

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, Dick Whitaker and John Witte, along with Superintendent Greg Ray. Brad Coates was absent. President Gordon called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Also present were: Nutrition Supervisor Brenda Newcomb, MS/HS Principal Roger Thornburg, HS Ag Instructor Alaina Imhoff, HS Instructor Brian Borrison and Amanda Delperdang, Mediapolis News.

2. Public Comments & Commendations-

Public Comments:

Ron Stover, Wyatt Orr, Jennifer Lane, Crissi Messer, Kasey Keitzer and Keaton Keitzer all spoke in support of adding an Assistant FFA Advisor position.

Commendations:

- Bob Hauenstein for receiving a parent acknowledgement letter regarding his successful approach to teaching Math
- The following students for placing 4th as a team at the Great Prairie AEA 6th Grade Math Bee: Wesley Kodis, Max McClure, Justyn Wyatt and Drew Zurmuehlen
- The following students for placing 6th as a team at the Great Prairie AEA 6th Grade Math Bee: Brendan Frank, Melody Manley, Alaina Oliver and Josie Wolter
- The 8th Grade Class for raising funds through their Walk-a-thon for Love Baskets & the Hospice House
- Emily Hauswirth for receiving a gold rating in poultry judging at the 2015 State FFA Convention
- The following students for having artwork selected to be on display as part of Art in the Community: Dakota Aney, Reese Campbell, Hannah Clark, Alexis Creelman, Melanie Ealy, Jacey Escher, Chase Fowler, James Garrison, Ben Gerst, Logan Gerst, Gideon Goodpaster, Annabelle Hedges, Grant Hilton, Jacob Hooker, Eli Inghram, Hailey Jackson, Mak Kennedy, Blake Kline, Emma Krieger, Henry Luttenegger, Jesse Massner, Logan Morian, Brea Mullins, Aubrey Music, Lily Nalley, Sierra Nichols, Caleb Orr, Max Ortiz, Sophie Petersen, Lane Rigdon, Kolton Rosas, Isabelle Rude, Ava Russell, Hannal Russell, Nora Ryan, Anna Schmidgall, Noah Schmidgall, Olivia Schmidgall, Haley Schnedler, Shelby Schulz, Madison Tieman, Ellie Vincent, Savanna Wahlers, Camden Whitaker, Katelyn Wischmeier and Alton Wonderlich
- The following students for having artwork selected to be on display at the Great Prairie Area Education Agency in Burlington: Lexie Arnold, Hailey Cable, Hannah Clark, Makayla Clark, Kya Doran, Spencer Dunshee, Jewel Eberhardt, Emma Egan, Morgan Frank, Neil Frank, Kiara Gerdes, Aiden Giles, Chloe Giles, Alexander Haynie, Alyssa Haynie, Jackson Hutchenson, Anthony Isley, Logan Jacks, Bailey Jackson, Josie Jacobs, Cara Knoke, Annaka Leiskau, Taryn Miller, Carter Myers, Jacob Myers, Ethan Nollen, Samantha Pratt, Braylyn Rappenecker, Hannah Russell, Holly Spitznogle, Paige Steiner, Lucy Tekell, Cory Virgin, Callie Wagenbach, Macy Wagenbach, Savannah Wahlers, Camden Whitaker, Miles Whiton, Erin Williams and Katelyn Wischmeier
- The following girls for participating in the Girls State Track Meet: Discus: Heidi Hillyard (3rd place), 400M Hurdles: Sarah Vorwerk (6th place), 100M: Kilie Akers (22nd place in prelims), 4 x 200M: Kilie Akers, Heidi Hillyard, Tyffanie Kalina, Sarah Vorwerk (16th place)
- The following boys for participating in the Boys State Track Meet: 200M: Kelton Gourley (12th place), 400M: Kelton Gourley (6th place), 100M Hurdles: Shane Fye (14th place), 4 x 110M Shuttle Hurdle: Arthur Brown, Zach Erickson, Brenton Fjeld, Shane Fye (19th place in prelims), Distance Medley: Arthur Brown, Kelton Gourley, Josh Osborne, Tristan Timmerman (8th place)

3. Approval of Commendations, Agenda and Consent Items-

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

President Gordon proposed to amend the agenda with the following: Delete Item 8.20 Recommendation-Deb Gordon, Head HS Girls Soccer Coach (she submitted a resignation), move Item 9.05 Approval of the 2015-16 Middle & High School Parent/Student Handbook and Item 10.06 Approval of Assistant FFA Advisor Position to immediately after 7. Administrators' Reports (Mr. Thornburg was on duty and needed to return to the baseball field) and change Item 10.01 Approval of Resolution to Open an Ag Special Revenue Fund to Progress on Resolution to Open an Ag Special Revenue Fund (resolution not yet received from the school attorney at the time of the meeting).

Motion: Lippert (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the commendations and the consent items as presented and the agenda as amended. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Board Reports-

Member Whitaker gave further information on the ABLE Strategic Planning Meeting he attended with Supt Ray in Fairfield on April 30.

Member Lippert reported on the School Law Conference that she had attended, recommending to the Board that members attend as many meetings and conferences as possible to educate themselves on their responsibilities.

The IASB Board Members' Credits handout was reviewed.

6. Superintendent's Report-

For Informational Purposes: Open Enrollment In for 2015-16: Isabella Hooker (Kdg) from Wapello

Supt Ray referred the Board to the 2014-15 Reading Recovery Report in their Board packets.

Supt Ray noted that there is only one section of Driver's Education classes this summer, due to the low number of students enrolled (22).

Nutrition Supervisor Brenda Newcomb presented the Meals Served Report for 2014-15, noting that the data was similar to 2013-14.

Supt Ray reviewed the 2014-15 Elementary and Secondary Counseling Final Reports.

Supt Ray presented the proposed Capital Projects Fund expenditures for the next five years.

7. Administrators' Reports-

The handouts of EI Principal Van Ness, MS/HS Principal Thornburg, Curriculum Director Kerr and Activities Director Wolter were reviewed. Principal Thornburg also gave the Board a Mediapolis School Iowa Assessments scores handout, which the Board reviewed and discussed.

(Item 10.06) Principal Thornburg spoke in support of hiring someone as an Assistant FFA Advisor for 2015-16. He reviewed Ag Instructor Imhoff's many responsibilities and noted that hiring an assistant would benefit the students. He also noted that the assistant would not need a teaching certificate but would need agricultural experience and preferably FFA experience. Instructor Imhoff concurred with the need for assistance. Supt Ray concurred, as well, noting that the assistant would be part-time for 2015-16, and be offered 14% of the supplementary salary pay schedule (\$3,940). There was discussion.

Motion: Witte (seconded by T. Coates)

I move to approve advertising for a part-time Assistant FFA Advisor for 2015-16, at a pay of 14% of the supplementary salary schedule.

There was continued discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

(Item 9.05) Principal Thornburg reviewed the 2015-16 Middle & High School Parent/Student Handbook, noting changes that had been made from the previous year.

Motion: Lippert (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the 2015-16 Middle & High School Parent/Student Handbook, as presented.

The motion was approved unanimously.

8. Personnel-

The personnel items were reviewed.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve Personnel Items 8.01-8.19 and 8.21-8.33 (8.20 deleted) as listed:

8.01 Resignation-Laura Blanchard, HS Special Ed Instructor

8.02 Resignation-Wendy Fry, HS Science Instructor

8.03 Resignation-Don DeFosse, Bus Driver

8.04 Recommendation-Jeff Kirby, Volunteer Softball Coach (summer 2015)

8.05 Recommendation-Garrett Brown, Volunteer Baseball Coach (summer 2015)

(the following personnel item recommendations are for the 2015-16 school year)

8.06 Recommendation-Deborah Arndt, MS/HS Special Ed Instructor-Strategist II

8.07 Recommendation-Travis Luttenegger, Head MS/HS Cross Country Coach

8.08 Recommendation-Mitch Timmerman, Volunteer Asst Cross Country Coach (paid pending numbers)

8.09 Recommendation-Alan Konecne, Volunteer Cross Country Coach

8.10 Recommendation-Darren Steffener, Asst HS Football Coach

8.11 Recommendation-Brad Coates, Volunteer HS Football Coach

- 8.12 Recommendation-John Hull, Volunteer HS Football Coach
- 8.13 Recommendation-Jim Drain, Volunteer MS Football Coach
- 8.14 Recommendation-Erin Steffener, Head HS Volleyball Coach
- 8.15 Recommendation-Dan Cummings, Head HS Wrestling Coach
- 8.16 Recommendation-Shawn Timmerman, Head MS Wrestling Coach
- 8.17 Recommendation-Mark Swafford, Asst MS Wrestling Coach
- 8.18 Recommendation-Teran Buettell, MS Wrestling Cheerleading Sponsor
- 8.19 Recommendation-Teran Buettell, HS Wrestling Cheerleading Sponsor
(8.20 was deleted)
- 8.21 Recommendation-Mitch Timmerman, Asst HS Girls Track Coach
- 8.22 Recommendation-Mike Cameron, Head MS Girls Track Coach
- 8.23 Recommendation-Travis Luttenegger, Asst MS Boys & Girls Track Coach
- 8.24 Recommendation-Jeff Sands, HS Boys/Girls Golf Coach
- 8.25 Recommendation-Gary Sharp, Head HS Baseball Coach
- 8.26 Recommendation-Travis Luttenegger, Head MS Baseball Coach
- 8.27 Recommendation-Josh Gunn, Asst MS Baseball Coach
- 8.28 Recommendation-Andrew Klenk, Asst HS Softball Coach
- 8.29 Recommendation-Abby Darbyshire, Head MS Softball Coach
- 8.30 Recommendation-Sherri Spence, MS Football, HS Football & HS Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor
- 8.31 Recommendation-Patricia Lehnerr, Part-Time Groundskeeping--\$8.50/hr
- 8.32 Recommendation-Cindy Stellern, Part-Time Groundskeeping--\$8.80/hr (increase of 3.5%)
- 8.33 Recommendation-Lori Carnes, Part-Time Landscape Maintenance--\$9.79/hr (increase of 3.5%)

There was discussion, including the number of volunteer coaches, how volunteer coaches are decided, and coaches following or not following school district policies and procedures.

Ayes: T. Coates, Nelson, Whitaker, Witte

Nays: none

Abstention: Lippert

Motion was approved.

Motion: Whitaker (seconded by Lippert)

I move to reconsider the above motion, Approval of Personnel Items 8.01-8.19 and 8.21-8.33 (8.20 deleted) as listed.

Ayes: Lippert, Nelson, Whitaker

Nays: Witte

Abstention: T. Coates

Motion approved to reconsider:

Ayes: T. Coates, Nelson, Witte

Nays: none

Abstention: Lippert, Whitaker

The motion Approval of Personnel Items 8.01-8.19 and 8.21-8.33 (8.20 deleted) as listed was approved.

9. Old Business-

The proposal from Myers Construction for the HS baseball field dugouts was reviewed.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Lippert)

I move to approve the proposal for the HS baseball dugouts from Myers Construction, in the amount of \$37,850.

There was discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Witte)

I move to approve the 3.5% salary increase for Kim Whiton-Groundskeeping (\$10.91) and the 3.5% salary increase for Becky Vose-Concession Manager (\$4,129.42), both starting July 1.

There was discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Witte (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the 2015-16 Elementary Parent/Student Handbook, as presented.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Witte (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the 2015-16 Cobra Premium Administration Agreement.

The agreement was reviewed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The 28E Agreement with Great Prairie AEA and SCC for Secondary Transitional Education Program (STEP) had not been received from SCC, so it was tabled to a later meeting.

10. New Business-

Supt Ray gave an update on the progress of the resolution to open an Ag Special Revenue Fund, noting that once he receives requested input from the Department of Education he will work with the school attorney on completing the resolution (to be presented at a future Board meeting).

Motion: Lippert (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the early graduation of Faith Luster, pending her meeting all requirements.

The handouts were reviewed.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: T. Coates (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve the fundraiser requests for 2015-16, as presented.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Supt Ray reviewed the proposed Summer PPEL Projects.

Motion: Whitaker (seconded by Lippert)

I move to approve the proposed Summer PPEL Projects.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Supt Ray discussed the HVAC upgrade presented by Shive Hattery at the May Board meeting that provided variable speed drives for existing pumps and air handling units. This upgrade would cost approximately \$220,000 in total and result in approximately \$21,000 yearly utility cost savings. He also talked about replacing the rooftop units on the Elementary building on a rotating basis.

Motion: Witte (seconded by Whitaker)

I move to approve proceeding with the HVAC upgrade that will provide variable fan speed drives, to be paid for out of the Capital Projects Fund.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: Whitaker (seconded by T. Coates)

I moved to approve the 28E Agreement with Burlington CSD for the Administration of Instructional Programs.

There was brief discussion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board policies were considered reviewed at their first readings.

11. Items for Future Meetings-Reviewed.

12. Adjournment-There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2015.

Board President -

Board Secretary