

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 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, April 20, 2009 at 7:00 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, May and Bauer. Also in attendance were Supt. Prusator, Prin. Aughenbaugh, Jim Lauer, and members of the media (Radio Group, Mendota Reporter, and News-Tribune).

A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke to recess into closed session for the purpose of employment. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation. The meeting recessed into closed session at approx. 7:10 p.m.

The meeting returned to open session at approx. 7:20 p.m. While in closed session, Dr Vercimak arrived at the meeting.

A motion was made by Bauer seconded by Burke to offer the position of Band Teacher to Justin Davis. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Vercimak, Burke, Strouss, Ayers, May and Bauer. No nays. Motion carried.

The meeting continued with the approval of the regular meeting minutes of 3/16/2009. Bauer asked for questions or comments concerning these minutes. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Mays to approve the regular meeting minutes of 3/16/2009 as presented to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Bauer asked for questions or comments concerning the following Financial Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report
2. Imprest Fund Report and Reimbursement
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Cafeteria Report
5. Current Bills Payable List

Short discussion followed. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Vercimak to approve the above mentioned reports 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.

No board action was required on Fund Balance Report.

No board member reports or requests.

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

1. Summer School

Math/English for retrieval credit will be offered. Also being taught will be Gifted Science, Summer Drivers Education, and IVCC Speech.

2. PSAE & Testing Update

PSAE & Testing is being done this week. Advance placement testing will also be done on 5/6/2009. Short discussion followed on PSAE testing guidelines.

3. Commendations

ROE Excellence in Education dinner will be held on 5/7/2009. This years honorees from MHS are: Carolyn Pollard, Rex Benson, Jack Brown, and Amy Wilson. Aughenbaugh also asked the board to extend thanks to the following people for helping with Bilingual Ed Line: Mr. & Mrs. Ray Arteaga, Tricia Pinter, and Shawn LeRette.

4. Early Graduation Requests

Early Graduation Requests have been received and processed for the upcoming school year. The administration is recommending that 4 students be allowed to graduate early. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Strouss to approve the Early Graduation requests for 4 students as recommended. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

5. IHSA Membership Renewal

No cost to the school; however motion is needed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to approve the IHSA Membership renewal. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Bauer thanked Aughenbaugh for her report and asked Supt. Prusator for the District and Business Report.

Prusator reported on the following items:

1. Let Bids – Food and Meat

A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Strouss to let bids for Food and Meat for the upcoming school year (09-10). The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

2. Approve Fall Athletic Budget

Fall Athletic Budget has a \$1500 increase over last year. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Strouss to approve the Fall Athletic Budget 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.

3. Rehire Non-Certified Staff

A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Ayers to rehire non-certified staff 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.

4. Hire Summer Maintenance Staff

Maintenance Supervisor, Ed Scott, has recommended the hiring of Summer Maintenance Staff (Zonnie Eiten, Cathy Devitt, and Tyler Janiak). A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Ayers to approve the hiring of summer maintenance staff 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.

5. Authorize Superintendent to Prepare FY10 Budget

A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the FY10 Budget. Discussion followed concerning economic trends and its impact on MHS. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Bauer thanked Prusator for his report.

With no further business to discuss in open session a motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke 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 3/13/2009; and 3) negotiations. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

The meeting recessed into closed session at approx 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Phalen
Board Recording Secretary