

**MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Board of Education Meeting**  
**Minutes of Monday, April 11, 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 6:36 p.m. by President Ellen Lindgren.

Present.....President Ellen Lindgren, Vice President Tim Statz, Clerk Diane Hornung, Treasurer Bob Green, and Board Members Tom Engle, Jim Greer, Leeanne Hallquist, Steve Hurd and Stuart Rossmiller

Not Present..... None

Others Present..... Superintendent Don Johnson, Assistant Superintendent George Mavroulis, and Assistant Superintendent Tom Wohlleber

**2. Board Overview and Explanation of Negotiations in the District** – Vice President Tim Statz and President Ellen Lindgren read the explanation of negotiations to the audience. Ellen then stated the guidelines for the public comment session to follow.

**3. Public Comment** – Fifty-four citizens and MCPASD staff members spoke regarding the status of negotiations in the district and shared their dissatisfaction.

**4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOVED** by Engle, **SECONDED** by Statz, **to approve** the Regular and Closed Minutes of March 14, 2011 and the Special Minutes of March 28, 2011 and April 6, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.**

**5. Communications**

**A. Correspondence/Board Communication** – Ellen Lindgren reminded the board that Fine Arts Week is this week at MHS. The two board members who are leaving the board, Tom Engle and Steve Hurd, were recognized for their years of service. Bob Green stated that he attended the WASB Effective Bargaining seminar on April 8. Leeanne Hallquist shared that the teachers at Elm Lawn are thrilled with the SmartBoards in their building.

**B. Citizen Comments** – Melissa Tomley commented on the bargaining issues in the district and stated that she was against increasing class sizes in the district.

**6. Superintendent’s Report**

**A. Upcoming Events and Updates** – MHS students will have their artwork at Barnes and Noble starting April 14. The district has hired a new principal at Park Elementary. Don asked that the board send him any items for discussion at the May 2 board development meeting.

**B. Committee Meeting Progress** – None

## 7. Consent Agenda

**MOVED** by Statz, **SECONDED** by Engle **to approve** the following items for consent agenda: **7.A.a.** Approval of Bills Payable, **7.B.a.** Approval of Resignations, **7.B.b.** Approval of Leaves of Absence, **7.B.c.** Approval of Staff Appointments (with addendum), **7.B.d.** Approval of Staff Retirements, **7.C.a.** Approval of Donation from Sauk Trail Association, **7.C.b.** Approval of Education for Employment Plan, **7.C.c.** Approval of 2011-12 Fee Schedule for the Performing Arts Center, **9.A.** Decision on New Charter School Proposal, and **9.B.** Decision on Final Notice of Non-Renewals (temporary/overload contracts only). **Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.**

### A. Administrative/Business Services

- a. **Approval of Bills Payable** - Computer check numbers 214690, 215448, 215538 and 215771 through 216099 totaling \$1,812,673.46 were reviewed by the Board Treasurer and **approved under consent agenda. (Exhibit A)**
- b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report** – There is no Treasurer's Report to approve this time.

### B. Employee Services

- a. **Approval of Resignations** – The following resignation **was approved under consent agenda:**

**Tara Michiels**, Special Education teacher at Sauk Trail

- b. **Approval of Leaves of Absence** – The following leaves of absence **were approved under consent agenda:**

**Sheila Aumann**, Special Education teacher at Kromrey has requested a childrearing leave of absence

**Erin Douglas**, Speech and Language Therapist at MHS has requested a childrearing leave of absence

**Katie Mace**, Grade 2 teacher at West Middleton, has requested a child-rearing leave to begin after her FMLA has expired on or around November 22nd, 2011 to the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

**Erica Taft**, Speech and Language Therapist for the District, has requested a child-rearing leave to begin after her FMLA has expired on or around November 22nd, 2011 to the end of the 2011-2012 school year.

- c. **Approval of Staff Appointments** – The following staff appointments **were approved under consent agenda:**

**Erin Beyer**, to a 1.0 FTE regular contract Bilingual teacher for the District

**Monica Schommer**, to an elementary principal position at Park Elementary

**Piyanut Sripanawongsa**, to a 1.0 FTE regular contract Mandarin Chinese teacher at MHS

- d. **Approval of Staff Retirements** – The following staff retirement **was approved under consent agenda:**

**Gabriela Olson**, German teacher at Kromrey

- e. **Approval of Lay Offs** – There are no lay offs to approve at this time.

**C. District Consent Items**

- a. Approval of Donation from Sauk Trail Association** – The board **approved** the donation from the Sauk Trail Association **under consent agenda**. The \$10,704 will be used for playground equipment, reading program materials and classroom materials.
- b. Approval of Education for Employment Plan** – The board **approved under consent agenda** the Education for Employment plan at MHS.
- c. Approval of 2011-12 Fee Schedule for the Performing Arts Center** – The 2011-12 PAC fee schedule **was approved under consent agenda**.

**8. Items for Information/Discussion**

- A. Board Leadership Positions Discussion** – The board members shared possible interests in board leadership positions. The board will vote on these positions at the April 25 regular board meeting.
- B. 2011-12 Budget Development Update** – Tom Wohlleber did not have any new information from the state level on the budget. The board and administration will discuss the budget more during the April 25 work session. The administration will look at feedback from the staff, work on the budget and develop a plan that should be complete in May.

**9. Items for Action**

- A. Decision on New Charter School Proposal** – The board **approved** the new charter school proposal **under consent agenda**. (**Exhibit B**)
- B. Decision on Final Notice of Non-Renewals (temporary/overload contracts only)** – The board **approved under consent agenda** the final notice of non-renewals. (**Exhibit C**)

**MOVED** by Engle **SECONDED** by Hallquist **to move into closed session** to make a decision on a student expulsion and discuss negotiations, legal actions and grievance discussions. **Motion carried unanimously, 9-0 on a roll call vote.**

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

- A. Decision on Student Expulsion**
- B. MEA, AFSCME (custodian and foodservice), MESA and OPEIU Negotiations, Legal Actions and Grievance Discussions**

**11. Reconvene Into Open Session**

**12. Next Meeting Dates and Adjournment –**

Mon. 04.25.11 Regular Board Meeting DAC 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.

Cheryl Janssen, Board Secretary

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Approved by Board President

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Date