

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2016

President Sybesma called the regular meeting to order on Monday, December 19, 2016 at 5:36 p.m. at the Central Office. Directors Tabor, Roeder, Sybesma, Carson and Hayward were present. Supt. Hoover and Board Secretary Haxmeier were present. M. Wing, S. Walker, C. Wiese, D. Cogan, P. Bollman, J. Schmidt, and M. Vervaecke were present. Teresa Hosch of KMAQ, Kelly Gerlach of MSP, and Dalton Brewster of Maquoketa Public Access represented the press. Jennifer Gavin, Barb Bowman, Bob Brown, Jackie Crowley, April Edwards, Hailey Schwenker, Jaci Garien, Brooke Klemann, Claire Sybesma, Mike Cormack, Susan Bolte, Kathy Krogmann, Abby Rubel, Spencer Owen, Nancy Miller, Cale Gent, Scott Gent were in attendance.

- MOTION #071-16/17: M/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Roeder to approve the following consent agenda as amended to include an additional invoice listing: 5 ayes, motion carried.
- Agenda – Approved as published
- Minutes – Approved the minutes of the joint Delwood meeting and regular meeting held on November 21, 2016 as presented.
- Registrations, Reimbursements & Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented, to include additional invoices, totaling \$791,623.68.
- Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending November 30, 2016 were reviewed: Account Balances, Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures, Revenue Report, General Fund Expenditure Report, Activity Fund, Nutrition Fund Report.
- Resignations– none.
- Recommendations to Hire (all pending outcome of criminal background check & BOEE licensure):
- Daryl Schepers as Volunteer Wrestling Coach for the High School wrestling program.
  - Tricia Connolly as Briggs School Special Education Teacher Associate for the 2016-17 school year at a rate \$9.64 + \$.15 stipend = \$9.79 per hour for 6.75 hours per day effective January 3, 2017.

Reception of Visitors and Informal Comments from the Public – Claire Sybesma, Shawn Soloman, Abby Rubel, Jaci Garien, Hailey Schwenker, and Joey Pawlowski presented their senior government projects to the Board in which they were each proposing a policy change within the District.

Spotlight on Education:

Scott Gent with the FFA Alumni group presented a proposed outline to the Board on the future of the AG facilities at Maquoketa. This included an addition of classrooms, labs and a fully functional greenhouse. The projected cost is \$500,000 and the FFA Alumni is going to seek grants and private donations, but asked the Board to think about any potential support. The Board liked the idea but did not discuss funding of any kind.

Cindy Wiese presented the Spotlight on Education for the Maquoketa Middle School in highlighting the community partnership with a program called Layers of Maquoketa that involves the Art Experience, Chamber, University of Iowa along with others. This project is providing real life experiences with community connections through writing activities for our middle school students.

## Good News Administrative Reports

Good News Administrative Reports were reviewed with nothing additional to add.

Board Comments: Board President David Sybesma commended the MAC Café on excellent coffees they have available. Board Member Lenke Carson highlighted the wonder lip sync contest that she judged at the Middle School.

## General Business of the Board

- DISCUSSION ITEM: The Board discussed the Food Service Program at Maquoketa and will begin to investigate options of possible third party providers. There will be a committee formed and additional details will be brought before the Board in future meetings.
- MOTION #072-16/17: M/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hayward to approve the application and request in the amount of \$224,671 to the School Budget Review Committee for the additional budget authority for costs associated with the Dropout Prevention Program. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #073-16/17: M/Roeder, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Tabor to approve the changes to the Family and Consumer Science curriculum for the 2017-18 school year as presented. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #074-16/17: M/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hayward to approve the revised policy 502.6 – Weapons as presented. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #075-16/17: M/Roeder, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Carson to approve the Early Retirement for the following 7 individuals: Joanne Evans, Julie Neyens, Mary K. Schmidt, Kent Crawford, Joanie Bowman, Cheryl Regan, Cynthia Wiese. The total incentive for these 7 individuals is \$190,586.41, which will be paid out of the District's Management Fund into a 403b account in 4 equal installments over fiscal years; FY2017-FY2018-FY2019. 5 ayes, motion carried. The Board thanked each of them for their years of service.

Legislative Update: Mike Hayward noted the legislature begins the 2017 session on January 9<sup>th</sup> and it has been discussed that school aid and supplemental state aid will be addressed in the first 30 days.

Superintendents Report: Superintendent Hoover reported on Iowa Superintendent Financial Leadership Conference that he and Board Secretary Haxmeier attended in Des Moines last week. This conference is geared towards Superintendents, School Business Officials, and Aspiring Superintendents. The class that Superintendent Hoover attended was focused on arbitration and negotiations. The word is that there will be some major changes to Chapter 20 (Iowa Bargaining Law) which, could have profound effects on school districts but it is too early to know exactly what changes may be made. Superintendent Hoover will also be performing with Cardinal kiddos at the Holiday jam session on 21<sup>st</sup> of December. Superintendent Hoover also took a few minutes to discuss the IMPACT award that the Board of Education is awarding randomly thought the school year to celebrate and showcase staff members that have made a positive influence on others. All MCSD staff members are eligible to be nominated and ALL MCSD staff, students, and community members are eligible to nominate. Nomination forms are available at each building or [www.maquoketaschools.org](http://www.maquoketaschools.org). LET'S CREATE A MOVEMENT! #mcsdIMPACT

There will be a joint board meeting with the Andrew School Board on January 9, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in Andrew. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be Monday, January 16, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Central Office.

President Sybesma adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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David Sybesma, President

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Kristy Haxmeier, Secretary