

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
MIDLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #7, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, September 17th, pursuant to due notice given.

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

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

Also present were Superintendent Dean Irlbeck, Principal Sivertsen, Principal Mair, and Principal Albers. Others in attendance included: Terri Davis, Amy Lucas, Kim Arndt and Darin Blunier.

Motion was made by Jenelle Colvin, seconded by Jim Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll vote for the addition of the minutes from the September 6th Policy Committee and September 13th Finance Committee Meetings.

At 7:10 P.M., the Board adjourned to the Ag room to hear a report given by Darin Blunier on the Ag Computer Project. Mr. Blunier demonstrated the use of laptops in his classroom. He stated that the Midland Ag Ed. Dept. used FCAE grant money as well as matching funds from local businesses to build the wireless laptop computer classroom. The Board had pledged to spend up to \$7500 on the project, but through the work of the local agriculture advisory board, the amount was reduced for the school district to \$723.09.

At approximately 7:30 P.M., the Board returned the High School Media Center to hear a presentation given by Amy Lucas and Kim Arndt on the use of laptops in the High School English Program. They also informed the Board of a three- week class that they attended over the summer to promote writing. Mrs. Lucas and Ms. Arndt also addressed the Board regarding technology concerns and suggestions.

Superintendent Irlbeck informed the Board that the District's bleachers have been inspected; but that we do not have the inspection reports back yet. He also stated that we have received the Illinois District Report Card. Board members received a copy of the District Report Card.

Principal Dan Mair told the Board that since he was not able to find anybody for the 7th grade girls' basketball coaching position; he has agreed to let Board member, Jim Foster, assist Kenny Kuehn with the coaching duties. He also stated that Jim Foster is doing this without pay. Principal Mair also reported that he was asked by Laura Poignant if he would be willing to hire a high student to serve as an aide in the severe/profound classroom for a couple hours a day next semester as part of the Co-OP program. He stated although it would be nice to have another staff member to help out, they are not in need of anyone at this time.

Principal Rolf Sivertsen informed the Board that the time clocks are up and running and he plans to utilize the time clocks in the near future. He also stated that Midland will host its first Homecoming Parade at 6:00 P.M. on October 4th. The parade route will be the same as the Old Settler's parade route in Lacon.

The Board entered into Closed Session at 9:23 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 11:00 P.M.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda and payment of bills as presented.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board approve all proposed policies on second reading, except for Policy #5:330 which was recommended for further revision.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board approve the three applications for recognition of schools.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board approve the proposed modification of a previous expulsion resolution for a specific student to allow him to attend the Regional Alternative School.

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the District not repair or replace obsolete freezing and cooling units at a substantial cost and that the Board approve the three proposed projects to construct a walk-in freezer and a walk-in cooler at Midland Middle School.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a dishwasher hood and venting for the Middle School.

The next regular Board Meeting is set for October 22, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. The Budget Hearing and Adoption Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. with the Building and Grounds Committee meeting directly after. All meetings will be held in the Media Center at Midland High School.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board adjourn at 11:15 P.M.