

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 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 Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., pursuant to rule with a quorum present.

President Bauer called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following members were recorded as present: Burke, Strouss, Ayers and Bauer. Also in attendance were Supt. Prusator, Prin. Aughenbaugh, Ken Funfsinn, Jeff Landers, and members of the media (News Tribune and Mendota Reporter).

There were no items for the Citizen's Agenda/Non Agenda Items

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

1. Regular Meeting – January 19, 2009

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

Bauer 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

With no questions or comments a motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Strouss to approve the above mentioned financial reports as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Dave May came into the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Bauer 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 Bauer, seconded by Burke to approve the Current Bills Payable List and the Addendum. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Strouss, Ayers, May, and Bauer. No nays. Motion carried.

Dr. Vercimak came into the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Fund Balance Report required no board action.

No board member requests or reports.

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

1. 2009-10 Freshman Registration will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24th.
2. Academic Challenge Team place 3rd. Several students had individual honors.
3. Illinois Principal Association/Starved Rock Division will hold their annual breakfast on 2/19. Joe Buchanan and Abby Barker will represent Mendota High School
4. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on 3/5 and 3/6.
5. Bilingual Financial Aid Night will be held on 2/19.

Aughenbaugh concluded her report. She introduced Curriculum Director, Mary Beth Niles, for information regarding textbook purchases for the next school year.

Niles told the board that funding would be available from the IL Textbook Loan Program. MHS would like the board's approval to purchase the following textbooks.

1. Energy, Power, Transportation Technology (Goodheart-Wilcox)-This book would be used in the Vocational Programs. Current book being used is 15+ yrs old.
2. Algebra II (Prentice Hall)-This book would provide consistency in curriculum. Book has many updates to textbook including online access.
3. World History (Prentice Hall)
4. Career Planning (AGS)-This book would be utilized in the Special Education Dept for the Pre-Vocational class.
5. Chemistry (Prentice Hall)-This book was received late and is currently just being looked at. No action to be taken on this textbook at this time. However, Niles noted that this book has many updates including online access.

Discussion followed. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Strouss to approve the purchase of Textbooks (Items 1-4, not Chemistry) as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Strouss, Ayers, May, and Bauer. No nays motion carried.

Bauer thanked Niles and asked Supt. Prusator for the District and Business Reports. Prusator reported on the following items:

1. Let Bids to resurface track. Discussion followed. Estimated cost \$32,000-\$34,000 and should last 5 -6 years. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Ayers to let bids for the resurfacing of the track. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Strouss, Ayers, May, and Bauer. No nays motion carried.
2. Adoption of 2009-10 School Calendar. 1st Day of teacher attendance would be 8/14; students would begin on 8/17. Graduation would be 5/22/10 at 6 p.m. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke to approve the 2009-10 School Calendar as presented. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.
3. Agricultural Building Update-Prusator introduced Ag Teacher and FFA Advisor, Jeff Landers. Landers gave an update on the Waldorf Agricultural Education Center. Committee has been appointed by Lucille Waldorf. Landers and Prusator have been in contact with Phalen

Steel. They gave preliminary renderings to Landers. Phalen Steel has agreed to donate the costs of the architect and engineering fees for the project. Discussion followed. Landers and Prusator will have more information during future board meetings.

4. Hispanic Parents Meeting-Was held 2/10/09 with approx. 30 parents present. Meeting addressed needs of Hispanic parents and students at MHS. Discussion followed. No board action was required.

With no further business to discuss in open session, a motion was made by Bauer, 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 January 19, 2009; and 3) negotiations. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 7:20 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.

Motion:

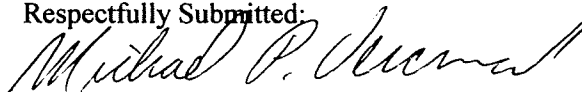
1. To accept the application for retirement of Virjean Hayward effective at the end of the 2011-12 academic year. Second Ayers

Vote: Yes: Flahive, Ayers, Vercimak, May, Burke, and Bauer. No: None.

Conclusion: Motions carried.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business to conduct Bauer made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Second: Burke. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation. Conclusion: Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Michael P Vercimak
Dist. 280 Board Secretary