

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mendota Township High School District No. 280, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee Counties, IL was held in the high school boardroom on Monday, January 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., pursuant to rule with a quorum present.

In the absence of President Bauer, Roger Flahive called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following members were recorded as present: Vercimak, Burke, Flahive, Strouss, Ayers, and May. Absent was Bauer. Also in attendance were Supt. Prusator, Prin. Aughenbaugh, Ken Funfsinn, and members of the media (NewsTrib, Radio Group, and Mendota Reporter).

Flahive introduced Maj. Jeff O'Sadnick to the board. Maj. O'Sadnick thanked the board and administration for the support they have shown members of his family (Carrie O'Sadnick is a member of MHS staff). For the support shown by MHS board and administration Maj. O'Sadnick presented the school with a flag flown over IRAQ and a special coin to Mr. Prusator. Board and administration thanked Maj. O'Sadnick and all military for the job they do in protecting our country.

Flahive asked the board for questions or comments in regard to the following meeting minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – December 15, 2008
2. Levy Hearing-December 15, 2008
3. Public Hearing-Waiver for Driver Education-December 15, 2008

With no questions or comments a motion was made by Flahive, seconded by May to accept the above meeting minutes as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Flahive asked for questions or comments in regard to the following Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Imprest Fund Report and Reimbursement
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Cafeteria Report

A question was raised concerning the FFA student account. Mr. Prusator told the board he would have an answer at the February board meeting. Discussion followed. With no further comments a motion was made by Flahive, seconded by Burke to approve the above mentioned financial reports as presented. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Flahive, Strouss, Ayers, and May. No nays. Motion carried.

Flahive asked for questions or comments on the Current Bills Payable List. Prusator asked the board to also include the addendum that was given to the board members at the start of the meeting. Discussion followed. With no further questions or comments a motion was made by Flahive, seconded by Vercimak to approve the Current Bills Payable List and the Addendum. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Flahive, Strouss, Ayers, and May. No nays. Motion carried.

Fund Balance Report required no board action.

No board member requests or reports.

Flahive asked Prin. Aughenbaugh for the Principal's Report. Aughenbaugh reported on the following items:

1. Spring Coaches for 2009 Season need to be approved. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Strouss to approve the Spring Coaches for 2009 as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Flahive, Strouss, Ayers, and May. No nays. Motion carried.
2. Illinois Virtual High School-Five students will receive credit for courses taken this fall.
3. 1/16/09 In-Service is being rescheduled because of cancellation of school due to weather on that day.
4. 1/14/09 Financial Aid Night has been rescheduled to 2/4/09

Aughenbaugh concluded her report. Flahive asked Supt. Prusator for the District and Business Report.

Prusator reported on the following items:

1. Let Bus Bids-Board action is required to let bids for 2 busses. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Flahive to let bus bids for 2 busses for the FY10 school year. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Flahive, Strouss, Ayers, and May. No nays. Motion carried.
2. Approval of Certified/Non-Certified Seniority List. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to approve the Certified/Non-Certified Seniority List as presented to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.
3. Approval to Repaint/Seal the Main Gym Floor. Total cost to repaint/seal the main gym floor is \$9,370 to be paid in FY10. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Strouss to approve the repainting/sealing of the main gym floor at a cost of \$9,370. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Flahive, Strouss, Ayers, and May. No nays. Motion carried.
4. Update on school calendar due to snow/weather days. Last student attendance day will be 5/29/09, last teacher attendance day will be 6/1/09, and graduation will remain 5/23/09.

With no further business to discuss in open session, a motion was made by Flahive seconded by Vercimak to recess into closed session for the following purposes: 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; 2) review closed meeting minutes of December 15, 2008; and 3) negotiations. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Phalen
Board Recording Secretary

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IX. Additional Business:

A. Motions from Closed Session.

As a result of the discussion in closed session Secretary Vercimak made the following motions. There were no motions as a result of the closed session.

X. Informational Items:

A. Next School Board Meeting:

Mr. Prusator reminded the board that the next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009—there is no school on Mon due to President's Day.

B. Veteran's Day. Mr. Prusator has suggested that instead of giving the students another day off on Veteran's Day it would be worthwhile for the school to dedicate that day to the veterans and have the vets talk to the students and put on a demonstration. The details are still being worked out.

C. Additional day off. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving is always a day of high absenteeism because many families are traveling. It might be a good idea to simply expand the Thanksgiving vacation to include that day and avoid the lack of productiveness traditionally associated with that day.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct Flahive made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Burke. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation. Conclusion: Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael P Vercimak
Dist. 280 Board Secretary