

1. Call to Order-The Board of Directors of the Mediapolis Community School District met in regular session in the Board Room of the Administration Building at 6:30 p.m. Present were Toni Coates, Toby Gordon, Carrie Lippert, Steve Nelson, Richard Whitaker and John Witte along with Superintendent Greg Ray. Brad Coates was absent. President Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Also present were: Roger Thornburg, MS/HS Principal, John Kerr, Curriculum Director, Brenda Newcomb, Food Service Supervisor, Amanda Delperdang, Mediapolis News, and members of the community.

2. Public Comments, Commendations, Recognition-

Parent Gina Maupin spoke about wanting Mediapolis CSD to start a special needs program here that would eliminate students being transported to the program in Burlington. Parent Brenda Wischmeier spoke in support of this and praised the special education preschool program that was started last year at MCSD. Parent Tim Zurmuehlen stated that he is concerned about the number of teacher early retirees on the agenda for approval and how the district will replace these quality educators.

Commendations:

- Erykah Arnold, Kelli Cross, Wyatt Edmonds, Colton Fisher, Brittney Fraise, Nathan Hine, Daryun Kreft, Catie Messer, Allison Renfro and Bailey Thie for being selected to participate in the ICDA Youth Honor Choir at Iowa Wesleyan College
- Tyler Aamodt, Savannah Banwart, Madison Fisher, Brendton Fjeld, Zach Gordon, Justin Massner and Brooke McGhee for being elected to attend Augustana Honor Band
- Levi Arnold, Fernanda Brown, Ron Ellis, Zoe Moehle, Lydia Taeger, Maycie Thornburg and Ethan Thomas for having their artwork accepted into the 2015 Youth Art Month Show
- The following students for advancing to State Speech Competition:
 - Choral Reading-Jessica Andries, Lily Bullinger, Kirsten Erickson, Madison Fisher, Conner Johnson, Kyra Johnson, Tyler Johnson, Wade Marshall, Jamie Mauer, Devin May, Jacob Orr, Dawson Ray and Delaney Van Ness
 - Mixed Group Improv-Lilly Harbison, Devin May and Wyatt Orr
 - Musical Theatre-Anna Luttenegger and Madisyn Martin
 - Radio Broadcast-Tyler Aamodt, Hailee Dill, Elizabeth Hahn, Lilly Harbison, Conner Johnson, Kyra Johnson, Tyffanie Kalina, Katelyn Orr and Reese Thornburg
 - Readers Theatre-Jessica Andries, Lily Bullinger, Mikala Denney, Kirsten Erickson, Madison Fisher, Tyler Johnson, Wade Marshall, Jamie Mauer, Garrett McGhee, Dawson Ray, Delaney Van Ness, Shane Yaley and Shawn Yaley

~Recognition: Mediapolis News/Sportscast Media for giving \$300 toward the installation of the CAT 5 jack for ethernet access in the high school gym

3. Approval of Commendations, Recognition, Agenda and Consent Items-

4. The commendations, recognition, agenda and consent items were reviewed.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the commendations, recognition and agenda as presented, and consent items 4.01-4.06. The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Lippert)

I move to approve consent item 4.07, Request for Approval-Outdoor Classroom Fund & Recycling Fund. Principal Thornburg explained that this is being requested to keep better track of the monies. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Board Reports-
None.

6. Superintendent's Report-

The Junior Achievement Trophy was awarded to the winning team and the sponsors were recognized.

For Informational Purposes: Open Enrollment In for 2015-16: Mya and Henry Russell (Kdg) from Danville, Layton Robinson (6th) from Morning Sun

Brenda Newcomb, Food Service Supervisor, reviewed the Free/Reduced Meals Chart for 2014-15.

President Toby Gordon and Vice President Brad Coates will hand out diplomas at the graduation ceremony in May.

The 2015-16 budget factors and timeline were reviewed by Supt Ray. The district will not be on the budget guarantee for 2015-16. The FY2016 proposed budget will be presented to the Board at the March 9 meeting and published March 26 and April 2. The FY2016 budget hearing/adoption is scheduled for the April 13 regular board meeting.

The district-wide reading and math proficiency and growth handouts were reviewed by Supt Ray.

7. Administrators' Reports-

The administrators' reports were reviewed.

8. Personnel-

The personnel items were reviewed.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Lippert)

I move to approve the following personnel items:

8.01 Resignation & Early Retirement-Jim Lauer, Special Ed/Physical Education Instructor

8.02 Resignation & Early Retirement-Kathy Armstrong, Elementary Instructor

8.03 Resignation & Early Retirement-Sonia Oberman, Elementary Instructor

8.04 Resignation & Early Retirement-Cathy Larson, Middle School At-Risk Instructor

8.05 Resignation & Early Retirement-Cindy Schulte, Elementary Instructor

8.06 Resignation & Early Retirement-Jan Cummings, Elementary Instructor

8.07 Resignation & Early Retirement-Linda Klindt, Elementary Instructor

The Board thanked these instructors for their service to the district.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve Personnel Item 8.08 Recommendation-Eric Sylvester, Head HS Boys Soccer Coach.

There was brief discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve Personnel Item 8.09 Resignation-Deborah Wischmeier, Para Educator.

The motion as approved unanimously.

9. Old Business-

The RDM LLC Resolution handouts were reviewed.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the RDM LLC resolution requesting a five year TIF extension for two additional lots.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Lippert)

I move to approve the Instructional Program Agreements with West Burlington for Special Ed Services.

It was noted that there was no agreements in the board packet to review.

Member T. Coates moved to rescind her motion. The motion died.

Motion: Lippert (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve Board Policy No. 902.5 Disposition of District Equipment, at its second reading.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Whitaker (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve the 2014-15 Drivers Ed Contracts for Bob McLatchie & Janet Oetken (if needed).

The motion was approved unanimously.

10. New Business-

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve the 2015-16 school calendar as presented.

The calendar handout was reviewed and there was discussion. It was noted that the proposed start date is August 31, 2015, in compliance with state law (no waiver request required).

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve the Marine Science Trip to the Shedd Aquarium and Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, IL.

The handout was reviewed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Lippert (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the graduation credit hour reduction for Samantha Justice.

The handouts were reviewed and there was discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve the FACS Career Exploration Trip to Chicago in April 2015.

The handout was reviewed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board policies were considered reviewed at their first readings.

11. Items for Future Meetings-Reviewed. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2015.
12. Adjournment-There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Board President -

Board Secretary