

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Mendota Township High School District No. 280, LaSalle, Bureau, and Lee Counties, Illinois was held in the high school boardroom on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to rule with a quorum present.

President Vercimak called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call the following members were recorded as present: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. Also in attendance were: Supt. Prusator, Prin. Aughenbaugh, Ken Funfsinn, Molly Pohl, and members of the media.

During the Citizen's Agenda, Vercimak recognized Molly Pohl to speak. Pohl commented on the future plans of Bowling at Mendota High School. Discussion followed. Vercimak thanked Pohl for her views.

Vercimak asked for questions or comments on the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2010 and Building Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2010. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Strouss to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2010 and Building Committee Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2010 as presented to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Vercimak asked for questions or comments on the following Financial Reports:

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

A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to approve the above mentioned reports as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Vercimak asked for questions or concerns on the Current Bills Payable List. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Strouss to approve the Current Bills Payable List as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

No board action required on Fund Balance Report.

A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to recess into closed session for the purpose of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance,

or dismissal of specific personnel. Upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 7:20 pm

The meeting returned to open session at 7:50 pm.

Bauer told the board that during the past weeks individuals had been interviewed and recommendations were received for the position of Athletic Director. This position has become available with the retirement of Mike Kilmartin at the end of the 2010 school year. Bauer thanked Mike Kilmartin for his dedication to MHS as well as athletics at MHS. It is the recommendation that John McKenzie be hired as Athletic Director. Discussion followed. McKenzie will have the following 2 periods of teaching each semester/Head Varsity Football Coach/Athletic Director Duties. This is agreed upon with the MEA. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Vercimak to hire John McKenzie as Athletic Director with duties described above. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Athletic Programs were discussed. It was decided to keep all sport programs for the upcoming school year (FY11) including MHS taking on the expense of bowling, which through this school year (FY10) was funded by the Mendota Elks Lodge. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke to keep all sports and add bowling for the upcoming school year (FY11). Discussion followed. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the state of affairs with regards to the State of IL and future payments from the state. Prusator stated that belt tightening across the board is in the school's best interest. With this in mind, Prusator told the board that he and Principal Aughenbaugh will freeze their salaries for the upcoming school year (FY11). The board thanked them for their help during this time.

Vercimak asked Principal Aughenbaugh for her Principals' Report. Aughenbaugh reported on the following items:

1. Textbooks-Due to the Textbook Loan this year no new textbooks will need to be ordered next year (FY11). Single replacement books may be necessary due to damaged or lost books.

2. Commendations-Spanish Honor Society inducted new members. National Honor Society will be inducting new members during March. Math team participated in the Regional Math Contest with 24 students participating. Calculating Math Team will proceed to State Contest.

3. Parent/Teacher Conferences-were held the first week of March. 362 Families signed in at the conferences. RtI also had scheduled individual conferences during this time. Overall the conferences were a great success.

4. Fine Arts Department will be presenting Les Miserables 3/19-21. The cast and crew along with directors are working hard on preparing for their performances.

5. Practice ACT will be given to Juniors this month.

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

Prusator commented on the upcoming 2010-11 School Calendar. Discussion followed. Teacher Institute will be held 8/16 with 1st Student Attendance Day will be 8/17. Spring Break will be held the week before Easter. Prusator asked the board for a motion to approve the calendar. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Lauer to approve the 2010-11 School Calendar as presented to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Prusator asked for questions or comments on the bids received for the Outdoor Message Board. Discussion followed. Express Sign was the low bid @\$51,700 for a color LED sign Board. More discussion followed. It was discussed that the Callihan donation could be earmarked to cover the cost of the Outdoor Message Board. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke to accept the bid of Express Signs in the amount of \$51,700 for the Color LED Outdoor Message Board. Callihan monies will be used to cover the expense. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Prusator told the board that the athletic committee met to discuss Fall Athletic Bids. The results of those bids were contained in the board packet. The amount for Fall Athletic Supplies is \$10,466.67. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Strouss to approve the Fall Athletic Bids of \$10, 466.67. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, Burke, Bauer, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to conduct in open session a motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to recess into closed session for the following purposes: 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and 2) review closed meeting minutes of February 15, 2010. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Phalen
Board Recording Secretary

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IX. Additional Business – Back in Open Session @8:25pm

A. Motions from closed session.

List of motions made by Cathy Burke, Secretary

1. Grant Tenure to Mr. Shawn LeRette. 2nd by Vercimak. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

2. Grant Tenure to Ms. Donna Payne. 2nd by Vercimak. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

3. Move teachers from 2nd to 3rd year list. Per list (Janice Campbell, Brock Sondgeroth, Jan Thompson, and Lisa Tillman). 2nd by Ayers. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

4. Move teachers from 1st to 2nd year list. Per list (Therese Busard, Justin Davis, Kellie Doyle, Kevin Geldon, Olga Horn, and Eric Straughn. 2nd by Vercimak. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

5. Hire Mandy Thompson as full time for 2010-2011 school year. 2nd Vercimak. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Vercimak, accept Resolution to not employ Teacher #1071. 2nd by May. Resolution was passed unanimously in favor.

7. Motion by Vercimak to hire Heath Raley @ 80% tech teacher. 2nd by Burke. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Burke to rehire entire Certified Staff as per list. 2nd by Vercimak. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

With no further business to conduct; a motion was made to adjourn by Vercimak, seconded by Strouss. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Burke
Board Secretary