

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

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

Not Present..... Clerk Diane Hornung and Tom Engle

Others Present..... Superintendent Don Johnson, Assistant Superintendent George Mavroulis, Assistant Superintendent Tom Wohlleber, Science Teachers Joe Spolar, Jeff Erickson, Jack Marken and Derek Wagler, and Education Foundation Coordinator Erin Ceello

- 2. Board Work Session – 2011-2012 Budget Development** – Tom Wohlleber reviewed a power point regarding budget development in the district for 2011-12. Items covered in the power point included: review of the major education changes proposed in the Budget Repair Bill and State Budget, review of the updated 2011-12 budget forecast model, and discussion on potential budget balancing strategies. (**Exhibit A**)

- 3. Recognition** – The MHS snowboard and ski team state competitors were present to be recognized for their accomplishments during their first year. The team presented their president’s award to the district. Tom Wohlleber and Neal Bickler presented the district with the two Energy Star Awards. The district received an award for the top overall energy performance and for 20% improvement in overall energy performance.

**4. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

**MOVED** by Statz, **SECONDED** by Greer, **to approve** the Regular and Closed Minutes of March 7, 2011. **Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.**

**5. Communications**

**A. Correspondence/Board Communication** – Jim Greer commented on the recent visit to MHS. It was a great visit and Jim commended the staff for the great job they are doing. Bob Green shared information on the student led rally at the PAC over the weekend. Ellen mentioned the flyer for a community wide meeting regarding education that will be discussed later on in the meeting.

**B. Citizen Comments** – None

**6. Superintendent’s Report**

**A. Upcoming Events and Updates** – Don Johnson shared the following items during his superintendent’s report: an article on the district’s technology enhancements in Education

Executive magazine, the installation of Smart Boards and projectors that will take place during spring break, Park and Elm Lawn will be replacing their Mac computers with PC's and the Mac's will be repurposed into the middle school labs and the district has 40-50 students enrolled in the Project Lead the Way course for engineering.

## 7. Consent Agenda

**MOVED** by Hallquist, **SECONDED** by Green **to approve** the following items for consent agenda: **7.A.a.** Approval of Bills Payable, **7.B.d.** Approval of Staff Retirements (with addendum), and **9.A.** Resolution Appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Fiscal Agent in Connection with Outstanding Bond Issue, and **9.B.** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with MEA and District on Voluntary Early Retirement as a Side Bar Agreement or Board Policy on Voluntary Early Retirement. **Motion carried unanimously, 7-0.**

### A. Administrative/Business Services

- a. **Approval of Bills Payable** - Computer check numbers 215585 through 215770 totaling \$258,126.11 were reviewed by the Board Treasurer and **approved under consent agenda. (Exhibit B)**
- b. **Approval of Treasurer's Report** – There is no Treasurer's Report to approve this time.

### 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** – There are no staff appointments to approve at this time.
- d. **Approval of Staff Retirements** – The following staff retirements **were approved under consent agenda:**

**Donna Cutler-Landsman**, Gifted and talented teacher at Park and Sunset

**Myrna Heilman**, Technology Enrichment teacher for the District

**Steve Helstad**, Physical education teacher at Sauk Trail

**Kathleen Isham**, Grade 4 teacher at Sunset Ridge

**JoAnn Johnson**, Health teacher at Kromrey

**Dale Kaufman**, Social Worker for the District

**Deborah Kepner**, Grade 2 teacher at Sunset Ridge

**Suzanne Policano**, Grade 2 teacher at Elm Lawn

**Mary Rowlette**, Business Education teacher at Middleton High School

**Victoria Wilson**, Art teacher at Kromrey Middle School

**Mary York**, Grade 3 teacher at Elm Lawn

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

**C. District Consent Items**

**8. Items for Information/Discussion**

- A. Science Curriculum Committee Report** – Science teachers Joe Spolar, Jeff Erickson, Jack Marken and Derek Wagler updated the board on the progress of the science curriculum review committee. The group discussed items in the science program evaluation process such as the ELO's, focus on problem solving and critical thinking, and the needs for technology. The high school science curriculum proposed changes were shared with the board. The group is also exploring CAPP credit possibilities for science at the high school.
- B. Education Foundation Update** – Foundation Coordinator Erin Celello and Superintendent Don Johnson communicated the preliminary key goals, project ideas, visions, values and the need for a foundation mission statement. Don and Erin met with the PTA/PTO representatives and will meet with the booster clubs in our district as well. The district wants the parent groups to understand the foundation is looking at complementing their efforts, not competing with their groups. The board members also discussed beginning donations for the foundation.
- C. LRP Task Force Update** – Don Johnson recapped information/suggestions from the March 2 Long Range Planning Task Force Meeting. The LRPTF would like to participate in a work session with the board possibly in April or May.

**9. Items for Action**

- A. Resolution Appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Fiscal Agent in Connection with Outstanding Bond Issue** – The Resolution Appointing Associated Trust Company, National Association to Serve as Fiscal Agent in Connection with Outstanding Bond Issue **was approved under consent agent. (Exhibit C)**
- B. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with MEA and District on Voluntary Early Retirement as a Side Bar Agreement or Board Policy on Voluntary Early Retirement** – The Memorandum of Understanding with the MEA and District on Voluntary Early Retirement as a Side Bar Agreement or Board Policy **was approved under consent agenda. (Exhibit D)**
- C. Consideration of Board Endorsement of Community Symposium to Support Public Education** – **MOVED** by Statz, **SECONDED** by Hallquist **to approve** the board endorsement of a community symposium to support public education. This information will be distributed to district staff and place on the district website. **Motion carried, 6-1 with Greer voting no.**

- 10. Continuation of Budget Work Session (as needed)** – There was no continued discussion on the budget.

**MOVED** by Green **SECONDED** by Hallquist **to move into closed session** to discuss MEA negotiations and consideration of discipline for professional staff. **Motion carried unanimously, 7-0 on a roll call vote.**

- 11. **Convene in Closed Session under S.S. 19.85 (1)(b)(e)**
  - A. **Discussion on MEA Negotiations**
  - B. **Consideration of Discipline for Professional Staff**

12. **Reconvene Into Open Session**

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

Mon. 04.11.11 Regular Board Meeting DAC 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Cheryl Janssen, Board Secretary

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Approved by Board President

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Date