

Quick Board Summary

February 11,
2019

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Overview

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President McComb at 7:00 p.m. Max McComb, Merle Giles, Dr. Jeremy Henrichs, Lance Raver, Lori Larson, and Nezar Kassem were in attendance. Jenny Park was absent.

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

Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:

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Board Communication:

- Mr. Giles commented that it was great that the Jr. High Jazz Band won 1st place!
- Mr. Raver likes the Youth Leadership Club at Lincoln Trail, and he is curious to see how it grows.
- Mrs. Larson is proud of the Color Guard for placing second in their first ever competition! She also likes the 100 day of school events.

Financial Report: Chief School Business Official, Trent Nuxoll, introduced Jared Lynn who provided information on an upcoming Fiber Project. Currently the district leases the fiber that runs from Middletown Prairie to the Jr. High for \$1500/month. Additionally, the Jr. High is the hub for the district. The hub will move to the high school when the Jr. High moves to the east campus. The proposal is to run our own fiber from Middletown Prairie to the High School. The cost for that is \$164,926.54. There is also a monthly fee of \$750 that will act as an insurance policy if something happens to the fiber. Utilizing E-Rate will lower the monthly cost to \$300/month. E-Rate will cover 70% of the cost – based off of the districts free and reduced price numbers. In addition, Mr. Lynn has applied for a grant to cover the remaining cost. If the district is awarded the grant, the project would be zero cost to the district. Mr. Lynn should hear in a couple of months if the district is awarded the grant. The E-Rate funding is a federal program, and there is not a concern of losing that funding.

Superintendent Report:

- Please extend a warm welcome to Mr. Steve Curtis, our new Director of Facilities. Mr. Curtis will be starting on Monday, February 18th. He comes to us with a wealth facilities management experience, including his work at Marketplace Mall and the Champaign County Nursing Home, as well as having overseen various construction and renovation projects. Mr. Curtis shared that he is honored to be a part of a District that is held in such high regard in

The Board of Education met in regular session at

7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room at

Middletown Prairie Elementary

Central Illinois.

- The MSEF funded just under \$20,000 in classroom grants this year! Thank you to our teachers who wrote grants, and thank you to the MSEF for your generosity and hard work! Here is the list:
 - Gymnastics mats and balance beam, MPE, Melinda Douglas, \$2238
 - Math Centers, MPE, Krumweide/Wade/Myers/Roberts, \$1035
 - STEM, Robotics, Coding, JH, Rachel Nodine, \$1155
 - Scholastic Short Reads, Lincoln Trail, Bollman/Johnson/Laley/Kneller, \$2000
 - Lazer maze/Pegs/Racer/Puzzles/Tablet, MPE, Heather Jackson, \$624
 - Literacy Materials and Tubs, MPE, Katie Walk, \$448
 - Playground Stencils/Paint/Balls, MPE, Rose/Cosner/Piening/Russell/Quick, \$985
 - Non-Fiction books and Materials, JH, Iverson/Higgins/McFarland, \$1500
 - Task Boxes and Toys, MPE, Buckius/Gilbert/Uebelhoer, \$1471
 - Happy with Hands On, MPE, Roloff/Watson/Diskin, \$1400
 - Materials to build STEM bins, Lincoln Trail, Cox/Perkins, \$501
 - iPads/cases/screen protectors/charging station, HS, Lauren Ochs, \$1117
 - Teacher Microphones, Lincoln Trail, 4th grade teachers, \$2300
 - Computer for Graphic Design, HS, Bess Lanker, \$1824
 - Writing Workshop Materials, Lincoln Trail, Dana Martin, \$697
 - Music Stands, Lincoln Trail, Philip Meyer, \$1300
- I have had the pleasure of spending time with John Howard, the new Director of the Mahomet Public Library. Mr. Howard is very interested and enthusiastic about connecting with our school libraries and librarians.
- Our K-5 Curriculum Night was a huge success! Thanks to all who made it happen!
- Our next Bulldog Dialog is Monday, February 25, from 7-8 p.m. here in the Board of Education meeting room. The topic will be our school district's RtI/MTSS and Behavior protocols. After a brief presentation, the floor is opened up to our audience for questions.

- We are hosting the Spring IASB Dinner here at Middletown Prairie Elementary School on Thursday, evening February 28th. Our guests will be treated to a performance from our Mahomet-Seymour HS Jazz Band, as well as a delicious meal catered by Aramark. We are pleased to host this event for the IASB!

Discussion/Action Items:

1. **Approve Megan Hunter as the Lincoln Trail Principal:** Dr. Hall said, “I am pleased to introduce a familiar face”. Megan Hunter has been recommended to serve as the Principal at Lincoln trail this fall. Mrs. Hunter served as a behavior interventionist in the Mahomet-Seymour Schools for three years from 2015-2018, and was named assistant principal at Lincoln Trail in June of 2018. Prior to holding those positions in the Mahomet-Seymour Schools, Mrs. Hunter was a special education teacher in the Williamson County (IL) Special Education Cooperative from 2005-2013. From 2013-2015, Mrs. Hunter was a special education teacher in Carbondale Elementary School District #95. She holds a Bachelor’s and a Master’s degree from Southern Illinois University and is working toward her Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) certification. Mrs. Hunter and her husband Jason reside in Mahomet with their daughter Katie.
2. **PRESS Updates and Policy Changes:** Dr. Hall reviewed the recommended PRESS Updates and Policy Changes that will be voted upon at the March 11, 2019 Board Meeting. A summary can be found in the meeting packet on the District website.
3. **Strategic Planning Update:** Dr. Hall shared a Strategic Planning – Community Engagement Overview. Currently the District has: Board Goals, Enrollment Projection/Demographic Study and The Evidence Based Funding Model. The first step is for the board to review policy 1:30 - Philosophy, 3:10 – Goals and Objectives and 6:10 – Educational Philosophy and Objectives, to ensure they reflect the philosophy, goals and objectives of the Board of Education as elected officials. A focus, as a strategic plan is developed, is #2: The Board Connects with the Community. This is found in the Foundational Principals of Effective Governance from the Illinois Association of School Boards.

A Strategic Plan is:

1. Vision for the future
2. Strategy to get there
3. Allocation and/or prioritization of resources
4. Clarifying overall purpose and desired results of an organization and how those results will be achieved
5. Supported by goals/objectives/action plans

Community Engagement and Strategic Planning is:

1. Increases knowledge about the current state of the district
2. Increases likelihood for considering ideas for improving the district
3. Gives the BOE an opportunity to gather and listen to community perceptions
4. Can identify and include stakeholders that may feel left out of the school district
5. Gain support for implementing the strategic plan, both internally and externally
6. Greater understanding of the “WHY” of what we do and how decisions are made

Next steps include:

1. Clarify/define purpose
2. Understand and be able to communicate the “WHY”
3. Discuss the process
4. Review Board Policies 1:30; 3:10 and 6:10

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, and 2.) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.