

MARSHALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

Board Room

April 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Jon Bunch at 6:03 p.m. as duly posted under State Statutes §19.84(1)(2)(c).

Roll Call of the Board

Board of Education Present: Jon Bunch, Cecil Chadwick, Bonnie Clayton, Debbie Frigo, Sandra Litang-Canon, John Lutz, Michelle Voigts

Board of Education Absent:

Student Representatives Present: Austin Breunig, Bethany Lutz

Administration Present: Lisa Blochwitz, Bob Chady, Rich Peters, Brian Sniff, Barb Sramek, Becca Stein, Brian Sutton

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Canon and seconded by Lutz. Carried 7-0.

Proof of Giving Public Notice

A motion that public notice was provided to The Courier on April 15, 2016 was made by Clayton and seconded by Voigts. Carried 7-0.

Recognition of Winter Sports and Activities Accomplishments

Matt Kleinheinz, Athletic Director, acknowledged athletes and coaches from the high school wrestling team and boys and girls basketball teams.

Public Comment

Lee Weinstock, community member. Spoke in support of Barb Sramek, district administrator and administrative team.

Marla Hellenbrand, kindergarten teacher. Thanked Board for recognizing quality teachers and overturning the non-renewal decision previously acted on.

Diane Padrutt, K-2 music teacher. Shared sadness that her position has been non-renewed, her commitment to the students for the rest of the school year, and expressed feeling of strong support from ELC principal and staff.

Nicole Aldworth, prekindergarten teacher. Spoke in support of the instructional practice and curriculum decisions by the administration, recognizing ELC principal for his vision, recognizing staff potential and allowing for changes to occur for the sake of children.

Barb Kloepping, 2nd grade teacher. Spoke as an advocate for the ELC, acknowledging challenges faced by Rich Peters and his drive to encourage staff and students.

Logan Hennessey, Prek, ELC teacher. Shared experience as new teacher, including overwhelming support from staff and administrators, expressing the ELC is moving in a positive direction.

Cynthia Martinez, kindergarten teacher. Spoke about amazing things happening at ELC and recognized support she has received from staff.

Megan Lippens, high school teacher. Expressed that negative voices and disrespect from residents are counterproductive to learning of our students and creates poor morale for staff.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of receipts and expenditures. General Fund checks #88764 to #90247 and Activity Fund checks #16549 to #16555
- B. Approval of board minutes dated March 15, February 24, and March 2
- C. Disposal of property - none
- D. Approval of Resignations/Retirements -
 - i. David Preston - Custodian
 - ii. Amber Hiller - Elementary Special Education
 - iii. Peggy Schissel - 3rd Grade
 - iv. Maria Jaszewski - Library Media Specialist
 - v. Karen Waddell - ELC classroom Aide, Retirement
- E. Offer contracts/letters of employment
 - i. Logan Hennessy - PreKindergarten/Early Childhood, LTE contract
 - ii. Elise Hazeldine - Elementary Bilingual Education, LTE contract
 - iii. Dan Volla - Custodian, part-time
 - iv. Jason Ellingson - Custodian
- F. Approval of a request for a diploma
- G. 66.0301 Shared Services Agreement for the Dane County New Teacher Project

Motion by Cecil to move item E from the consent agenda to be addressed as a separate agenda item, seconded by Frigo. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Frigo, seconded by Lutz, to approve all other items on the Consent Agenda, excluding item E. Carried 7-0.

Reports

Board Reports

Student Representative Report - Bethany Lutz reported on accomplishments of the HOSA team at their state conference. Leadership class is focusing on mental health this month. Austin Breunig reported they are looking for feedback from the food service department on how many students use the program.

Treasurer's Report - Michelle Voigts reviewed the March revenues and expenses.

Legislative Report - Jon Bunch reported on 34 districts going to operating referendum with an 85% passing rate. Reported that more Wisconsin districts are going to a recurring referendum that goes on indefinitely. Expressed importance of engaging local political officials.

Committee Reports

Curriculum Committee - Sandy Canon reported summer school going to 5 days per week. Summer school registration is open online. Mr. Bliske offering a woodworking summer school class.

Committee of the Whole - All Board committees, with the exception of the curriculum committee, combined to meet as one committee. Discussed capital improvement projects and associated costs.

Policy and Negotiations Committee - Met in preparation for upcoming meet and confer regarding compensation for 2016-2017.

Administrative Reports - none

Old Business - none

New Business

Discussion and potential action regarding a request for an out of state trip by the Principles of Engineering Class

Motion to approve the POE class trip as presented made by Canon, and seconded by Clayton. Carried 7-0.

Discussion and potential action regarding a request for an overnight trip by Rockets for Schools.

Pete Jaeger, Rockets for Schools Advisor, shared info about the Rockets for Schools program. Will be traveling to the state competition May 6 & 7. Motion by Lutz, seconded by Voigts, to approve the Rockets for School trip as requested. Carried 7-0.

Presentation regarding JEDI International Virtual School

Leslie Steinhaus presented information on JEDI's mission to provide a global education on an international level. No action sought.

Update on the Capitol Conference

Matt Kleinheinz, Athletic Director, shared info on the proposal to drop provision to play a set number of games against members of the crossover conference. At the WIAA annual meeting, competitive equity proposal was readdressed and defeated. No action sought.

Staffing update: Art, Music, Physical Education and Library

Barb Sramek addressed some rumors and concerns in the community about reductions of these programs, expressing that there are not currently plans to reduce these programs. No action sought.

Discussion and potential action regarding approval of a resolution regarding financing ACT 32 projects.

Bob Chady shared information on financing the second portion of the ACT 32 projects. Motion by Frigo, seconded by Canon to approve resolution as stated. Carried 7-0.

Discussion of future board agenda items

CESA 2 Delegate Convention

Results of food service survey

No action sought.

Administer Oath of Office to new Board members

Oath of office was administered to Jon Bunch and Debbie Frigo. No action sought.

Norms check-out

No action sought.

Offer contracts/letters of employment

Motion by Voigts to approve contracts and letters of employment as recommended, seconded by Bunch. Carried 7-0.

Contemplated Closed Session

Action to convene into closed session pursuant to section 19.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes

- §19.85(1)(c) for the consideration, including deliberation and action, if appropriate, regarding preliminary notice of non-renewal
- §19.85(1)(c) for the consideration, including deliberation and action, if appropriate, regarding final notice of non-renewal
- §19.85(1)(c) for the consideration, including deliberation and action, if appropriate, regarding support staff, salaried support staff and certified staff negotiations

Motion to adjourn into closed session made by Canon, seconded by Frigo. Carried 7-0.

Closed session began at 7:49 p.m.

Motion to reconvene into open session made by Voigts, seconded by Canon. Carried 7-0.

Reconvened into open session at 10:44 p.m.

Motion by Voigts, seconded by Canon, to approve recommended 1.5% market adjustments for support staff and salaried support staff. Carried 7-0.

Motion by Clayton, seconded by Canon, to issue two preliminary notices of non-renewal and one final notice of non-renewal. Carried 7-0.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Canon and seconded by Voigts. Carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Bonnie Clayton, Clerk