

MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Minutes of Monday, February 14, 2011

1. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Ellen Lindgren.

Present.....President Ellen Lindgren, Vice President Tim Statz, Clerk Diane Hornung (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Treasurer Bob Green, and Board Members Tom Engle (arrived at 7:12 p.m.), Jim Greer, Leeanne Hallquist, and Stuart Rossmiller

Not Present..... Board Member Steve Hurd

Others Present..... Superintendent Don Johnson, Assistant Superintendent George Mavroulis, Assistant Superintendent Tom Wohlleber, MHS Principal Denise Herrmann, Continuous Improvement and Accountability Specialist MaryBeth Paulisse and School Nutrition Services Manager Susan Peterman

MOVED by Green, **SECONDED** by Statz **to approve** adding Agenda Item #9 Work Session – Consideration of Pending Legislation and a Possible Board Resolution. **Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.**

2. Recognition – MHS Football – Head football coach Tim Simon was present to help recognize the varsity football team for their performance in the State Tournament.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Greer, **SECONDED** by Hornung, **to approve** the Regular and Closed Minutes of January 24, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.**

4. Communications

A. Correspondence/Board Communication – Leeanne Hallquist had a parent thank her for the work by the board to enhance the foreign language program in the schools. Bob Green stated that the Dance Team has returned from Florida and wanted to thank the Booster Club for helping pay extra fees due to the delay in flights because of the snow storm. The board members were invited to the NCA accreditation at MHS.

B. Citizen Comments – None

C. Committee Reports – Bob Green gave a brief review of the Finance Committee meeting that was held at 5:30 p.m. Tim Statz asked that instead of reporting out at each meeting copies of the minutes would be sent out to the board.

5. Superintendent’s Report

A. Upcoming Events and Updates – Don Johnson informed the board that we are looking at doing some minimal cosmetic work at the District Office. Don commended MHS on

the efficient handling of the bomb threat there last week. Open enrollment for the eSchool will be open and it's a possibility the cap may be removed. A brief update on the status of the Education Foundation was given and more information will be shared at the February 28, 2011 meeting. Don presented a gift to the board from the Memory Project at MHS. The Memory Project was funded by the district Global mini-grants.

6. Consent Agenda

MOVED by Engle, **SECONDED** by Hornung **to approve** the following items for consent agenda: **6.A.a.** Approval of Bills Payable, **6.A.b.** Approval of Treasurer's Report, **6.B.c.** Approval of Staff Appointments, **6.B.d.** Approval of Staff Retirements and **8.A.** 4K Intergovernmental Agreement with MMSD. **Motion carried unanimously, 8-0.**

A. Administrative/Business Services

- a. Approval of Bills Payable** - Computer check numbers 214927 through 215272 totaling \$837,013.88 were reviewed by the Board Treasurer and **approved under consent agenda. (Exhibit A)**
- b. Approval of Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer's Report for December 2010 was reviewed by the Board Treasurer and **approved under consent agenda. (Exhibit B)**

B. Employee Services

- a. Approval of Resignations** – There are no resignations to approve at this time.
- b. Approval of Leaves of Absence** – There are no leaves of absence to approve at this time.
- c. Approval of Staff Appointments** – The following staff appointment **was approved under consent agenda:**

Rosemarie Nicksic, to a 1.0 FTE temporary contract 4th grade bilingual teacher at Sauk Trail
- d. Approval of Staff Retirements** – The following staff retirements **were approved under consent agenda:**

Ann Albert, Music teacher at Kromrey
Janet Besadny, Special Education Diagnostician for the District
Ed Dallwig, Technology Education teacher at MHS
Sue Ebenreiter, Special Education teacher at
Karen Lucey, Reading Specialist at Glacier Creek
Joel Mensch, Math teacher at MHS
Sue Poullette, Music teacher at Elm Lawn
Mary Schmidt, Social Studies teacher at MHS
Nancy Wilcox, Speech teacher at Sauk Trail

C. District Consent Items

7. Items for Information/Discussion

- A. High School Schedule Report** – Principal Herrmann reviewed the new block schedule that will start at the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year at Middleton High School. She reviewed the items sent to the board and discussed the essential criteria in making the decision to change the schedule.
- B. Explore/Plan Report** – George Mavroulis and MaryBeth Paulisse reviewed the Explore and Plan results. The presentation reviewed growth of the students over time, compared MCPASD students to the national average and with local districts, and highlighted the information of 2010 students who took the ACT exam. **(Exhibit C)**
- C. School Nutrition Services Update** – Susan Peterman recapped the items covered on the report that was attached to the District Update. Susan stated that the School Nutrition Services department is thankful for the support from the board, administrators and parents. MCPASD has the premier Farm to School program in the state of Wisconsin. **(Exhibit D)**
- D. LRPTF Update** – The next meeting of the task force will be held at 7:00 p.m. on February 15. Don Johnson distributed a draft of the eight options generated by the LRPTF at the last meeting. Don briefly reviewed the options with the board and answered questions.
- E. Review Class Size Guidelines/Dane County Data/Online Class Size** – The current class size guidelines and the actual and projected enrollments were shared with the board. The class sizes in Dane County school districts were also presented.
- F. WASB Convention Report** – Ellen Lindgren, Diane Hornung and Don Johnson shared experiences and information from the 2011 WASB State Convention.

8. Items for Action

- A. 4K Intergovernmental Agreement with MMSD** – The Intergovernmental Agreement with MMSD for 4K was approved under consent agenda. **(Exhibit E)**

- 9. Work Session – Consideration of Pending Legislation and a Possible Board Resolution (Pending Board Approval at the Beginning of the Meeting)** – This item was approved by the board at the beginning of the meeting. The board discussed pending legislation and the proposed budget cuts. The board reviewed a draft of a letter that stated their concerns over the pending changes/reductions. After discussing the item, the majority of the board felt it was not appropriate to send at this time.

MOVED by Engle **SECONDED** by Green **to move into closed session** to evaluate the superintendent, decide on a preliminary notice of non-renewal and work on the board self-evaluation. **Motion carried unanimously, 8-0 on a roll call vote.**

10. Convene in Closed Session under S.S. 19.85 (1)(c)(e)(f)

- A. Superintendent Evaluation**
- B. Decision on Preliminary Notice of Non-Renewal**
- C. Board Self-Evaluation**

11. Reconvene Into Open Session

12. Next Meeting Dates and Adjournment –

Mon. 02.28.11 Regular Board Meeting DAC 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

Cheryl Janssen, Board Secretary

Approved by Board President

Date