

September 18
2017

Quick Board Summary

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

Board of Education

President
Max McComb

Vice President
Cheryl Melchi

Secretary
Lance Raver

Member
Merle Giles

Member
Nezar Kassem

Member
Lori Larson

Member
Jenny Park

Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Lindsey Hall

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Overview

The Mahomet-Seymour Annual Budget Hearing was called to order by President McComb at 6:32 p.m. Max McComb, Lance Raver, Cheryl Melchi, Merle Giles and Lori Larson were in attendance. Jenny Park and Nezar Kassem were not in attendance.

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order by President McComb at 7:07 p.m. Max McComb, Lance Raver, Cheryl Melchi, Merle Giles and Lori Larson were in attendance. Jenny Park and Nezar Kassem were not in attendance.

Consent Agenda Items: All minutes, bills, activity funds, personnel changes, 2017 Graduation Date and record management items were approved as presented unanimously.

Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:

Public Comment:

Amy Webb addressed the Board during the Budget Hearing with several questions on line item figures. President McComb said that Mr. Nuxoll might answer some of her questions during the budget review. She also asked if FOIA requests were shared with the Board, and if the bill list could provide vendor information, so that the public can be more informed on district spending.

Board Communication:

- Member Giles commented that he is glad I 74 opened prior to the work now being done on 150.
- Member Larson has learned to fact find and build relations as a board member. She also attended Dawgpalooza, and it was a wonderful event.
- Melchi was happy to hear about the new GRIP orientation program at the high school, and commended Coach Benedict on his help with collecting T-shirts to send to Texas after the hurricane.
- President McComb shared that the Hall of Fame has been in the works for a long time, and said "I am appreciative of those who have put in time and energy to make this happen".

Financial Report: Chief School Business Official shared that the 2017-18 Budget Hearing was held at 6:30 p.m.

Superintendent Report:

- Mahomet-Seymour is hosting the IASB Fall Dinner Meeting next Tuesday at 5:30, at the High School.

High School Administrators will be available to give tours to area board members prior to the dinner meeting.

- The Board of Education held a Self-Evaluation meeting on August 24th. Patrick Rice from IASB facilitated the meeting, providing an opportunity for the board to discuss effective ways to communicate with: the Board, Superintendent and the public. The following items are a result of this meeting: Livestreaming Board Meetings, posting FOIA requests on the District website, sharing Board meeting information via Skylert and emailing information to all district employees, and a District Facebook page.
- Coffee and Conversation will begin tomorrow. Dr. Hall will be available for discussions at each building three times throughout the school year. This is an optional opportunity for employees to have open communication with Dr. Hall.
- Bulldog Dialog will be the name for a new regularly scheduled meeting for the public to meet with Dr. Hall in much the same way as Coffee and Conversation. Dates and location to be announced soon.

Discussion/Action Items:

1. **2016-2017 Annual District Audit:** Hope Wheeler with CliftonLarsonAllen shared a summary of the audit. The audit was performed using a risk-based approach. Time was spent understanding and testing each audit area. Highlights from the audit include: a. Financial statement audit opinion was adverse – not in accordance with GAAP. However, it was unmodified, a clean opinion on cash basis and ISBE regulatory basis. b. A clean opinion in accordance with GAS and Uniform Grant Guidance. c. Three findings including financial statement preparation, documentation for disbursements and classification of revenues and expenses. d. There was one IDEA finding.
2. **Budget Adoption Resolution:** Mr. Nuxoll asked if there were any questions following the Budget Hearing that was held at 6:30 p.m. The Budget was approved by the Board.

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3. **Administrative Salary Compensation Report:** This is a required annual item, and the report will be posted on the website Tuesday.
4. **Approve Phase II Change Orders:** There are five change orders resulting in a deduction of \$61,541, and allows additional fixtures to be added in the restrooms.
5. **Extra-Curricular Activities Review:** Jr. High Athletic Director, Justin Franzen shared the 2016-17 review, saying that participation in intermural volleyball and basketball has seen an increase in participation. The Boys Baseball Team won regionals, and the Girls Softball and Girls Cross Country teams are also doing well. Mr. Hensley, High School Athletic Director, shared that in the past few years there has been an emerging swim team, and against all odds, that program is still growing. The Girls Tennis team is experiencing a similar situation. This year the tennis team has the opportunity to practice on courts at the U of I. One team that often gets overlooked is the Bass Fishing Team. Last year they won sectionals and placed 2nd in state. Mr. Hensley mentioned that a lot of representatives for extra-curricular clubs and organizations were at GRIP. His hope is that having more exposure will help each student find a niche at the high school.

8:03 p.m. - 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. 2) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 3) Student disciplinary cases. 4) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.