

SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES MARCH 4, 2014 6:01-8:17 pm Administrative Conference Room

The Special School Board meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Debbie Lester. Trustees Michele Bashor, Jami Romney-FitzGerald, Teresa Teagle, Andrew Stevenson & David Weber (6:06 pm); Supt. Randy Cline; Principals Jake Haynes, Mark McMurray (also Athletic/Activities Director), Aaron Griffin & Judy McKay (6:06 pm); Maintenance Supervisor-Brian Roberts, Elementary Maintenance Paul Deschamps & High School Maintenance Greg Hagle; and District Clerk-Cindy McMurray were also present. Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

The purpose of the meeting was to review/take action on New Business-Hiring and Work Session items to provide the Board with information/discussion on the following items: (1) Maintenance items; (2) Midterm Reports; (3) FHS Parking in Loop; (4) FY15 Budget; & (5) Miscellaneous items.

Brian Roberts provided the Board with an overview on how the Maintenance crew has been working. Due to major emergency issues such as the problems with the heat exchanger and Hot Water Boilers maintenance means that maintenance has normally been a reaction to these issues and not looking at a scheduled Capital Maintenance program. He has implemented a program called School Dude to take care of scheduled maintenance and requests by staff members. Trustee David Weber expressed concern that we weren't provided with an overall maintenance plan by the Engineers or companies that installed the heating system during the building bond project. He wondered if something major went down would it be critical. High School Maintenance Greg Hagle doesn't believe we would have an issue because we have redundancy in all our systems except for the well. Supt. Randy Cline noted that on the South campus we do have backup pumps and boiler. Discussion occurred in regards to finding the money to take care of Capital replacement needs. Possibly taking out an InterCap Loan, running a Building Reserve Levy or running General Fund mill levy were discussion items to correct failing systems. Trustee Debbie Lester was concerned that systems put in during 2009 shouldn't be failing. It was noted that the District had an energy audit done at the South Campus and none of the items to help cool the school (new windows, etc.) provided an economical return.

Break: 6:52-7:03 (Board Chair Dianne Burke arrived during this time and took over running the meeting.)

Discussion occurred as to whether the District should dispense with mailing out Midterm reports. There would be a substantial savings in not "mailing" out the reports and only having them available on the District's website. Other ways to notify parents were discussed. Supt. Randy Cline will obtain further comments on what could potentially work instead of mailing the Midterm reports out.

Discussion occurred in regards to the public parking in the no parking areas at the High School loop during after school hours. During games this creates a safety issue in regards to Emergency vehicles obtaining entrance to potential hazards. In addition, when activities are occurring outside, safety issues in regards to the high possibility of hitting a pedestrian can occur. Gates, no parking signs, towing were all part of the discussion.

Supt. Randy Cline noted that next years' budget will be more than last years' due to an increase in enrollment (mainly due to out-of-district students). The increase this year is \$243,360 over last years' budget. He also noted that he is putting together a budget sheet for the March 18th regular board meeting to include step & lane increases for teachers, increases for classified staff, increases for administrative staff, potential insurance increases, fixed cost increases, etc. Both the Frenchtown Education Association and Frenchtown Classified Association bargaining units have notified the District they are ready to negotiate.

Miscellaneous: (1) Trustee Debbie Lester indicated that the MREA is supporting MUST in regards to insurance. We may need to look at this option. (2) Discussion occurred in regards to how the Trustees were to go about obtaining General information. Supt. Randy Cline just told them to give him a call. Board Chair Dianne Burke noted that the Board should only be working as a whole. Individual action on any items shouldn't be done. The same information on action items will be provided to the Board.

Adjourned.

Approved April 15, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Debbie Lester
Vice Chair, Board of Trustees

/s/ Cindy L. McMurray
District Clerk