

**MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL**  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 20, 2010**

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, September 20, 2010 at 7:14 p.m. pursuant to rule with a quorum present.

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

Vercimak asked for questions or correction on the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2010 and Building Committee Meeting minutes of 9/3/10 and 9/15/10. Short discussion followed in regards to Building Committee additional members. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Lauer to approve the minutes 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 and Reimbursement
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Cafeteria Report

A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by May to approve the above named Financial Reports as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, 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 Bills Payable as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, Mays, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Fund Balance Report - No board action required.

Administrative Cost – No board action required.

Board Members – Reports or Requests – None

Principal Report was given by Aughenbaugh. She reported on the following items:

1. School Report Card Update-Will not be released until 10/29/10.

2. 10-Day Enrollment – 617 Students

3. Teacher Institute – 9/15 Articulation 2/Dist 289, Bullying Curriculum was taught, K-12 Fine Arts/Prism Showcase, and CPR Training was held.

4. Class Rank Proposal – Propose the class of 2014 (Current Freshmen) will be the first class to enter MHS without class ranking. Discussion followed. Aughenbaugh reported that colleges and universities are moving away from using individual class rank for college admission. They are looking more at the student's transcript. The proposal is the MHS will move to a system that shows colleges where students are academically placed and honor students at graduation based upon a two-tiered honor system.

Tier 1-Graduate with High Honors, students would need to be designated by the state of IL as Illinois State Scholar.

Tier 2-Graduate with Honors, students would need to have a GPA of 3.0 cumulative after 7 semesters.

Further discussion followed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to accept the plan as presented to the board by Mrs. Aughenbaugh. Upon roll call the following votes were recorded: Ayes: Burke, Ayers, Lauer, May and Vercimak. Nays: Strouss. Ayes-6, Nays-1. Motion carried.

Aughenbaugh ended her report. Supt Prusator was asked to give the District and Business Report. He reported on the following items:

1. Recognition of School Approval. Yearly approval by board is necessary. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by May to approve the Recognition of School. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

2. Approval of FY11 Budget- Prusator asked the board for approval of the FY11 Budget. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to approve the FY11 Budget as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, Mays, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Spring Athletic Budget-The Spring Athletic Budget request is \$5,867.38. This amount is \$300 less than last years request. A motion was made by Strouss, seconded by Vercimak to approve the Spring Athletic Budget in the amount of \$5,867.38. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, Mays, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

4. Big Northern Conference-An invitation to join the Big Northern Conference for all Sports (except Football) and Fine Arts has been extended to MHS. Big Northern has two divisions. Mendota would be in the West Division. Enrollment of schools in the West Division is

approx 600 students. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Burke, seconded by Lauer to approve the joining of the Big Northern Conference for all Sports (except Football) and Fine Arts as presented to the Board. Further discussion followed. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, Mays, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

With no further matters to discuss in open session a motion was made by Vercimak, 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 August 16, 2010 (regular meeting) and September 3, 2010 (building committee meeting). The motion was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned into closed session at approx. 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Phalen  
Board Recording Secretary

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**IX. Additional Business – Back in Open Session @ 8:40 p.m.**

**A. Motions from closed session.**

**List of motions made by Cathy Burke, Secretary**

1. Motion to grant Medical Leave to employee #1127. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Strouss. Vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

2. Motion to accept Winter and Spring Coaching Assignments per list. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vercimak. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Burke, Strouss, Ayers, Lauer, Mays, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

3. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Lauer to add two community members to serve as advisory members to the Athletic Committee. Vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

With no further business to conduct, a motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Burke  
Board Secretary