

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,  
MIDLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #7, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2007**

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, pursuant to due notice given.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

Members present were Colvin, Foster, Koehler, Streitmatter, Strong, Leigh and Jesse.

Also present were Superintendent Dean Irlbeck, Principal Sivertsen, Principal Mair, and Principal Albers. Others in attendance included: Terri Davis, Laurie DeSmet, Jackie Smith, Sue Riddell, Diane Crook, Judy Knackstedt, Laura Weber of Honeywell, Briana Giosta, Amy Sloan, Beth Vest, Jim Wunder, Bill Scott, Chris Downey, Cecelia Kimble, Dixie Costley, Pam Barnes, Ed Kirbach, Ray Craig and Terry Giosta. Also present were the District's attorneys, Rick Petisch and Bryan Baird.

Motion was made by Mark Leigh, seconded by Pat Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board modify the original agenda by moving the Superintendent's report to occur after Closed Session. This change would allow the District to confer with the attorneys and to deal with the other items in Closed Session earlier in the meeting.

Jackie Smith addressed the Board on behalf of the teachers of the District regarding a Teacher's Retirement Package. A delegation would like to meet with the Finance Committee to work on a retirement package. This issue will be addressed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Principal Dan Mair spoke with the Board regarding allowing 6<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball.

Principal Julie Albers told the Board that the computer lab is up and running. She also thanked and commended Mike Moutray and Al Monier for all of the long hours they put in to make it possible.

Principal Sivertsen spoke in regards to the grading scale at ICC and the way it would affect our students who are attending classes there. He will have to look into this further. He has also set up a blog site for the high school, and will be setting up a Student Advisory Committee in the near future.

Superintendent, Dean Irlbeck commented that both the District and the high school have met AYP. The AYP numbers are good at both the elementary and middle schools. Mr. Irlbeck then commended the summer maintenance and custodial staff for all of the work that has been completed over the summer.

Terry Giosta spoke and requested permission to address the Board in Closed Session.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, to enter into Closed Session 7:25 P.M. to discuss legal matters, review student suspensions & other individual student matters, personnel matters, resignations and employment.

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 9:31 P.M.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2007 Board Meeting, the Board/District Calendar and task lists, the administrative reports, the payment of bills, resignations and employment. Resignations were accepted from teachers, Chad Fuller and Jackie Fennell, and Katie Osborne, Cheerleading Coach. Betsy Wilkinson and Lisa Lanzrath were employed as teachers. Roger Hefner was employed as High School Volleyball Coach and Gina Ghighi was employed to assist.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board accept the preliminary statement of receipts and expenditures and approve the Preliminary Budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The official Budget Hearing and adoption of the Final Budget was set for September 25, 2007. The Budget Hearing was set for 7:30 P.M. on that date.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board accept the proposal of John's Service and Sales for the maintenance of the heating and cooling units at Midland High School.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that since the construction of a Walk-In Cooler and Freezer at Midland Middle School is a large project, this should be moved forward.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board authorize the High School Principal and the Superintendent to choose the contractor that they would prefer for the Blacktop Repair at the High School since the quotations were essentially the same.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board approve the FFA's annual trip to the National FFA Convention in Indiana on October 23 – 27.

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board issue a Letter of Intent to Honeywell for Performance Contracting.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board approve the increase in the price of the salad bar at Midland High School from \$.15 per oz. to \$.20 per oz.

The next regular Board Meeting is set for September 17, 2007. The Budget Hearing and Adoption Meeting is September 25, 2007. The Policy Meeting is September 6, 2007. The Finance Committee Meeting is set for September 10, 2007. All meetings will be held at Midland High School, starting at 7:00 P.M.