

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

GIRARD MEDIA CENTER

FEBRUARY 16, 2011 – 6:30 pm

The meeting was opened by President Stephen Furman at 6:30 pm in the Girard Media Center

Board members present were: Farley Cole, Scott Etter, Stephen Furman, Charles Handy, Robyn Hays, James Matuska and Mark Sloman.

Also present: Marlene Brady, Ron Graham, Deb Bommarito, Sarah Raynor, Rob Horn, Randy Niles, Marcia Walter, Millie Burgess, Nikki Harris, Kimberly Simpson, Samantha Simpson, Gail Turner, Amanda Hendricks, Laurie Wade, Denise Nichols, Amy Crowdson, George Rishel, Dave Love, Tausha Hart, Ashley Creasey, Mary Jane Fuchs, Judy Hendricks, Jen McQuality, Carrie Buchanan, Alex and Alan Myrick.

Motion by Sloman, seconded by Cole to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call. Yea vote – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, and Furman.

Written Communications:

A letter of retirement, effective at the end of her contract this year, from Teri Flowers was read.

A letter of resignation was read from Vince Kirwan effective at the end of the school year.

A note from Dave Kane of the State Journal Register commending and thanking the staff for their help during the County Tournament was read.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by Cole, seconded by Sloman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call. Yea vote – Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman and Furman.

The consent agenda consisted of minutes from the special board meeting on December 8, 2010; minutes of the regular and closed session meeting on December 15, 2010; financial reports; bills payable; retirement letter from Terri Flowers; and resignation letter from Vince Kirwan.

3. Communications

3.1 Illinois State Scholars were recognized; they are Adam Donaldson, Katie Ryan, Matt Miller, Katie Webb, Kayla Schott and Amber Brown.

Mrs. Brady recognized staff members who have gone above and beyond to adjust to a new way of doing things for the sole sake of student achievement. These employees have stepped outside of their comfort zone and taken a leap of faith in the best interest of their students and the new district. The name of award is the Panther Pioneer Award and the recipients are Kerri Crain, Beth Countryman, Laurie Wade, Denise Nichols, Amanda Hendricks and Amy Crowdson.

3.2 Samantha Simpson addressed the board requesting permission to graduate early.

Alex Myrick addressed the board requesting permission to graduate early. It was the consensus of the board to allow both students to graduate early.

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Samantha Simpson, Kimberly Simpson, Alex Myrick and Larry Myrick left at 6:45 pm.

3.3 Dave Love from the IASB gave a presentation to the board on their professional executive search services. The basic cost of this service is \$4,500.00 with a full package costing \$10,000.

3.4 Gary Archey from the Consulting and Resource Group also presented to the board his company's professional executive search services. The basic cost of this service is \$3,900.00 with an additional fee a color brochure.

3.6

Reports from the principals, superintendent and assistant superintendent are attached.

Mrs. Raynor informed the board of a staff member who is seriously ill in the hospital. The staff has held several fund raisers to help with her bills. She asked the board to donate the proceeds from the night's volleyball game to the employee. It was the consensus of the board to do so.

Laurie Wade, Denise Nichols, Amanda Hendricks and Amy Crowdson left at 7:40 pm.

4. Continuing Business

Motion by Etter, seconded by Sloman to approve the replacement of lighting at the South Campus and the bus garage. Roll call. Yea vote - Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman and Furman.

Action of replacing buses was tabled.

A semi-pro football team has requested use of the football field at the south campus. The committee recommends against request. The request was denied.

The request for an assistant softball coach was not recommended.

A discussion was held on funding the Pre K program next year with district money. It was suggested that students from outside of our district could be admitted and charged for their attendance.

Motion by Hays, seconded by Sloman for the district to fund the 2011-2012 North Mac Pre K program. Roll call. Yea vote – Cole, Etter, Handy Hays, Matuska, Sloman and Furman.

Numbers have increased for the kindergarten and first grade at the south campus for next year making in necessary to hire additional teachers.

Motion by Hays, seconded by Matuska to hire one additional kindergarten teacher and one additional first grade teacher for the 2011-2012 school year at the south campus. Roll call. Yeavote – Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska and Furman.

Motion by Hays, seconded by Handy to hire a half-time bookkeeper to replace Marcia Walter for the FY 12 fiscal year. Roll call. Yea vote – Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy and Furman.

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Motion by Hays, seconded by Cole to hire a full time Assistant High School Principal and a Part time Activities Director for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call. Yea vote – Hays, Sloman, Cole and Furman. Nay vote – Etter, Handy and Matuska.

Motion by Hays, seconded by Cole to hire one additional guidance counselor to serve the district for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll call. Yea vote – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Cole and Furman. Nay vote – Sloman.

First reading of the School Improvement Plan.

Hiring a Professional Executive Search firm tabled until next month.

5. Motion by Cole, seconded by Etter to enter into closed session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees and collective bargaining at 8:38 PM. Roll call. Yea vote – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole and Furman.

Out of Closed Session at 11:20 PM.

Adjourned at 11:21 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary