

MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board of Education Meeting
Minutes of Monday, November 28, 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 6:59 p.m. by President Ellen Lindgren.

Present.....President Ellen Lindgren, Vice President Tim Statz, Clerk Diane Hornung, Treasurer Bob Green, and Board Members Annette Ashley, Jim Greer, Leeanne Hallquist, Bob Hesselbein and Stuart Rossmiller

Not Present..... None

Others Present..... Superintendent Don Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Tom Wohlleber, Assistant Superintendent George Mavroulis, Glacier Creek Principal Tim Keeler, and Kromrey Principal Steve Soeteber

2. Recognition – Joe Spolar and the cross country state competitors were recognized by the Board. The varsity soccer team was also recognized for their state participation.

3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

MOVED by Statz, **SECONDED** by Rossmiller **to approve** the Regular and Closed Minutes of November 14, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.**

4. Communications

A. Correspondence/Board Communication – Jim Greer shared that the Junior Achievement group from MASH were at his work for a job shadow event. He said it was enjoyable to have the students around. Leeanne Hallquist reminded everyone that the City of Middleton will be meeting on November 29, 2011 to vote on the budget. Annette Ashley stated that the MHS choir performed with the Madison Symphony Orchestra this past weekend. Ellen reported that she attended the first Education Foundation meeting at MASH last week. Tom Wohlleber attended the Illinois ASBO conference last week and shared that it was an outstanding event.

B. Citizen Comments – None

5. Superintendent’s Report

A. Upcoming Events and Updates – Don reminded board members of the visit to Northside on Thursday, December 1 and asked for confirmation on which board members are attending the WASB Convention in January 2012. Tom and Don attended the Cardinal Booster Club meeting prior to the regular board meeting. Don updated the board on the issuing of the RFI for consultants and the RFP for the architects for the LRPC project.

6. Consent Agenda

MOVED by Green **SECONDED** by Hornung **to approve** the following items for consent agenda: **6.A.a.** Approval of Bills Payable, **6.B.a.** Approval of Resignations, **6.B.b.** Approval of Leaves of Absence, **6.B.c.** Approval of Staff Appointments, **8.A.** Initial Approval of Policy I-D.1 to I-D.6, **8.B.** Final Approval of Policy I-D, and **8.C.** Approval of Salary Changes for All Employee Groups for 2011-2012. **Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.**

A. Administrative/Business Services

- a. Approval of Bills Payable** - Computer check numbers 219860 through 220067 totaling \$1,092,466.97 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 at this time.

B. Employee Services

- a. Approval of Resignations** – The following resignation was approved under consent agenda:
Benjamin Kollasch, ESL/Bilingual Teacher at MHS
- b. Approval of Leaves of Absence** – The following leaves of absence **was approved under consent agenda:**
Cathy Patton, History Teacher at MHS
- c. Approval of Staff Appointments** – The following staff appointment **were approved under consent agenda:**
Jennifer Mathison-Ohly, to a 0.10 FTE temporary contract English Teacher at MHS
Meredith Tunison, to a 0.60 FTE temporary contract History Teacher at MHS
- d. Approval of Staff Retirements** – There are no staff retirements to approve at this time.
- e. Approval of Lay Offs** – There are no lay offs to approve at this time.

C. District Consent Items

7. Items for Information/Discussion

- A. School Improvement Team Reports** – Principal Tim Keeler highlighted demographic information and building goals for the board. Glacier's goals/highlights included literacy, reading and engagement, closing the achievement gap, PBIS, and the development of a resource and advisory time at Glacier. Principal Steve Soeteber shared trends in the increased enrollment and increased participation in free and reduced lunches. The need for some student interventions has also increased. Kromrey goals include literacy, closing the achievement gap, and increasing student achievement overall. Steve also shared information on their mentor program which is tied to the literacy program in their building. The board asked questions and discussed some of the goals. **(Exhibit B and C)**
- B. NSBA Convention – Professional Development** – The board discussed whether or not they were interested in sending someone to the NSBA convention in April. The conference will be held in Boston. Bob Hesselbein stated that he may be interested in attending.
- C. Technology Access for Low Income Students** – Don and the board reviewed the information that was presented at the October 10 board meeting regarding technology access for low income students. Don placed several questions on the table for the board to consider about this proposed project. The majority of the board felt it would be good to start with a small pilot project.
- D. Potential Board Member Orientation Dates** – The board set a time for citizens to come in and find out more about becoming a school board member. The board decided on December 5 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. for an informational meeting prior to the regular board meeting.
- E. Availability of District Insurance for Board Members** – Don Johnson reported that he checked

with both of the district's insurance carriers, Unity and Dean, regarding providing insurance for board members (paid by the individual board member). One carrier stated that they would not provide coverage and one carrier stated that they do not do it at this time but would possibly look into it. Don will continue to do some work on this item.

8. Items for Action

- A. Initial Approval of Policy I-D.1 to I-D.6** – The board **approved under consent agenda** the initial approval of Policy I-D.1 to I-D.6.
- B. Final Approval of Policy I-D** – The board **approved under consent agenda** the final approval of Policy I-D.
- C. Approval of Salary Changes for All Employee Groups for 2011-2012** – The board **approved under consent agenda** the salary changes for all employee groups for 2011-2012.

9. Next Meeting Dates and Adjournment –

Mon. 12.05.11 Regular Board Meeting DAC 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Cheryl Janssen, Board Secretary

Approved by Board President

Date