

Quick Board Summary

August 20,
2018

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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 7:01 p.m. Max McComb, Merle Giles, Dr. Jeremy Henrichs, Jenny Park, Lance Raver and Lori Larson were in attendance. Nezar Kassem was absent.

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

Dr. Rummel and Mrs. Northrup introduced new hires for the District.

Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:

PTO: Ken Keefe shared that the PTO is preparing for the kick-off of the Dawg Walk. Their goal is to break \$100,000 this year. It is heartwarming to see how generous our community is every year. This year they are looking for business sponsors to help further support the event. The Dawg Walk will be held September 27th and 28th.

Foundation: Mrs. Larson shared that Bulldog Bash is set for April 12, 2019.

Reports, Updates & Informational Items:

Board Communication:

- Mrs. Larson thanked Mr. Hensley for holding the Fall Sports Awards Night. It was great to see all athletes introduced. Mrs. Larson also shared that she works in another district that is implementing a 1:1 Chromebook Initiative. She is glad to see both sides of that implementation, and that we are a progressive district.
- Mr. Raver appreciates everyone's patience as we navigate the first week or so of school this fall.
- Dr. Henrichs said that he knows there are a few hiccups getting the year started, and thanks those individuals working to smooth those out.
- Mr. Giles thanked those who stood out in the rain to watch bus stops and drop off at our buildings today.
- Mrs. Park said that the grounds look great, and it seems like it has been a smooth transition at Middletown Prairie.
- President McComb shared that the maintenance team has worked really hard in getting everything ready for the start of school. Mr. McComb and the Board thanked Eric Andracke for building the beautiful base for the bell that was in the bell tower at Sangamon. It is now on display in the "Bell Lobby" at Middletown Prairie. Dr. Hall shared that local historian, Greg Pasley, shared some history on the bell indicating that

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7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room at

Middletown Prairie Elementary

it was in the original school house on the Sangamon property. Thank you goes to Shane Truitt and his team for removing the bell from Sangamon and moving it to Middletown Prairie.

Financial Report: Chief School Business Official, Trent Nuxoll, shared that the financial report was included in the board packet. Mr. Nuxoll also shared information on Evidence Based Funding and EAV. Tier 1 funding percentage cutoff was 66% and Mahomet-Seymour fell at 66.09%, just missing moving into that tier. The EAV, or district tax base, is expected to increase by 7.45%.

Superintendent Report:

- A HUGE thank you to Mahomet Subway for donating lunch on both in-service days for our staff.
 - We will be honoring hometown hero Jason Seaman on August 31 at our home football game. This is also Dawgpalooza, so it will be a wonderful community event for everyone.
 - We are no longer the owners of Sangamon Elementary School. The closing was at 2 p.m. on Friday, August 17th.
 - There are many people "behind the scenes" that humbly work so hard and allow us to start school smoothly with buildings, facilities, programs and equipment ready to go. The following are some of those people who often go unrecognized:
 - our custodians and grounds crew
 - our Educational Office Personnel
 - our district's administrative assistants
 - Nakia Benson
 - Jeremy Roark
 - Betty Northrup
 - all of our bus drivers and monitors
 - Jared Lynn
 - Shane Truitt
 - Kelly Cramer
- Thank you!!**

• Finally, in closing and as of this writing, our first half day of school for the 18-19 school year has gone exceptionally well! Appreciate the patience and understanding of our parents, community members, staff and students as we navigate many, many new things in our school district this year.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. **Approve Additional Days for Project Manager:** Dr. Hall recommended up to ten additional days for Project Manager Rick Johnston. That will allow him to be available to finish up the project. The Board approved the this item.

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2. **Approve PRESS Updates and Policy Changes:** Dr. Hall shared that the PRESS Update and Policy Changes were provided to the Board for review at the July Board Meeting. They have also been reviewed by the Policy Committee. The motion was approved.
3. **Responsive Classroom and Restorative Practices Training:** Dr. Rummel shared information on the professional development provided to the district's teachers and aides on August 15th and 16th. The training focused on strategies for building strong classroom communities to address the social and emotional needs of students. Mr. Raver and Mrs. Larson both shared that they heard positive feedback in regards to the training.
4. Closed session was held for *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.*

The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.