we end up with enough interest, our district could be competitive in the future. Walderzak stated that the school district has joined Alma and St. Louis to help keep the costs down for the students.

Motion by McNerney, support by Zinn to approve the Ski Club

Motion CARRIED 7-0

Executive Session

Motion by Herman, support by Palmer to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m.

Roll call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes, Palmer - yes, Van Sickler - yes, Zinn – yes

Motion CARRIED: 7-0

Motion by McNerney, support by Palmer to reenter regular session at 8:00 p.m.

Roll call: Davis - yes, Drumm - yes, Herman - yes, McNerney - yes, Palmer - yes, Van Sickler - yes, Zinn – yes

Motion CARRIED: 7-0

Dr. K and Cari O'Connor from the MAISD came to talk with the board about the services they offer. They spoke about the Great Start Readiness Program. Their program works with families to help them get their children ready to succeed in school. Some of the programs and support involves parent education, health, early care and education, social, emotional, basic needs and family support.

Palmer asked about problem solving. Thinking about things parents can do in everyday life that can help children. Ms. O'Connor talked about other early on programs they offer like Fatherhood Support Services, Welcome Baby Program and the Great Start Readiness Program. O'Connor talked about how instrumental Mrs. Weaver was in making the transition to 3 full time preschool classes. Eighty seven percent of the students that attend preschool are ready for kindergarten the following school year.

Other Business

Budget Update

Hubbard talked to the board about what the finance committee looked at during their last

meeting. The finance committee very conservatively came up with reductions without laying off any staff. With the reductions the fund balance will be at 8.12% at the end of the school year. McNerney stated that you can rally only budget for the current year because you don't know what the state will do each year.

Items for Discussion

Superintendent Evaluation

Van Sickler stated that the members have the evaluation tool on their tablet and a hard copy. This will need to be completed for the February board retreat.

Set Board retreat date.

The Board decided on February 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at the MAISD.

Priority School Status Report

Hubbard spoke with the board on the Priority School Status Report. Hubbard did state that the format that he gives the board will change to the state requirement format.

Power of One Award

Hubbard selected Dan Ryckman for the Power of One Award. Dan was always well read and prepared for the school board meetings.

Work in Progress: None

Recognition of Guests

Kelsie Zinn - 4324 Pine Grove Rd., Edmore, MI - the 4th grade class made a poster thanking the board for everything they do. The poster was on display in the media center

Items for next Board Meeting February 9, 2015: None

Motion by McNerney, support by Drumm to adjourn at 8:40PM

Motion CARRIED: 7-0

January School Board Recognition Month

Lynn Van Sickler – President

Charlotte Davis – Trustee

Ivan Palmer – Vice President

Carol Herman – Trustee

Mick Drumm – Treasurer

Brian Zinn – Trustee

Thomas McNerney – Secretary

Karen S. Grover
Recording Secretary