



Board of Education Work Session Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 2, 2015

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Judith L. Wilcox Professional Learning Center – Ross Park

I. Call to Order/Welcome:

President Kay Olthoff called the Combined Session meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. The following members of the board were present: Kandace Boysen, Christine Burnaw, Jeanne Cooper-Kuiper, Mike Hansen, and Stan Miller. Absent: Jay Keessen

II. Approval of Agenda:

Kandace Boysen moved and Stan Miller supported the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Passed (6-0). Absent: Jay Keessen

III. Superintendent Report(s):

A. Spotlight – Churchill Elementary

Lowell Whitaker introduced Kristin Johnson who implemented Total Trek Quest (TTQ), a boys running club, at Churchill Elementary. Kristin Johnson shared a brief presentation about the program, and introduced her fellow coaches. Kay Olthoff presented certificates of appreciation on behalf of the Board.

Jay Keessen arrived at 7:04 p.m.

B. November 3rd Bond Update

Greg Helmer presented on the upcoming vote tomorrow for the Bond and was available for questions.

IV. Public Comments:

1. Mark Lans
4073 Oak Hollow Court, Muskegon, MI 49441

Mark expressed his appreciation to the TTQ coaches from Churchill for starting up a great program and to Justin Abdelkader for creating the video/audio messages in support of the Mona Shore Bond Proposal.

V. Consent Agenda Action Items:

A. Minutes of the October 12th Combined Session Meeting.

B. Business – Final Audit Report

Robert Jonker presented the final audit report and was available for questions.

C. Personnel

Sue McAvoy presented the personnel update and was available for questions.

VI. Separate Action Items:

A. Shared Time Agreement – Mona Shores & Muskegon

Greg Helmer presented the Shared Time Program Agreement between Mona Shores and Muskegon Public Schools. A letter was sent to Jon Felske, Superintendent of Muskegon Public Schools allowing West Michigan Christian to seek shared time services where they choose.

No action needed.

B. Board/MSTEA Discussion and Board Decision - MSTEA Grievance #2 - 14-15

Discussion between Union representatives and Mona Shores Administration took place regarding the above listed grievance.

Stan Miller moved and Christine Burnaw supported the motion to uphold the decision on the MSTEA Grievance #2 - 14-15 for the purposes of further discussion. Motion Denied (0-7) Absent: None

Stan Miller moved and Mike Hansen supported the motion to deny MSTEA Grievance #2 - 14-15, followed by a roll call vote. Passed (6-1) Absent: None

Ayes: Mike Hansen, Christine Burnaw, Stan Miller, Kandace Boysen, Jay Keessen, and Kay Olthoff

Nays: Jeanne Cooper-Kuiper

Absent: None

VI. Separate Action Items (Continued):

C. Board/MSTEA Discussion and Board Decision - MSTEA Grievance #3 - 14-15

Discussion between Union representatives and Mona Shores Administration took place regarding the above listed grievance.

Mike Hansen moved and Jay Keessen supported the motion to deny MSTEA Grievance #3 - 14-15, followed by a roll call vote. Passed (6-1) Absent: None

Ayes: Mike Hansen, Christine Burnaw, Stan Miller, Kandace Boysen, Jay Keessen, and Kay Olthoff

Nays: Jeanne Cooper-Kuiper

Absent: None

VII. Other Business:

A. MASB Conference Update:

Kandace Boysen, Christine Burnaw, and Stan Miller discussed highlights from attending the MASB Fall Conference.

B. Board Policy Vol. 30 No.1 – 1st Reading

C. MCSBA Annual Fall/Winter Dinner Reservations

D. The Board would like to send a condolence card to the State Superintendent, Brian Whiston whose son just passed away recently.

E. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mike and Kay Olthoff for the generous donation to the Muskegon Promise program.

F. Stan Miller requested a report of district discipline data be prepared for the next meeting on November 9, 2015.

VIII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned by president Kay Olthoff at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeanne Cooper-Kuiper
Secretary, Mona Shores Board of Education

