

Quick Board Summary

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Board of Education

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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, Lance Raver, Cheryl Melchi, Merle Giles, Jenny Park, Nezar Kassem and Lori Larson were in attendance.

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

Reports, Updates, Public Participation & Informational Items:

Foundation:

Mrs. Larson shared that the Hall of Fame was a wonderful success. She also commented that two families would be establishing scholarships through the foundation. In addition, the Annual Bash will be held March 9, 2018 at the City Center.

Board Communication:

- Member Larson congratulated the Jr. High Cross Country Teams on placing at state.
- Melchi likes that community members take time to speak with third grade students.
- Mr. Raver complimented the High School Band on their performance at the EIU Band Competition.
- Dr. Kassem commented on the sportsmanship shown to Mattoon High School at our homecoming football game.
- Member Park is impressed by the amount of money raised by students and PTO during the Dawg Walk.
- President McComb commented that the first Hall of Fame was very well done. He looks forward to next year's Hall of Fame. President McComb also read a proclamation for Principal Appreciation Week, and thanked the building principals and assistant principals for the work they do on a daily basis.

Financial Report: Chief School Business Official shared that the District will begin the process of issuing the remaining alternate revenue source bonds for the Middletown Prairie addition. Mr. Nuxoll explained that the Board has already been through the initial steps and required hearings. Mr. Nuxoll also shared that he will be attending a workshop on SB1947, and is looking forward to learning more about the new funding model.

Superintendent Report:

- PTO Meeting: Dr. Hall thanked the PTO for the opportunity to speak at their recent meeting.
- DAWG Walk: Dr. Hall had the opportunity to participate in the DAWG Walk and dance party at Middletown Prairie. It was a lot of fun, and some friends from Bridle Brook came to watch the festivities.

The Board of Education met in regular session at

7:00 pm in the Board Conference Room at

Middletown Prairie Elementary

Discussion/Action Items:

1. **Phase I Technology Agreement for Middletown Prairie Addition:** District Network Specialist, Jared Lynn addressed the Board, and shared the phase I technology proposal for the Middletown Prairie addition. This is the data cabling portion, and will allow the facility to have internet access and infrastructure in place for the addition. Utilizing the services of ZDI allows for the continuity of service between Middletown Prairie and the addition. This agreement is in line with what was budgeted. Additionally, the system will allow for the building to continue to grow and add devices. The board approved this agreement.
2. **Review of Hazardous Conditions:** The Board is required to annually review all serious safety hazards approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation to verify that the hazardous conditions remain unchanged. These areas are inside of the state-mandated 1.5-mile radius from the schools, but are considered hazardous for the students to walk to school because of traffic, railroads, etc. Transportation reimbursement is available for these approved hazardous areas.
3. **Approve PRESS Update #94 & #95:** The Superintendent appointed policy committee met and reviewed updates 94 and 95. The updates contained minor legal updates and footnote changes. This item will be voted on during the November regular board meeting.
4. **Approval of Network Infrastructure Upgrade:** Due to the increased volume of devices utilized daily in the district, the wireless system gets bogged down. This upgrade will rectify that issue. This upgrade was budgeted for during the next fiscal year, but it is necessary to implement the upgrade as soon as possible. The district was able to secure 0% financing for three years. The board approved this upgrade.

7:48 p.m. - Closed session was held for: 1) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 2) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 3) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.