

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 18, 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, May 18, 2009 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, Curr. Dir. Mary Beth Niles, Ken Funfsinn, Joe Masini, Therese Busard, Janice Campbell, John McKenzie, Brian Blumhorst, and members of the media (News-Tribune, Radio Group, Mendota Reporter).

Oath of office was administered to Jim Strouss and David May.

No Citizens/Non-Agenda Items.

Bilingual Program was presented by teachers, Therese Busard and Janice Campbell. Discussion followed about the implementation of the program and how this program will integrate into the current course offerings. Board thanked Busard and Campbell for their presentation and work on this program.

Parent/Student Athletic Handbook presentation was given by Teachers/Coaches, John McKenzie and Brian Blumhorst. Discussion followed on implementing this handbook for the 2009/10 school year. Board thanked McKenzie and Blumhorst for their efforts on this endeavor. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Strouss to approve the Parent/Student Athletic Handbook as presented to the board. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Vercimak asked for questions or comments concerning the following meeting minutes:

1. Regular Meeting – April 20, 2009
2. Reorganization Meeting – April 30, 2009

With no questions or comments a motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to approve the above meeting minutes as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

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

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

Vercimak asked for questions or comments on the Current Payment of Bills. Short discussion followed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to approve the Current Payment of Bills as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Short discussion on Fund Balance Report, however, no board action required.

Two committees were formed during the Board Member reports and requests.

Finance Committee

Cathy Burke
Darlene Ayers
David May

Bldg Committee

Tom Bauer
Jim Strouss
Jim Lauer

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

1. Discipline Committee/Handbook-Changes for the handbook were presented by Aughenbaugh and Asst Prin. Masini. These changes were advised by the discipline committee during their recent meeting. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Bauer to approve the Handbook for the 2009-10 school year as recommended by the Discipline Committee. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

2. Commendations-John McKenzie named teacher of the year. Congratulations to McKenzie for this honor given by the senior class. Rex Benson published an article in the IL Music Educator publication. Congratulations to Benson for his contribution to the music program at MHS and published article.

Vercimak asked Prusator for the District and Business Reports. Prusator addressed the board on these items:

1. Accept/Reject Tire Bids-Low Bid received from Mendota Tire. A motion was made by Strouss, seconded by Lauer to accept the bid of Mendota Tire for Tire purchases for the FY10 school year. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

2. Accept/Meat and Food Bids-Low Bid for both Meat and Food received from Kohl Foods. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by May to accept the bid of Kohl Foods for Meat and Food for the FY10 school year. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

3. Set Fees for the FY10 school year-Discussion followed. All registration fees, lunch fees will stay the same with an increase to \$60 for drivers' education. More discussion followed. A motion was made by Bauer, seconded by Burke to set the fees for the FY10 school year with the only increase being Drivers' Ed to \$60. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

4. Approval to Pay Bills before Next Board Meeting-A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Bauer to approve the payment of bills if necessary before the next board meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

With no further business to conduct in open session, a motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Bauer to recess into close session for the following purposes: 1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; 2) review closed meeting minutes of April 20, 2009; and 3) negotiations. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

The meeting recessed into closed session at approx. 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Phalen
Board Recording Secretary

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IX. Additional Business

A. Motions from closed session.

1. Motion by Tom Bauer to let Mrs. Mary Beth Niles out of 3rd year of contract.
2nd by Ayers.

2. Dr Vercimak amended motion to let Mrs. Niles out of contract pending finding replacement. 2nd by Strouss.

Roll call vote on amended motion. Ayes: Strouss, Lauer, Vercimak. Nays: Burke, Bauer, Ayers, and May. Motion defeated.

Roll call vote on original motion. Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Ayers, and May. Nays: Strouss, Lauer, and Vercimak. Motion carried.

3. Motion by Burke to hire Kevin Geldon as PE/Health & Head Girls Basketball position. 2nd by Bauer. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

4. Motion by Burke to hire Summer School Teachers. 2nd by May.

John Holzman – Science
Dixie Schroeder – English
Liz Tucker – Math
Tim Dessing – Dr Education
John McKenzie – Dr Education
Brock Sondgeroth – Dr Education
Katie Perry – Dr Education

Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

5. Motion by Burke to hire Kellie Doyle as Student Council Advisor. 2nd by Ayers. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

6. Motion by Burke to hire Randy Pozzi as paraprofessional. 2nd by Strouss. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

7. Motion by Burke to accept/ratify 2009-2012 Teachers' Contract. 2nd by Ayers. Dr. Vercimak commended both sides for time and work on negotiations. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

8. Motion by Burke to grant Non-Certified Staff wage increase per sheet for 2009-2012 school years. 2nd by Bauer. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Burke to rehire Mr. Masini as Asst Principal. 2nd by Ayers. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Burke to approve a 3% increase for Mr. Masini. 2nd by Vercimak. Roll call vote: Ayes: Burke, Bauer, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Discussed driveway to baseball/softball fields. Discussed finishing stadium and outdoor athletic facilities. These items are being sent to building committee.

Darlene Ayers appointed chairman of Finance Committee.

Tom Bauer appointed chairman of Building Committee.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Bauer. 2nd by Vercimak. Motion was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Burke