

November 19,
2018

Quick Board Summary

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

Board of Education

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Max McComb

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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 7:03 p.m. Max McComb, Merle Giles, Jenny Park, Lance Raver, Lori Larson and Nezar Kassem were in attendance. Dr. Jeremy Henrichs 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:

Foundation: Mrs. Larson shared grant that applications have been received from teachers in every building. The committee will meet in December to review all applications.

Reports, Updates & Informational Items:

Board Communication:

- Mrs. Larson attended the Veteran's Day program at the High School, and it was wonderful. She also thanked our community for supporting us when we tragically lost a 5th grade student.
- Mr. Kassem congratulated the High School Girls Cross Country Team on their fantastic season, and Mathias Powell on his season. He commended the Marching Band on another wonderful year. Mr. Kassem also thanked everyone who helped clean up at Lincoln Trail after the flood.
- Mr. Raver commented on how well our students perform, citing ACT score averages. He shared that the reason our students do so well is that our students and staff work hard, even outside of school hours.
- Mrs. Park attended the Veteran's Day program at Lincoln Trail. The celebration was great for parents and students!
- President McComb commented that our Veteran's Day Ceremonies are always well done, and he is proud of the district for holding those. He also shared that the district was, unfortunately, touched by tragedy, and thanked everyone for their support and how they worked through that tough situation. President McComb read the Marching Band Commendation and congratulated Mr. Michael Stevens, and Drum Majors, Sarah Schum and William Larson, who were in attendance. Mr. Stevens shared they are a fabulous group of kids who take great ownership in the program. They also have wonderful staff and parents who work with them to make sure everything is ready to go. Sarah shared that she is proud to be able to lead the Marching Band and happy to see the growth of the students. She thanked everyone for their support during the season. President McComb also shared that Jeremy

Roark has submitted his resignation. President McComb thanked Jeremy for his many years of service to the district and wished him much success with his future endeavors. Dr. Roark, and his wife both thanked the District for their support.

Financial Report: Chief School Business Official, Trent Nuxoll, shared that the District has received the 4th categorical payment for FY18. He also shared that the operating funds are on track this year. At the December Board Meeting Mr. Nuxoll will provide the results of the fuel bid, sharing that the District continues to work with Paxton Buckley Loda to obtain the lowest bid. Mr. Nuxoll is also asking other districts to join. Damien Schlitt with BLDD Architects will update the Board on the Fieldhouse project set for this coming summer.

Superintendent Report:

- Dr. Hall shared that Jill Kyle, Social Worker at the Jr. High, started the CAP about 20 years ago. One of the events the students participate in is a scavenger hunt in which students go out in the community and politely ask for donations of non-perishable food items. The Mahomet IGA donates hams and turkeys, and the CAP program puts together baskets that are delivered to families in need. The program helps 8 or 9 families each year.
- To our Board Members: Thank you for your service to our students, staff, families and community. Your dedication to the mission of our school district is appreciated, as is the time you spend away from your own families in serving on the Mahomet-Seymour Board of Education! Each of you bring very special talents, abilities, expertise and unique perspective to the board table. You have consistently shown a willingness to listen, consider various viewpoints, ask questions and make decisions based upon the best interest of our students.
- We wish Dr. Jeremy Roark the absolute best as he pursues a new path in his career that will allow him to utilize his degree and area of study. We have been blessed with Jeremy's leadership and service for over four years in our district. Under his watch, the transportation department has modernized, gained efficiencies and has effectively served the students in our school district.

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Discussion/Action Items:

- 1. Approve Name of the Mahomet-Seymour Weight Room:** On October 15, 2018, Mr. Derek Halfar, teacher at Mahomet-Seymour Jr. High School and community member, presented the Board with petitions, signed by the required number of registered voters and alumni, in support of naming the weight room at Mahomet-Seymour High School after Mr. Jim Risley. Mr. Halfar also read a compelling statement summarizing all that Mr. Risley has done to start, support, sustain and enhance the weight room. His presence, time, expertise, donations and contributions have benefitted Mahomet-Seymour athletes for several decades, and have created a positive environment in the weight room for all students and employees. The requirements of Board Policy 4:150 regarding the naming of facilities have been followed and met. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled for a later date. The Board of Education is grateful for all of Mr. Risley's work, and enthusiastically supports this action. Mr. Risley thanked Dr. Hall for inviting him, and the Board for approving this action. Mr. Risley appreciates Mr. Halfar's nomination, the people who signed the petition and the Board for their support. It means a lot to Mr. Risley because this means that his parents name will be on the weight room too.
- 2. Health and Dental Insurance Renewals for 2019:** Mr. Nuxoll shared that Health Alliance offered a 1.9% increase for 2019. This is the smallest increase in health insurance premiums that we have seen since 2012. Delta Dental quoted a 6.1% increase in rates for 2019. The district requested a direct quote from Delta Dental that excludes a broker's commission. That resulted in a decrease of 1.8% in dental insurance rates for 2019. The Board approved the Health and Dental Insurance Renewals.
- 3. New Courses at Mahomet-Seymour High School:** Two new courses are being recommended for the high school course catalog for the 2019-2020 school year. The first is a high school level physics class. The district currently offers AP and Dual Credit, but we do not offer a high school level physics course. Mr. Eric Potter, high school math/science teacher, shared some course details and the need for the new course. The second new course would be a senior level math course, Discrete Math. This course is designed for college bound students who have completed Algebra II and are interested in taking a fourth year non-honors math class. Dr. Rummel presented information on the Discrete Math class being developed by Elizabeth Schaffert, high school math teacher. The Board approved this item.
- 4. School Report Card Data:** Dr. Rummel reviewed report card data and shared that our students are exceling in many areas, but there is work to be done to bridge the gap with our low income and special education students. Dr. Rummel also showed the Board how to navigate the Illinois Report Card website - www.illinoisreportcard.com.
- 5. Construction Change Order #13:** Project Manager, Rick Johnston, presented Change Order 13. The punch list is approximately 96% complete, and the concrete work that was approved last month began today. The cost of the paint fail will be covered by Supply Works, Broeren Russo and Behr Paints. The Board approved Change Order 13.
- 6. Resolution Concerning Review of Hazardous Conditions:** Dr. Roark shared that the district will be eliminating locations that pertained to Sangamon Elementary. The remaining applications pertain to the other 4 buildings, and allow the district to transport students who live within a 1.5 mile radius from the school due to hazardous conditions. The Board approved this resolution.
- 7. Adoption of Estimated 2018 Tax Levy:** Due to the largest increase in EAV (tax base) since 2007, the 2018 tax levy extension is expected to increase by more than 5% from the 2017 tax levy extension. Since we'll be levying for more than 105% of the prior year's tax levy (less debt service), we must meet all Truth-in-Taxation law requirements which are as follows:
 - Board must adopt an estimated tax levy not less than 20 days prior to the date it adopts its final levy. The final levy will be adopted at the December 17th Board meeting.
 - Publicize the Truth-in-Taxation notice not less than 7 days or more than 14 days before the public hearing
 - Hold a Truth-in-Taxation hearing prior to adopting the final tax levy in December.

Closed session was held for the 1.) 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 as mandated by Section 2.06. 2.) 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. 3.) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.