

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 18, 2020

President Hayward called the regular meeting to order on May 18, 2020 at 5:34 p.m. via an open online Zoom Meeting. It was noted participants could join via the website link and/or call on the numbers provided on the agenda. Directors Hayward, Miller, Herring, Roeder, and Creegan were present. Superintendent Hoover, Board Secretary Haxmeier, District Administrative Team, and Kelly Gerlach were in attendance.

- MOTION #139-19/20: M/Roeder, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
- Agenda – Approved as presented.
- Minutes – Approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 13, 2020 and the special meeting held on May 4, 2020.
- Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending April 30, 2020 were reviewed: Account Balances, Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Revenue Report, General Fund Expenditures Report, Activity Fund, and Nutrition Fund Report.
- Registrations, Reimbursements & Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented, totaling \$398,598.45.
- Resignations:
- Julia Diemer as a High School English Teacher effective at the end of the 2019-20 contract.
  - Chance Jenkins as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach effective immediately.
- Recommendations to Hire:
- **Gretchen Glick as the Maquoketa Cardinal Academy Special Education Teacher for the Middle School** for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Glick will be paid at BA Step 1 on the Master Contract Salary Schedule C, \$33,414.00.
  - **Tara Michel as the Maquoketa Cardinal Academy Special Education Teacher for Cardinal Elementary** for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Michel will be paid at MA+30 Step 18 on the Master Contract Salary Schedule C, \$66,828.00 (her salary will not change due to the transfer).
  - **Jessica Pape as the Maquoketa Cardinal Learning Academy Licensed Social Worker** for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Pape will be paid at MA Step 1 on the Master Contract Salary Schedule C, \$36,087.12 pending proper BOEE licensure.
  - **Mykah Kennedy as the High School English/Language Arts teacher** for the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Kennedy will be paid at BA Step 1 on the Master Contract Salary Schedule C, \$33,414.00. **Ms. Kennedy is also being recommended as the Director of Speech and Forensics, Level I Year 1; \$3,975.16 and Director of Drama, Level III Year 1; \$2,555.46** for the 2020-21 school year.
- Teacher Contract Horizontal Move
- Jenna Harms from BA+15, step 2 to MA, step 2.

Reception of Visitors and Informal Comments from the Public: None.

Good News Administrative Reports: Building Administrators provided an update on the happenings within their grade levels.

Board Comments: None.

General Business of the Board:

MOTION #140-19/20: M/Herring, 2nd/Creegan to approve the third agreement extension with Lunchtime Solutions for food service management services as presented for the 2020-21 school year. 5 ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #141-19/20: M/Roeder, 2nd/Miller to approve the Graduating Class list of 2020 pending completion of all graduation requirements by the Maquoketa Community School District. 5 ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #142-19/20: M/Creegan, 2nd/Herring to approve a three-year agreement for audit service with Nolte, Cornman & Johnson, PC. 5 ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #143-19/20: M/Roeder, 2nd/Creegan to accept the COVID-19 Hotspot Grant from the City of Maquoketa in the amount up to \$18,000. It is further recommended the district purchase 66 hotspot devices along with associated service from US Cellular for the combined approximate cost of \$17,819.34. 5 ayes, motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: Maquoketa Schools received final approval that we were selected to participate in the Sprint 1 Million Program for up to seven years. The initial service will be provided by Sprint and subsequent service will be provided by Sprint/T-Mobile. This award will allow Maquoketa Schools to issue up to 150 hotspots and monthly service to students in grades K-12 to be used to assist students in completing homework on school-issued devices for school-related purposes. It should be noted that Maquoketa Schools is the third school in the state of Iowa to participate in this program. The annual value of this program is \$54,000.00. The anticipated seven-year value of this program is expected to be up to \$378,000.00. The district's expense to procure hotspots compatible with this program is anticipated to be approximately \$6,000.00, this is a one-time cost. Maquoketa Community Schools would like to publicly thank the Sprint 1 Million Foundation for their support of students across the country to provide internet access and also for their support to assist students in Jackson County.

INFORMATIONAL: The opening proposal from the SEIU Bus Drivers was read. Further meetings will be held in exempt sessions.

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- INFORMATIONAL: The Board discussed the desire to move forward with modernization of the existing Middle School elevator unless a replacement of the cylinder is necessary. Superintendent Hoover will communicate this desire to the architect assisting with the project
- MOTION #144-19/20: M/Roeder, 2nd/Miller to extend Superintendent Hoover the authority to extend contracts on behalf of the District from May 19, 2020 through September 21, 2020. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.
- MOTION #145-19/20: M/Herring, 2nd/Creegan to approve the Driver Education contract as presented from the Mississippi Bend AEA. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.
- MOTION #146-19/20: M/Roeder, 2nd/Miller to approve the revised Resolution for Pandemic Response and Emergency Suspension of Policy as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Legislative Update: None.

Superintendent's Report: In honor of School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Hoover publicly thanked each of the board members for their countless hours of volunteer service to our school community!

END OF YEAR FOR STUDENT EVENT – May 28th from 5 - 7 pm - The plan is for staff, who can be at their building, stand outside as students and families drive by to bid us farewell for the summer. Bus drivers and maintenance can be at the high school and central office staff at the central office. The baseball/softball/track/tennis lights at Jack Marlow Complex will be turned on at 8:00 that evening and people may drive through the complex to honor our seniors.

Review analytics from Fusion Forward, Superintendent Hoover provided an overview of the re-entry plans the District is working on along with the guidance that was provided by the Iowa Department of Education. Additional details will be released as plans are developed.

President Hayward adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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Michael Hayward, Board President

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Kristy Haxmeier, Board Secretary