

Quick Board Summary

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Overview

The Mahomet-Seymour Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President McComb at 7:01 p.m. Max McComb, Lance Raver, Nezar Kassem, Jenny Park, Cheryl Melchi, Merle Giles and Lori Larson were in attendance.

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

Dr. Rummel introduced three new employees.

Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:

Public Comment:

There were two guests that asked to address the Board. Mark Webb shared his concern that the Phase II Project Manager position name was changed, that the Board never intended for it to go out for bid and asked “why does the Board feel that Dr. Hall is not qualified?”. Karen Slezak also had concerns about hiring Mr. Johnston for this position instead of working with a project manager through the architectural firm. Ms. Slezak asked that the Board to spend the money on other items – for example, a band trailer, air conditioning in all areas and a motor for the curtain in the high school gym.

Board Communication:

- Member Park – shared that she thinks we are off to great school year, and complimented Shane on how nice the buildings and grounds look. Park has heard from parents that Skyward registration went really well and they are pleased with online registration.
- Member Kassem knows that a lot of students were excited about getting to see the eclipse.
- Member Giles said that he understands that bus routes ran smoothly on the first day of school. “Congratulations to all involved.”
- Larson had a fun day at Sangamon today. Officer Parsons asked Mrs. Larson to thank Dr. Hall for her work with Sangamon River Fest.
- Raver attended the back to school breakfast and commented that you could feel the energy in the room. “It is great to see teachers and staff excited to be here.”
- Melchi has heard a lot of feedback on how awesome the District’s teachers are, and that parents are confident in the capabilities of the teaching staff.
- President McComb thanked everyone for their work in getting ready for school.

The Board of Education met in regular session at

7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room at

Middletown Prairie Elementary

Financial Report: The July financial report was included in the board packet. CSBO, Nuxoll, shared that since 2011-12 Mahomet-Seymour has been shorted \$4,064,702 from the State of Illinois. This is the first time since the Great Depression that the State has missed all August categorical payments. The District can operate until mid-December with our current fund balances. President McComb would like a report about what Mahomet-Seymour will do if we do not receive any money from the State of Illinois.

Superintendent Report:

Dr. Hall confirmed that there is not a funding model in place. This is a crisis for the children in Illinois, and it is time to start thinking about those hard conversations that may need to take place. Dr. Hall shared that it was fun to be a part of Middletown Prairie on the first day of school, and she enjoyed viewing the eclipse with the Administrative Office Staff. Mahomet-Seymour will host the IASB Fall Dinner Meeting on September 26th at the High School.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. **Phase II Project Manager:** President McComb took a moment to answer some questions from the previous public comments. McComb shared that the Board absolutely believes that Dr. Hall could handle the project, however there are some significant differences this time. The District has a new Director of Instruction, a new Principal at Sangamon, we are combining two buildings, negotiating an MSEA contract, there is not a project manager from Ittner for this phase, and we are dealing with the State of Illinois budget crisis. With all of that combined the Board of Education feels that it would not be wise to overlook the resource that is readily available. Mr. McComb and Dr. Hall have an open invitation to anyone who would like to sit down and discuss this further. The Board unanimously approved Rick Johnston to serve as the Phase II Project Manager.

7:43 p.m. - Closed session was held for: the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.