

# Quick Board Summary

March 11,  
2019

## Board of Education

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Max McComb

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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, Dr. Jeremy Henrichs, Lance Raver, Lori Larson, Jenny Park and Nezar Kassem were in attendance.

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

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

### Reports, Updates & Informational Items:

#### Board Communication:

- Mr. Giles is proud of the Math Team and the Engineering in the Classroom program.
- Mr. Raver commented that the IMPACT Program is a great program. He said "The Lincoln Trail students are gaining character building, and the High School students are able to give back".
- Mrs. Larson is proud of the Jr. High Wrestling Team. Seven students advanced to the State Tournament, and five of them placed at State. She also enjoyed the High School Winter Sports Awards night.
- Mr. Kassem encouraged everyone to vote in the upcoming election.
- Dr. Henrichs thanked Keith Pogue for the time and talent he gave to the District in 11 years of coaching. He also mentioned Coach Pogue's involvement in the community, developing the Youth Football Program.
- Mrs. Park shared that she is very impressed with how well the High School Math Team did.
- Mr. McComb commented on the hiring process for the Head Football Coach position. There were two committees working on this. A Jr. High committee looking at the educational aspect for the PE position, and a High School committee looking at the coaching position. There were also parents involved in the process. Mr. McComb shared that he appreciates the work of both committees.

**Financial Report:** Chief School Business Official, Trent Nuxoll, provided a financial update to the Board. The District has entered into the period of the year where operating cash flow is lowest due to the timing of property tax revenue. That represents 53% of the overall revenue budget, and half of that is not received until May or June. This is why it is crucial to maintain a healthy cash reserve. "I'm proud to say that our fiscal prudence has created a sufficient yet appropriately sized cushion for the district to survive the cash flow valley." Mr. Nuxoll also shared that Governor Pritzker gave his

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

first budget address and proposed adding 375 million dollars into the school funding formula for the next fiscal year. The District is in tier two (by .09%) this year and received 225 thousand dollars. With those funds the District added a kindergarten teacher, a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and an instructional coach. Mr. Raver asked if the District started the year with 97 days of cash on hand. Mr. Nuxoll agreed and shared that ISBE recommends 90. President McComb asked if Mr. Nuxoll anticipated receiving another categorical payment. Mr. Nuxoll does think that we will receive one more, totaling three for the year.

### Superintendent Report:

- The dedication of the weight room, in honor of Coach Jim Risley, will be Friday afternoon, May 10<sup>th</sup>, in the Fieldhouse outside of the weight room. More details will be forthcoming.
- Congratulations to Brisa McGrath, one of only 26 students named to the IHSA All State Academic Team. Congratulations to Nick Morrow who was an Honorable Mention selection to the All State Academic Team. They will be honored at a banquet on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to the Board of Education for a very productive meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> discussing Community Engagement and Strategic Planning. Next steps will be shared at the Board of Education Study Session on April 1, 2019.
- The District will begin IAR testing after spring vacation in grades 3-8. This is the assessment formerly known as PARCC.
- The SAT will be administered to all 11<sup>th</sup> graders on April 9, 2019.
- Bulldog Bash, the main fundraiser for the Mahomet-Seymour Education Foundation is Friday evening, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available on the MSEF's website.

### Discussion/Action Items:

1. **Approve Darin O'Connell as the Lincoln Trail Assistant Principal:** Dr. Hall introduced Darin O'Connell, who will serve as the Assistant Principal at Lincoln Trail. Darin comes to the Mahomet-Seymour School District after serving as dean of students/assistant principal at Edison Middle School in Champaign for the past three years. Prior to that, he was a self-contained special education teacher at Barkstall Elementary, also in Champaign Schools. Mr. O'Connell holds a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from Eastern Illinois University and a Master's degree

in Educational Administration from the University of Illinois. He lives in Mahomet with his wife Hillary and their three children, including the newest addition to their family, Lincoln, born in early February. The Board approved this item.

2. **Fieldhouse Renovations Update:** CSBO, Trent Nuxoll and Damien Schlitt from BLDD Architects provided an update to the Board. The floors and curtains were not required to be bid out. The cost for the Mondo flooring installed by Kiefer totaled \$571,490. The District is able to get the materials through National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA). Curtains are being installed by Haldman Homme with materials supplied by Porter. They will reuse as much of the current steel as possible. The controls for the new curtains are much more user friendly. The cost for the curtains is \$181,124.80. The remaining items were bid out as follows:
  - Bid Package 2: Locker rooms in the Fieldhouse
  - Bid Package 3: Team locker rooms
  - Bid Package 4: PE locker rooms
  - Bid Package 5: Lobby bathrooms

The finance committee met and decided to cap the project at one million dollars. The items that will be renovated are the Fieldhouse floor and curtains including paint and logos, the tectum panels and the HVAC replacement. The cost for paint and logos totals \$118,346.00. The cost for the tectum panels is \$70,368.00. The HVAC (38,804.00) will fall outside of the one million because it will be paid for using Health/Life Safety funds. This project will be completed during the summer.

3. **Approval of High School Roof Repair Labor Contract:** CSBO Trent Nuxoll and Damien Schlitt with BLDD shared that sections of the High School roof are next on the list for repairs as a result of the study completed by Garland Roofing. Five areas were bid out and four bids were received. The lowest bid is from Lakeside Roofing at \$96,000. There is a section of rubber roof that will be replaced. The metal roof needs to have screws replaced and sealed as well as the roof being coated with a roofing membrane. This project will be funded with Health/Life Safety funds. The Board approved this item.
4. **Approval of High School Roof Repair Materials Contract:** Materials costs for the roof repair at the High School came in under budget. The District is again utilizing OFCI materials, which saves on the markup of materials. The Board approved this item.
5. **Approval of Health/Life Safety Amendments:** In order to utilize the District's Health/Life Safety funds for the High School roof repairs and for the Fieldhouse, we must submit a Health/Life Safety Amendment Application to ISBE. The recommendation is to authorize the Superintendent to forward this amendment application to the Regional Superintendent as the next step in this process. The Board approved this item.
6. **Approve Contract with CliftonLarsonAllen for Auditing Services:** CSBO Trent Nuxoll shared that CliftonLarsonAllen provided a one-year agreement with a 1% increase over last year. For an additional \$2,000 CliftonLarsonAllen will also prepare the Consolidated Year-End Financial Report as required by the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act. The Board of Education would like Mr. Nuxoll to request pricing for a multi-year contract. The Board tabled this item.
7. **Approval of Bus Lease:** CSBO Trent Nuxoll shared that the current bus fleet is comprised of 9 district-owned buses and 22 leased buses. The current three-year lease runs from July 2016 to June 2019. Since 2016, interest rates have increased which will add cost to a new lease. In order to manage this increase, we're recommending re-leasing eleven of the 77-passenger buses, replace two of the five 84-passenger buses with 77-passenger buses while re-leasing three 84-passenger buses, and re-leasing three 45-passenger wheel chair buses for a two-year term. Then, we would replace the two 2013 wheelchair buses with 2017 models and replace the 2016 14-passenger activity bus with a 2018 model – also for two-year terms. The two-year term allows us to continue aligning the lease with the warranty period for the buses and maximizes the depreciation allowance in the State transportation reimbursement claim. The Board approved this item.
8. **Approval of Yukon Lease:** CSBO Trent Nuxoll shared that since 2013, we have leased a large SUV for the purposes of transporting small groups of students (as opposed to transporting with an oversized bus) and serving as a District vehicle for staff to travel as a group to trainings (as opposed to reimbursing individual staff for mileage). The current lease expires on 4/15/2019. Pricing was secured from Sullivan-Parkhill for a Chevy Suburban and from Worden-Martin for a Yukon XL. The recommendation is to proceed with leasing a 2019 Yukon XL SLE for \$778.16/month. Mrs. Park asked about leasing another van instead of a Yukon. Mr. Nuxoll shared that the Yukon holds more people and has more cargo space. The Board approved this item.
9. **PRESS Updates and Policy Changes:** This item was shared with the Board during the February Board Meeting. The Board approved this item.

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 9:10 p.m.