

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
MIDLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #7, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON JULY 23, 2007**

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, July 23, 2007, pursuant to due notice given.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Members present were Colvin, Foster, Koehler, Streitmatter, Strong, Leigh and Board President, Steve Jesse

Also present were Superintendent Dean Irlbeck, Principal Sivertsen, Principal Mair, and Principal Albers. Others in attendance included: Chris Schlosser, Mary Kay Bishop, Christie Nelson, Al Monier, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Jesse, Laura Weber, and Terry Giosta.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous vote to modify the agenda by adding the following agenda items: Update of Reciprocal Agreement with Law Enforcement and Update of Banking and Investment Resolutions. The following items were deleted from the agenda or postponed to a later meeting: Darin Blunier FFA Report, Contracting for Natural Gas, and Second Reading of Selected Policies.

Recognition was given to Principal Albers for acquiring a \$10,000 grant for Midland Elementary School to receive software and training for struggling readers. Recognition was also given to the Midland Middle School boys & girls softball teams for participating in the National League in Bloomington.

Principal Dan Mair presented an overview of a Homework Coach & Homework Room Proposal. Principal Mair stated some students need additional instruction and guided practice time to be able to complete homework. He plans to start this program within one to two weeks after school starts.

There will be an ISAT Celebration Party on Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, from 7-10 p.m. This party is for Midland 4<sup>th</sup> thru 9<sup>th</sup> graders and the families to recognize student achievements on last spring's ISAT tests. The party will be held on the field next to the Elementary School.

Motion was made by Colvin and seconded by Foster and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board purchase the program for the Time Clock Plus.

The Board decided unanimously to table the vote for a guaranteed energy provider until action occurs on a bill containing State grants for Geo-Thermal projects.

Motion was made by Pat Strong, seconded by Mark Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Closed Session at 8:35 P.M. for the consideration of student matters, personnel matters, resignations, employment, compensation, and actual and potential litigation.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous vote to reconvene to Open Session at 10:55 P.M.

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda and payment of bills as presented. The Board accepted the resignation of Lynn Jason as volleyball coach & Natalie Ruppert as Special Education teacher at the high school. Hire for the 2007-2008 school year are Lauryl Newell as Social Worker and Linda Urbanowski for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> speech and scholastic bowl coach, Terry Junker as Asst. Softball coach for the

Middle School, Meredith Anderson as cheerleading sponsor, Tracy Cotton as cook at the Elementary School, Gina Ghigli High School Special Ed, Collete Holocker and Lynn Jason's bus drivers for the district.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Strong and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, to approve the wage rates of certain non-certified staff members as recommended by the Finance Committee. The recommendation of the Finance Committee is for an approximate increase of 3.5% for cooks and bus drivers.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the transfer of \$13,700 to help cover transportation costs, from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund in order to use grant funds for the Starting Blocks Programs as specified by grant outlines.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to allow the transportation committee to make the decision on fuel bids received by the District.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, to approve the program for tutoring and homework assistance as outlined by Principal Mair.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, to approve the reciprocal reporting agreement between Law Enforcement Agencies and Midland School District.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board update the investment and banking authorizations for Marshall County State Bank.

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by unanimous roll call vote to narrow the choices to Siemens and Honeywell for our guaranteed energy savings contract providers.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board adjourn at 11:10 P.M. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for August 20, 2007, at 7:00 P.M.