



MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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MAISD BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Mark Christensen called a Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Montcalm Area Intermediate School District to order at 8:03 AM.

I. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mark Christensen, Deborah Snyder; Andrea Tabor
Members Absent: Steve Foster, Amy Thomas
Others Present: Kyle Hamlin; Adel DiOrio, Dan Brant, Tricia Root; Penny Dora
Guests: Cory Smith, The Daily News

II. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

1. Josh Szymanski from Owen Ames, Kimball
2. Matt Slagle from Tower Pinkster
3. Heather Phillips, MAISD Early Childhood Literacy Coordinator

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Mark Christensen requested an amendment to the agenda that would move all items of official business to be discussed as priority followed by the remaining agenda items.

Motion

Action

#3004 Moved by Deb Snyder, seconded by Andrea Tabor
to approve amendment to the agenda as requested.

Approve amendment to agenda.

Ayes: Christensen, Snyder, Tabor
Nays: None

Motion passed 3-0.

V. CORRESPONDENCE None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion

#3005 Moved by A. Thomas, seconded by A. Tabor
to approve the Consent Agenda as follows:

- Approval of regular meeting minutes for October 19, 2023.
- Approval of personnel changes as presented.
- Approval of in-state overnight conference and travel requests.

Action

Approved Consent Agenda as follows:

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Christensen, Snyder, Tabor

Nays: None

Motion passed 3-0.

VII. FIRST READNG OF NEW AND/OR REVISED POLICIES

Superintendent Kyle Hamlin explained this item was for review and discussion only for this month. No action is required until next month. All policies being considered can be found as attachments in Board Book for board members to review in preparation of next month's meeting.

VIII. APPROVE/DISPROVE NEW POSITIONS

Continuous Improvement Consultant

This position is fully funded through grant funding from the State of Michigan to support local districts in the work of continuous improvement and multi-tiered systems of support.

Motion

#3006 Moved by D. Snyder, seconded by A. Tabor
Motion to approve the additional position as presented.
Position will report to Associate Superintendent of Instruction.

Action

Approved Additional Position

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Christensen, Snyder, Tabor

Nays: None

Motion passed 3-0.

Technology Systems Administrator

The addition of this position is recommended by Plante and Moran as a need through the technology audit performed earlier this spring. It will be split funded from the three major budget categories.

Motion

#3007 Moved by A. Tabor, seconded by D. Snyder
Motion to approve the additional position as presented.
Position will report to Director of Technology.

Action

Approved Additional Position

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Christensen, Snyder, Tabor
Nays: None

Motion passed 3-0.

IX. APPROVAL OF INVOICES FOR PAYMENT

Motion

#3008 Moved by A. Tabor, seconded by D. Snyder
to approve Invoices for Payment as presented.

Action

Approved invoices for payment.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Christensen, Snyder, Tabor
Nays: None

Motion passed 5-0.

X. MAISD BOND PROPOSAL PRESENTATION

Superintendent Kyle Hamlin led the board through a review of the bond proposal and the expenses that would be covered by the funds authorized by this bond if it were to be approved by the voters. The bond request is in the amount of \$36.8 million and will equal .065 mills. The bond request will be placed on the ballot for the Presidential Primary election which is scheduled for February 27, 2024.

X – 2. PRESENTATION FROM MAISD EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY COACH

Heather Phillips presented information about the Literacy Coaches Network supporting local districts in Montcalm County with focus on continuous improvement initiatives to increase academic achievement in literacy and math instruction. This initiative is partially supported by the Educator on Loan program.

XI. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS/COMMENTS/INFORMATION ITEMS

Tricia Root, Associate Superintendent of Finance

- Contract negotiations will begin soon in several districts. Tricia will be involved in both Lakeview and Montcalm Area ISD. It will be a new process now given the legislative changes in the public employee collective bargaining legislation.

Daniel Brant, Associate Superintendent of Special Education

- The Santa Shop will be held at the Seiter Center on December 6 as organized by Greenville Middle School students and Greenville Rotary Club.
- There are 23 vacant positions in the special education department.
- There is a state-wide 1% cap for the number of students who should take an alternative state assessment. The state has exceeded this cap for many years and continues to work toward the 1% goal. Currently, Montcalm Area ISD is at 1.8% of students taking an alternative assessment.
- Montcalm Area ISD has updated their Special Education Plan.
- The State has revised the process and procedure model for LRE. Montcalm Area ISD has been working with local districts to assure our model is in alignment as well.

Adel DiOrio, Associate Superintendent of Instruction

- Angie Adams presented at the Continuous Improvement Network state level conference.
- Mirand Holmberg supported six local districts in achieving their Multi-Tiered Systems of Support awards for data integration and/or behavior improvement.
- Kris Lindsey was a presenter at the Special Populations Conference in Lansing regarding Meeting the Needs of the Whole Child.
- Adel presented at the Continuous Improvement Conference.
- Montcalm County educators are participating in a four part series facilitated by a national trainer from Solution Tree about implementing the practice of Professional Learning Communities.

Shannon Tripp, Associate Superintendent of CTE/Early College

- The house built by the Constructions Trades program has been sold for \$55,000 and will be relocated by the buyer in the coming days.
- Montcalm Community College will be assisting with promotion of the Early College program.
- November 21 – Sophomore Visitation at the Montcalm Area Career Center.
- December 5 – Birdhouse build hosted at Montcalm Area Career Center for 2nd graders.
- December 15 – Pancake breakfast for students at Montcalm Area Career Center.

XII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

1. Next Meeting Dates
December 21, 2023 –Regular Meeting at MAISD Central Office in Stanton
January 18, 2024 – Regular Meeting at Montcalm Area Career Center in Sidney

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The board meeting adjourned at 9:38 AM.