

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2011

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, April 28, 2011 at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to rule with a quorum present.

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

Prusator asked the Board and those in attendance to keep the daughters and family of Kathy Devitt in their thoughts and prayers. Kathy was a staff member (cafeteria/Jr. Class Advisor) who died unexpectedly on April 23rd.

Prusator relayed to the Board that a meeting was held with Mr. and Mrs Matt Carroll during the past week. The Carroll Family has given a \$30,000 donation to the Athletic Stadium Project. The board extended a heartfelt thanks to the Carroll Family for their generosity to Mendota High School.

During the Non-Agenda Items Lauer asked about consolidation of school districts in light of recent IL State Government considerations. More discussion will be done during next month's board meeting.

Ayers asked for questions or comments on the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2011 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2011. A motion was made by Strouss, seconded by May to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2011 and Special Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2011 as presented to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Ayers 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
5. Current Payment of Bills
6. Fund Balances

Supt. Prusator asked the board to include with the Current Payment of Bills the addition of AJ Gallagher invoice in the amount of \$563 (addtl treas bond). A motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Burke to approve the above mentioned reports (including addition of AJ Gallagher invoice for \$563) as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following votes

were recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May, Stewart, and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

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

1. Summer School-Classes will be held in Math and English. These classes will be funded by Grant money. MHS will once again offer Summer Drivers Education to eligible students. This also helps alleviate the number of Dr Ed students in the fall.

2. PSAE and Testing Update-Fresh., Soph., and Jrs. tested on Wed. 4/27 (ACT), and Jrs. Tested on Thurs. 4/28 (PSAE). Results will be forthcoming in the future.

3. AdvancED Quality Assurance Review Visit-Assurance Review Visit was held on 2/15/11 and the formal reports have been received. QAR promotes quality standards and continuous improvements within schools. 7 accreditation standards are reviewed. Prin. Aughenbaugh gave a brief power point presentation. Burke congratulated Aughenbaugh and the School Improvement Team for their work and dedication to this QAR.

4. Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Meeting-Will have meeting 4/13/11 at El Zarape. Mr. Hilliard will present a program on Social Language. This is funded with TPI/Title III Funds.

5. ROE Excellence in Education-Please congratulate the following staff on being selected:

Bev Baker (Cafeteria) – Support Staff
Kellie Doyle – Teacher
Kevin Geldon – Teacher
Lisa Tillman – Teacher

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

Prusator asked the board to consider the Proposed Change for Eligibility. Discussion followed. Any student who pays a participation fee for an extra-curricular will fall under these guidelines. Further discussion followed. A motion was made by Stewart, seconded by Burke to approve the Changes to Eligibility (the following will be included in the change – Prior to removal for academic ineligibility, a student will have a grade opportunity to raise a score. There is no guarantee; however, that this grade opportunity will cumulatively raise the grade to passing.) Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May, Stewart, and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

Prusator introduced Kevin Heide (1st Midstate). Heide gave the board a brief overview about the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds (\$2,250,000) to fund the Stadium Project. These bonds would be considered Alternate Revenue Bonds as they would be paid from TIF monies received by MHS. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Strouss,

seconded by Lauer to Approve the Resolution Providing the Issuance of General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Bond) in the amount of \$2,250,000. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

Prusator told the board that Ed Scott, Maintenance Supervisor is planning the summer cleaning and maintenance schedules. Scott would like authorization to hire summer help as follows:

2 – Adults and 1 – Student

A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Stewart to authorize Ed Scott to hire Summer Maintenance Staff. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Prusator told the board that it is time to let bids for Food and Meat for the FY12 school year. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Stewart to let bids for Food and Meat for the FY12 school year. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

With no further business to conduct in open session a motion was made by Stewart, seconded by May 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 March 21, 2011. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

The meeting recessed into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Phalen
Board Recording Secretary

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IX. Additional Business – Back in Open Session @8:40pm

A. Motions from closed session.

List of motions made by Cathy Burke, Secretary

1. Motion to accept Fall/Winter Head Coaches as presented to board and recommended by Athletic Committee. 2nd by Bauer. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May, Stewart and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

2. Motion to hire Dan Beck as English Teacher. 2nd by Stewart. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May, Stewart and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

3. Based on need for 2 students with IEP mandated needs, motion to hire Brittany O'Brien as CNA. 2nd by May. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May, Stewart and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

4. Motion to hire Summer School Teaching Staff per list presented to the Board and recommended by Prin. Aughenbaugh. 2nd by Ayers. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Lauer, May, Stewart and Ayers. No nays. Motion carried.

Discussed invoice received from Mendota Elks for Bowling Alley fees.

With no further business to conduct; a motion was made to adjourn by Strouss, seconded by Lauer. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Burke
Board Secretary