

MENDOTA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 18, 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, October 18, 2010 at 6:30 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: Ayers, Bauer, Burke, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. Absent was Strouss. Also in attendance were: Supt. Prusator, Prin. Aughenbaugh, and members of the media.

Prusator introduced Russ Rumbold of Gorenz an Associates to provide the audit report. Vercimak questioned the fixed assets in the audit report. Rumbold explained the depreciation factor. Rumbold highlighted the financial recognition status the district earned at 3.70. He also noted the district is not as tied to state revenue as other districts. Vercimak thanked Rumbold for his presentation.

Next, Vercimak introduced Bernardi Securities to provide a presentation. Two representatives provided an overview of their scope of services, local issuance of bonds, and capital financing and credit ratings. They provided detailed information about the Build America Bonds they use based upon the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Vercimak asked for clarification on the bond's tax exempt status. Prusator asked about the district's timeline if they were to pursue these bonds. The representatives answered that it is closed at the end of the year. There could be a reimbursement resolution with 60 days look-back to recoup money from bond issue. The presenters were thanked for their time.

There were no items on the Citizen's Agenda.

Vercimak asked for questions or correction on the minutes of the Budget Hearing of September 20, 2010, Public Hearing for Alternate Revenue Bonds for September 20, 2010, Regular Meeting of September 20, 2010 and Building Committee Meeting minutes of October 13, 2010. A motion was made by Vercimak, seconded by Burke 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: Bauer, Burke, 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 Lauer to approve the Bills Payable as presented to the board. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Bauer, Burke, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Fund Balance Report - No board action required.

Board Members – Reports or Requests – Board Member Bauer gave the board information with regards to the recent Building Committee Meetings. Discussion followed. Stadium conceptual drawing, turf, track, seating, parking, storage, access road, and lighting were discussed. Bauer concluded the tentative bid date could be 2/1/11.

Board member Vercimak gave the board an item to discuss. He shared an interest to revisit Bauer's previous recommendation to use extra-curriculars as an incentive to perform with a "no pass no play" policy. He suggested trying it as a pilot program to nudge performance. Discussion ensued. Ayers requested time to consider the policy. Lauer shared his concern that students could take easier courses to maintain eligibility. May shared concern that students cannot focus equally on seven courses. Bauer concluded the board could look at it next month with more information provided.

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

1. School Report Card--There has been a shift in demographics that resembles the feeder district's demographics. Overall, the district scored above the state in Reading, Math, and English, and below the state in Science. The district did not make AYP and is now a school in corrective action. Mr. Horsch is providing supplementary education services to parents and students. The Regional Office of Education has sent a school improvement coach to the district for 36 days.
2. IMEA District Selection--37 students qualified for IMEA Solo and Ensemble in both the Senior and Junior level of competition. The golf team sent Jon Prescott as a state qualifier. The girls' tennis team is sending Linnea Leonard and Lindsey Spriet as doubles to state. The football team qualified for playoffs and won the NCIC Conference Title.
3. Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 4th from 3:00-7:00 PM and 5th from 8:00-11:30 AM.
4. Curriculum Committee report was tabled until the November meeting.

5. Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held at Mendota High School on November 11th at 12:30 PM as a joint activity with Northbrook Elem. and Holy Cross.

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

1. Let Bids for Snow Removal--Prusator asked for a motion to let bid for snow removal. The motion was made by Vercimak and seconded by Burke. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.
2. Approve FY 10 Audit--Prusator asked for a motion to approve the FY 10 Audit. Vercimak made the motion seconded by Bauer. The vote was unanimously in favor by acclamation.

Prusator asked for the board's approval to hire the sophomore girls' basketball coach, Mr. Scott Riggs. Vercimak made the motion, Burke seconded. Upon roll call the following vote was recorded: Ayes: Bauer, Burke, Ayers, Lauer, May, and Vercimak. No nays. Motion carried.

Informational items were discussed as the attendance report and school board convention.

With no further matters to discuss, Vercimak made the motion to adjourn seconded by Burke.

The meeting adjourned at approx. 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Aughenbaugh
Principal