

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
FEBRUARY 27, 2013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SOUTH CAMPUS MEDIA CENTER
6:30 P.M.

1. The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Steve Furman.
 - 1.1 Roll call: Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Furman – Present
Sloman – Absent
Also present – Vicki Dewitt, Kay Cameron, Everett Cameron, Carla Seifert, Janice Smith, Lindsey DeFevers, David Spann, Jon Langellier, Holly Fester, Rick Maguire, Michele Barnes, Connie Schroeder, Jennifer McQuality, Sarah Etter, Denise Nichols, Laurie Wade, Terri Worth, Lesli Wilson, Kenny Wilson, Madonna Wempen, Lou Ann Ibberson, Frank Marsaglia, Anna Allen, Jason Blankenship
 - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by board candidate Terri Worth
 - 1.3 No remarks were made by Mr. Furman, Board President
 - 1.4 Mr. Furman read a thank you from Rich and Richard Weerts and also a letter of resignation from high school math teacher Josh Jackson.
2. Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Cole and seconded by Hays to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Mr. Furman had questions regarding the financial report, and he also explained the Sapco Agreement. After a general discussion regarding the items on the financial report and also the Sapco agreement, a vote was taken on the consent agenda. Yea votes – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Cole, Furman
3. Communications
 - 3.1 Lesli Wilson thanked the Board for its support of last year's Post Prom Committee and asked the Board if it would be possible to use busses again this year to transport students to Taylorville for the activities after prom. The board gave Mrs. Cullen the authority to work with the committee to determine what the school can do to keep our students safe.
 - 3.2 Vicki DeWitt, Area 5 Learning Technology Center Director, presented the results of the audit that was performed on our technology at North Mac. See attached sheet.

3.3 Superintendent's Report – Ms. Cullen, Mr. McMillin, Mrs. Bommarito, and Mrs. Bitner presented on the ISAT scoring process and test, and included additional information about staff activities during the school improvement days and faculty meetings. Presentation attached.

Ms. Cullen then presented options for the budget cuts for the 2013-2014 school year. See attachment for details.

3.4 Comments from visitors – David Spann had comments regarding the state testing and if the board had considered other sources of revenue, such as sales tax and also requesting that assessed values be redone for our area to increase property taxes. He further requested that the information given at the January meeting regarding the budget be placed in the newspaper to make more people aware of the financial situation.

Ruth Killam suggested charging a tuition for Pre K.

Rick Maguire made suggestions regarding sports and also increasing the tax rate for the education fund.

Carla Seifert asked about having volunteers as coaches for sports to help defray the cost.

Connie Schroeder inquired due to fact that Josh Jackson resigned if that meant the number for reduction of classroom certified staff would be lowered to nine (9).

The board commented and answered all questions and remarks that were presented to them. They also thanked everyone for all suggestions to help with the finances.

4. Continuing Business

4.1 Handy made the motion to loan \$30,000.00 from Working Cash to IMRF/SS Fund. Yea votes – Hays, Matuska, Cole, Etter, Handy, Furman

4.2 Motion was made by Matuska, seconded by Etter to approve the release of a Request for Proposals for Technology Services. Yea votes – Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Furman

4.3 Motion was made by Hays, seconded by Cole to hire Kenneth Loy & Company to do our audit for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. Yea votes – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Cole, Furman

5. Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Handy to adjourn to closed session for appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees; collective bargaining; student discipline at 8:05 pm. Yea votes – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Cole, Furman

6. Meeting reopened at 8:52 pm.

- 6.1 Motion was made by Etter, seconded by Cole to approve Bryan Lambdin as volunteer assistant High School Soccer Coach. Yea votes – Handy, Hays, Matuska, Cole, Furman
- 6.2 Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Hays to hire Kevin Seifert and Chris Hatalla as Co-High School Baseball Coaches at a stipend of \$1,372.00 each. Yea votes – Matuska, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Furman
- 6.3 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Hays to approve the expulsion of a North Mac student, Docket 13-0010, for homebound instruction for the remainder of the 2012-2013 and the entire 2013-2014 school years. Yea votes – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Cole, Furman
7. Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 pm.

President

Secretary