

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34  
MARCH 27, 2013  
REDUCTION IN FORCE HEARING  
VIRDEN ELEMENTARY GYM  
6:00 P.M.

1. The Reduction in Force Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Steve Furman.

1.1 Roll call: Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Furman – Present

Also present – Marica Cullen, Rob Horn, Bruce Paisley, Dennis McMillin, John Downs, Deb Bommarito, Nancy Bitner, Patti Fetter, Tammy McCready, Becky Hampton, Carla Seifert, Bridgette Rezba, Stacey Hughes, Larry Herrin, Mike Hemann, Bob McCready, Harold Nichols, Kris Eldridge, Kim Eldridge, Vicki Conway, Jamie Conway, Becky Winslow, Judy Hendricks, Heather Gibson, Cynthia Kuhar, Michelle Weller, Betsy Cassen, Craig Fess, Sarah Raynor, Tom Proctor, Vicky Rigney, Martha Hundertmark, Patricia Imhoff, Eugenia Austin, Jenny Neff, Amy Smith, Jenny Buhl, Sherri Gerdanc, Jodi Clark, Kristi Boster, Colleen Koprowitz, Terri Worth, Rachel Fetter, Anthony O’Neal, Gail Turner, David Spann, Kristi Smith, Jamie Smith, Millie Burgess, Leslie Naugle, Courtney Klaus, Lori Reardon, Carol Rosentreter, Hallie Campbell, Tausha Hart, Sarah Ewin, Terri Joslin, Debbie Butler, Philip Garner, Sarah Garner, Jon Langellier, P. Ashley Creasey, Ryan Creasey, Brianne Miller, Carla Anderson, Diane Moore, Heather Berkley, Teresa McNaught, Vanessa Reinhart, Melissa O’Neal, Deb Gripp, Kara Coffey, Kerry Crain, Deb VanHuss, Rick Maguire, Skylar Maguire, Kay Cameron, Everett Cameron, Holly Fester, Randy Stauffer, Jeannie Alexander, Ron Ochu, Debbie Ochu, Connie Schroeder, Jennifer Graham, Sarah Etter, Andrea Christopher, Vicky Wonaroski, Jason Wonaroski, Chris Nerone, Cinthia Gillespie, Amy Flowers, Larry Harter, Mike Marsaglia, Mary Jane Fuchs, Lou Ibberson, Brooke Earley, Anna Allen, Cathy Paisley, Roseanne Hasara, Adrienne Range, Keely Perrine, Colean Smith, Joleen Bearden, Kevin Loveless, Bob Dodd, Bill Dodd, Ralph Garner, Ann Garner, and others

2. The meeting was opened for comments from visitors.

Tacy Greff feels that the State has an agenda and instead of complaining to the Board we need to contact our representatives.

Betsy Cassen wanted to know how it was decided which teachers were chosen to be reduced and she feels it is sad when some of the younger teachers are so energetic. Marica commented that some of the buildings had more shuffling and changes than

others because they have younger teachers. Reductions are based on evaluations and years of service.

Bill Dodd requested information on the buy outs from retirements and also how much the IMRF costs the district. Furman stated that the retirements were calculated at 6% per year for four (4) years, but the new contract is 3% for two (2) years and then 3% for one (1) year. The retirements are costing the district \$51,000 this year and \$56,000 next year.

Some in the audience wanted reassurances that if taxes were raised the funds would be used for education and the district would then succeed.

Holly Fester offered a copy of a sample letter to be sent to representatives requesting that the state does not cut funds from school districts. She is working to arrange a town hall meeting to speak to our representatives.

Others wanted to make sure right choices are being made for the children.

Hearing adjourned 6:45 p.m.

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Board President

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Secretary