

# Quick Board Summary

May 21,  
2018

## Board of Education

President  
Max McComb

Vice President  
Cheryl Melchi

Secretary  
Lance Raver

Member  
Merle Giles

Member  
Nezar Kassem

Member  
Lori Larson

Member  
Jenny Park

### Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Lindsey Hall

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## Overview

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President McComb at 7:01 p.m. Max McComb, Lance Raver, Cheryl Melchi, Jenny Park, Lori Larson and Merle Giles were in attendance. Nezar Kassem was absent.

**Consent Agenda Items:** All minutes, personnel changes, bills, activity funds, surplus items and record management items were approved as presented.

## **Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:**

**Public Participation:** There were no public comments.

### Reports, Updates & Informational Items:

#### **Board Communication:**

- Mr. Raver congratulated those in the Science Olympiad. "Placing 6<sup>th</sup> in the A tier at state is amazing!" Raver also commented on the Community Action Program and the work they do for the community, including delivering baked goods to Mahomet Service providers and planting trees at Barber Park! He is also proud of the team from Lincoln Trail that designed and modified prosthetic devices using Chromebooks, and then presented them to the Illinois State Senate and House of Representatives!
- Mrs. Melchi thanked Mrs. Rinkel saying "What a legacy! Hats off to what she has built and sustained!" Mrs. Melchi is glad we have Ag day because it makes a big difference to the little kids and the high school students. She was also glad that we had a farewell to Sangamon, "a well-loved building".
- Mrs. Park loves the kid's excitement as we countdown to the last day of school. She also heard that we had a great graduation.
- Mrs. Larson is impressed that we are still going strong in academics and athletics.
- President McComb shared that this is the last meeting in this space. The June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held in the new Board Room. He also shared that Mahomet-Seymour High School ranks #32 in the state according to the US News and World Report! Finally, he shared Cheryl Melchi's resignation and thanked her for her years of service to the Board of Education. Mrs. Melchi said, "I consider it an honor to have served on this Board". She also commented on what great staff we have, as well as a wonderful community."

**Financial Report:** Chief School Business Official, Trent Nuxoll, shared that the financial report was included in the board packet. Mr. Nuxoll also shared the fiscal year update. He is optimistic that the District will end the year balanced.

The Board of Education met in regular session at

7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room at

Middletown Prairie Elementary

## Superintendent Report:

Please join me in honoring and thanking the following retirees for their outstanding years of service to our school district:

- Lu Rippy, PE Teacher, 26 years
- Sue Ann Fones, Art Teacher, 22 years
- Pamela Halm, 2nd Grade Teacher, 28 years
- Laurie Padjen, Kindergarten Teacher, 25 years
- Jill Rinkel, Music Teacher, 34 years
- Kristine Kennedy, Physical Education Teacher, 28 years
- Judy Pingel, Paraprofessional, 11 years
- Carol Shallenberger, Principal, 20 years
- Patty Cross, cook, 21 years
- Kerry Nevill, Administrative Assistant, 25 years
- Angie Gruner, Math Teacher, 14 years
- Bonnie Moxley, Paraprofessional/PE Teacher, 22 years
- Kathy Curnutte, Kids Club Supervisor, 20 years

Our sincerest thanks to the Mahomet-Seymour Education Foundation for their generous and amazing support of our Chromebooks initiative and the new playground at MPE. A total of \$164,000 has been committed to these projects by the MSEF. The volunteer hours, hard work and support of our students and teachers is gratefully acknowledged and appreciated!!

Our #32 ranking in the state from U.S. News and World Report is an honor that is bestowed upon the entire community. This type of recognition is a complete team effort that starts very early in a child's education and is supported until our students graduate from high school.

On Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> we had our first "Substitute Appreciation" reception after school. This was just a small way for us to say thank you to our substitute teachers/aides for the work they do in supporting our school district when our employees are absent. Subs are in short supply, so when we do have subs in the building, they are often called to provide coverage in many places. Thank you to all of our substitutes and thank you to Dr. Rummel for planning and putting on this reception.

Due to the closing of Sangamon and moving our 1st and 2nd grades out to Middletown Prairie, we need to adjust some bus routes (which will be announced closer to the start of school) as well as the start/ending times of some of our buildings. Only the JH and MPE are changing starting/ending times.

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Some reasons behind the changes:

- Bus routes are changing to accommodate more kids at MPE and Sangamon closing.
- Striving for minimal disruption of parents' and staff members' schedules.
- Morning start times were not allowing our kids time to eat breakfast at elementary buildings.
- MPE starting later because it is further away.
- Changes were not meant to alleviate traffic--this would require much greater staggering of start/end times of all buildings.

	MPE	LT	JH	HS
	8:00	7:55	7:45	7:50
	8:30	8:25	8:15	8:20
	3:00	3:05	3:12	3:12
e	3:30	3:35	3:42	3:42

**Discussion/Action Items:**

1. **Approve Doug Fisher as the Jr. High Assistant Principal:** Dr. Hall recommends Doug Fisher to fill the role of Assistant Principal at the Jr. High. Mr. Fisher thanked the Board for this opportunity. The Board approved this recommendation.
2. **Approval PRESS Update #97:** The policy committee met in April to review the proposed changes. Most of the changes are to footnotes. There will be a resolution to pass at the June Board Meeting. The motion was approved.
3. **Review District Bullying Policy:** Dr. Rummel shared that the bullying policies that were included in the meeting packet are required to be reviewed every two years.
4. **Approve 2018-19 Parent-Student Handbook:** The Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee reviewed the handbook changes. This committee will meet twice a year. The changes include adding Erin's Law information, a new Technology acceptable/responsible use policy, clarification of the medication distribution policy and information regarding background checks for volunteers. The acceptable/responsible use agreement will be signed electronically each year at registration. The Board approved the handbook.
5. **Title 1 School Wide Waiver:** Dr. Rummel shared that this is the second year with ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act), and requesting a school wide waiver for Middletown Prairie and Lincoln Trail. The Jr. High also qualifies for a school wide waiver, but will stay targeted due to the structure of instruction. School wide means that items purchased with Title 1 funds can be used for all students, not just those who qualify. The Board approved this waiver.
6. **Title 1 Plan:** Dr. Rummel said that the plan is amended annually and submitted to the ISBE. The updated plan is included in the meeting packet. This year professional development in guided reading has a bigger part in the plan. It also includes having hotspots available for students to check out if they do not have internet access at home. The Board approved the Title 1 Plan.

Closed session was held for 1.) The discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes. 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. 3.) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26pm.