

April 16,
2018

Quick Board Summary

Board of Education

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Member
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Member
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Dr. Lindsey Hall

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Overview

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President McComb at 7:02 p.m. Max McComb, Lance Raver, Cheryl Melchi, Jenny Park, Lori Larson and Nezar Kassem were in attendance. Merle Giles was absent.

Consent Agenda Items: All minutes, bills, activity funds, surplus items and record management items were approved as presented. The personnel list was also approved as a separate item.

Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:

Public Participation:

Ken Keefe spoke on behalf of the Mahomet-Seymour Schools Awareness Group regarding the policy of clearing the classroom and communication to parents when an unusual incident occurs.

Reports, Updates & Informational Items:

Board Communication:

- Mr. Raver shared that he is proud that our math department ranks 16th out of all Illinois Schools, of which there are approximately 1,000.
- Dr. Kassem attended Jim Risley's induction into the Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame. A former wrestler was also inducted. Mahomet-Seymour was well represented.
- Mrs. Park congratulated the WYSE team. "What an amazing accomplishment." The HANDS event was fantastic.
- Mrs. Larson attended the closing ceremony for the HANDS event. The MS PTO and Foundation sponsored a performance by the University of Illinois Steel Drum Band. It was a very nice event.

Financial Report: Chief School Business Official, Trent Nuxoll, shared that the financial report was included in the board packet. The District has been notified that we are a Tier 2 school district in the Evidence Based Funding Model. The District has received the first payment of the approximately \$265,000.

Superintendent Report:

- "Celebrate Sangamon" is this Thursday, April 19th from 5-7:30 p.m. at Sangamon Elementary. This is a community open house to say goodbye to this building.
- The MSHS Drama Department presents "Beauty

The Board of Education met in regular session at
7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room at

Middletown Prairie Elementary

and the Beast" on April 19th, 20th, 21st and 22nd.

- Hands Around the World was Friday, April 6 and was, once again, an amazing event. Thanks to our M-S PTO for all of their work!
- We have received our first of six payments of approximately \$44,000 from the state for our new "Tier Funding". This is an historic change in school funding in our state.
- The first meeting of the Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee is April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at Mahomet-Seymour HS.
- Parent meetings for 5th-11th parents are April 30 and May 1 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the MSHS Auditorium. Information about Chromebooks will be covered as well as time for Q and A. Parents just need to attend one of these meetings.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. **Approve Chad Benedict as the High School Assistant Principal:** Dr. Hall recommends Chad Benedict to fill the role of Assistant Principal at the high school. Chad is already a proven leader in our District. The Board approved this recommendation.
2. **Approval of 2018-2019 Registration Fee and Kids Club Fee Increases:** The District has not increased these fees since 2013-2014. The registration fee proposal is to increase elementary registration fees by \$25.00, and Jr. High and High School registration fees by \$50.00. The Kids Club fee proposal is to increase fees one dollar a day. The motion was approved.
3. **Approve Change Order 10:** Mr. Johnston shared that much of the building is starting to work on finishes. The exterior signage that was chosen creates a savings of \$3,100. The district is also gaining a credit by removing the fencing and concrete work around the soccer field. Mr. Johnston also said that the use of owner supplied materials has saved the District a significant amount of money. The Board unanimously approved.
4. **Approve Transfer Resolution for Series 2018 Bond Payments:** This resolution allows the District to transfer funds from capital projects to debt services to cover payments for October 2018 and April 2019. The Board approved the resolution.

5. **The Approval of Roof Bid for the CAIR Center:**

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With guidance from BLDD, Trent Nuxoll and Shane Truitt solicited bids for roof repair for the High School CAIR Center. This roof repair is simpler in scope when compared to the Lincoln Trail roof repair approved at the March Board meeting. The lowest complete bid was submitted by Top Quality Roofing at a cost of \$76,500. This project will be funded with Health/Life/Safety funds.

Closed session was held for: 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity. 2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

The meeting adjourned at 10:01pm.

Progress on the Middletown Prairie Gymnasium

