

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34  
February 22, 2017  
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 Robyn Hays.

2. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robyn Hays

2.1 Roll call: Spann, Worth, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Hays

Also present – William Mattingly, Rob Horn, Dennis McMillin, John Downs, Michele Cimarossa, Nancy Bitner, Patti Fetter, Jennifer McQuality, Amanda Hendricks, Ashley Juergens, Allison Juergens, Aubrey Juergens, Judy Hendricks, Jon Langellier, Connie Schroeder, Millie Burgess, Debbie Butler, Cecilia Pitchford, Bob Butler, Lisa Baines, Steve Baines, Fran Flynn, Reagan Flynn, Angie Fatheree

3. Public Comment – None

4. Student Success Story – Can Kindergartners Really Read? Mrs. Bitner said there were a lot of readers in the Kindergartners class and that four of them had come to the meeting to read books to the Board of Education. Mrs. Bitner introduced Aubrey Juergens as the first reader, following her was Bentlee Hilbert, followed by Ashley Hilbert and then Trace Baines. All four did an excellent job and proved that Kindergartners really can read. Mrs. Bitner then introduced the Kindergarten teachers who were in attendance. The board then introduced themselves to each student and their parents.

5. Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Spann to approve the consent agenda as presented. Yea votes: Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole, Hays

6. School Improvement and Leadership Reports

6.1 Mr. Horn, Oral Report – School Improvement and Written Report – See Attached

6.2 Questions from the Board Regarding Other Leader Written Reports sent to Board

6.3 Questions for  
A. Mrs. Cimarossa – Robyn asked about the Olympiad. Mrs. Cimarossa reported that there is a checklist to pick the students that are picked for

the Olympiad for example someone who thinks outside the box, thinks on their feet.

B. Mr. McMillin – No questions

C. Mrs. Bitner – Worth asked if attendance was better at the elementary. Mrs. Bitner reported that attendance has been better.

D. Mr. Downs – Natalie Koprowitz got 8<sup>th</sup> at the State Bowling competition. He also told everyone about the 5K for ALS and Mr. Pohlman

#### 6.4 Dr. Mattingly

A. Cash Flow Report – See Attached Spreadsheet. Dr. Mattingly explained the attached spreadsheet. He explained the loans that have been made to the Education, Transportation and IMRF Funds from Working Cash. The spreadsheet shows three predictions for fund balances, if loans are paid back, if loans are not paid back and if previous loans are paid back but not the \$100,000 which was loaned this year. Dr. Mattingly explained how inter-fund loans can be abated until 2019 and he recommended the board takes this action. A resolution from the Attorney would need to be adopted. He did recommend that the loan to the Education Fund be repaid to the Working Cash Fund. He touched a little on the condition of our buses and how something different needs to be done in regards to revenue

B. Student Numbers Report – See Attached

C. General School Improvement Report – Dr. Mattingly explained how a Pre K Coordinator is needed to write the grant, possible a Grant Writer Position, because the Superintendent's office is actually overloaded right now. He told the Board if he is moving too rapidly they just need to tell him to stop regarding the Administrative position of Grant Writer. He is meeting with Principals and setting smart goals. He talked about the Hall of Presidents, the High School having goals in PE and attainment of improvement. He also shared how you might enter a Reading class and come out sweating. A lot of good things are going on at North Mac.

### 7. Continuing Business

#### 7.1 Building and Grounds Committee

- A. Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Handy to approve the recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee for the Elementary School exterior color, new flooring scope and type, and kitchen air unit. Yea votes: Spann, Worth, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Hays
- B. Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Spann to approve the recommendations of the Building and Grounds Committee for the Intermediate School flooring scope and type. Yea votes: Worth, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Hays
- C. Report from the Committee to the Board about Feasibility Study, Phases of Construction that have been Developed and Next Step in the Process – Nichols explained the 3 phases that had been discussed for the North Campus
  - 1. Classrooms around Existing High School
  - 2. Rearrange Football and do Sports complex
  - 3. Take down old buildingMr. Nichols also said that the architects were working on a Feasibility study for funding, it will take 30 to 45 days for study. Robyn said we need an amount on the cost to repair the 3 story original building and bring it up to modern times and code.

7.2 Transportation Committee Report – Farley Cole reported that the Transportation committee met Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Those in attendance were Spann, Lancaster, Cole, Mattingly and Downs. Items of discussion were that the Transportation fund has needed approximately \$100,000 each year since consolidation, the law/policy that ends in 2019 which allows that these loans be abated and not paid back to Working Cash. We have 25 big buses, total of 29 of which 24 move daily. Each one averages 20000 miles per year with the 17 routes and 7 that run to CACC, SASSED and Hope. We have back up busses that date back to 1992. We need to get busy updating our fleet, busses have 100,000 miles or more and that is a lot of miles for a bus because of all the stopping and going. Meetings with vendors to discuss options from leasing to buying, running on depreciation. Dr. Mattingly said that reimbursement from the state was 70% last year. The committee will come back to the board with good numbers of what can be paid out of Tort, a Risk Management Plan so some costs can be shifted out of Transportation and into Tort. Meetings are being set up for March 2, 8 and 9. Possible getting a couple of busses still this school year. Then develop a plan for a 5 year roll with 5 busses per year. Committee will present to board and Finance Committee to figure out money.

7.3 Finance Committee Update – Charlie Handy and Dr. Mattingly met with David Pistorius who has been our underwriter for bonds since consolidation. If we are going to have it on the ballot for April 2018 we need to have the ballot question ready for the November or December

Meeting. Also See Attached notes.

- 7.4 Change date of March Board Meeting from March 22, 2017 to March 29, 2017 – Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Spann to approve the Change of date for the March Board Meeting from March 22, 2017 to March 29, 2017. Yea votes: Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole, Hays
- 7.5 President’s remarks on Superintendent Search – Hays reported on the Survey results, see attached copy. The deadline for applications is March 9<sup>th</sup>. In March the first round of candidates will be interviewed. Next item of discussion was if the board wanted to use a Focus Group during the interviews. The group would consist of staff, parents, community members and business leaders. The Focus Group would have about 20 to 25 members. The Board would interview and the Focus Group would be a much more casual setting. It was a general consensus of the Board that they have the Focus Group.
- 7.6 Other Continuing Items of Business
  - A. Old Business – None
  - B. New Business – None

## 8. Personnel Items

- 8.1 Job Description for New Maintenance Employee – Dr. Mattingly requested that the Board vote on the Job Description and Hiring of the new employee in April and make it retroactive to the date they start.
- 8.2 Extend Administrator Contracts – Tabled. Dr. Mattingly stressed that it is the wishes of the Board to:
  - 1. Reemploy all Administrators
  - 2. That the Superintendent and administrators work together
  - 3. Possible get away from all contracts getting renewed at the same time
  - 4. Intention of Board to renew all contracts if everyone had been eligible
  - 5. Renew for 1 year or 2 years needs to be discussed in Closed Session and a decision be made at the next meeting
- 8.3 Employment for Middle School Track Coach – Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Cole to hire Brian Carman as Middle School Track Coach. Yea votes: Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Hays
- 8.4 Approve Volunteers for
  - A. High School Baseball

B. High School Softball

C. High School Girls Soccer

Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Handy to approve the volunteers Listed on the Personnel Recommendation sheet.

Before voting a discussion was held regarding paying assistant coaches. It was decided that this is something that needs to be discussed and figure how to start this process.

Yea votes: Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole, Handy Hays

9. Meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

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President

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Secretary