

**Mahomet-Seymour  
COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 3  
Champaign County, Illinois  
Meeting of the Board of Education  
Special Board Meeting**

Held in the Board Conference Room

Date: March 6, 2019

**Regular Board Meeting**

**1. Call to order**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by President Max McComb at 6:03 p.m. He welcomed all present to the meeting.

**2. Roll Call**

Board members present for the roll call were Max McComb, Merle Giles, Lori Larson, Nezar Kassem, Dr. Jeremy Henrichs, Jenny Park and Lance Raver. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Lindsey Hall and Board Recorder, Jennifer Farm.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

President McComb asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion** was made by Larson, seconded by Park, *to approve the agenda* as presented. The motion passed.

**5. Public Comment**

- McComb reviewed the visitor guidelines and called for any public participation forms. There were none.

**6. Strategic Planning and Community Engagement**

Dr. Hall shared an overview of the strategic planning and community engagement from the February meeting.

Next steps include:

Clarify and define the purpose

Understand and be able to communicate the Why

Discuss the process

Review Board Policies 1:30, 3:10 and 6:10

Board members will now talk, discuss and post the top three ideas of the what and then the why. What do we want to learn and what do we want the outcome to be of community engagement. What are the specifics outcomes Board of Education, want to see as a result of engaging in a community engagement/strategic planning initiative.

Lori Larson asked when the results from the 5Essentials Survey would be available. Dr. Hall replied that they will potentially be available early summer. Those results will help answer the question about culture, and the results will be shared with the community.

Max McComb said that “a relationship and trust back and forth between the board and public is important”.

Jenny Park said that it is always good to hear from the community.

Dr. Hall shared that the Board needs to be intentional about who we invite to the meetings so that we reach a diverse section of constituents.

Dr. Hall reviewed three board policies.

1:30 School District Philosophy - Mission and Values Statements

- Merle Giles thinks the mission statement is incomplete because there is no qualifier.
- Jenny Park would like to have fiscal responsibility added to the mission statement.
- Lori Larson wants to add a social emotional aspect in addition student abilities.
- Change progressive to evidence based.

The Board feels that no changes should be made until there is feedback from the community.

### 3:10 Goals and Objectives

Overall the Board feels that this policy is ok the way it is currently written. There may need to be some changes when policy 1:30 is updated.

- Learning has evolved and now includes social emotional well-being of students.
- Scope of public education is much broader now.

### 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives

The Board also feels this policy is ok as written.

Dr. Hall shared that the outlined “next steps” is the very beginning of this process and suggestions on what it could look like. Dr. Hall asked that the Board consider having a facilitator from the IASB.

Suggestions from the board include:

- Max McComb –add a session on expectations of the board.
- Merle Giles – topics seem to be inward looking, make sure to add one that includes what the Board wants to do with community engagement as an ongoing plan.
- Jenny Park – be open to the fact that the community may say there are other items that are more important to them than what the board has currently identified.
- Dr. Henrichs – should we reach out to the community first and then identify the topics covered? Jenny Park echoed that. Lance Raver thinks that the original 4 topics need to be included even if we add more topics. The Board can’t strategically plan without those.
- Dr. Henrichs – how will we identify who to ask to attend.

Dr. Hall would like to set up a time to meet with IASB with maybe 2 other board members initially. The Board agreed with that.

Dr. Hall asked if this should take place over the summer or wait for fall. There does need to be a timeline.

Merle Giles and Lori Larson will meet with Patrick Brown from IASB and Dr. Hall.

Dr. Hall will set up meeting with IASB and summarize the post it note thoughts and bring that to the April 1<sup>st</sup> Study Session.

## 10. Closed Session

McComb stated it was necessary to go into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing: *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.*

**Motion** was made by Raver, seconded by Larson, at 7:28 p.m. to go into closed session for the purposes stated by McComb. The motion was approved by “yes” vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

**Motion** was made by Henrichs, seconded by Raver, at 8:13 p.m. to return to open session. The motion was approved, 7-0. Motion carried.

## 11. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by consensus at 8:15 p.m.

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Max McComb, President

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Lance Raver, Secretary

Submitted by Jennifer Farm, Board Recorder