

**UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION,
MIDLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #7, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

AUGUST 18, 2008

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on August 18th, 2008, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M. by vice-president, Pat Strong.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Colvin, Leigh, Strong, Streitmatter, Foster and Koehler. Jesse arrived at 7:05 P.M.

Also present were Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen, Principal Dan Mair, Principal Julie Albers, Principal Peg Frey and Recording Secretary, Terri Davis.

VISITORS

Visitors were Jackie Smith, Donna Thompson, Carol Dubois, Sue Snow, Ray Miser, Sue Riddell, Amy Sloan, Terry Giosta, Gary Smith, Laura Poignant and Mark Reinken.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented with the addition of an invoice submitted by Whitt Law.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen read the Board Policy on public comment before the floor was opened for public comment. Donna Thompson addressed the Board on behalf of Midland Elementary Aides regarding the elimination of stipends for the teacher's aides. She asked the Board to reconsider their decision.

Ray Meismer, representing the River Valley Falcon Booster Club, addressed the Board on the addition of lights to the football field. He stated that he had two bids, one from TNT Electric of Lacon, and one from Midwest Underground Tech. in Champaign, IL. Mr. Meismer stated that the Booster Club will contribute \$5,000 toward the costs of the lights.

COMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Sivertsen commended all three principals on the outstanding job they did at the Teacher In-Service. He also commended Principal Albers on receiving the \$60,000 Preschool For All Grant as well as having her elementary team chosen once again to present at the statewide conference.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

In his report, Superintendent Sivertsen informed the Board that all three vehicles have been sold. Blazer, \$2,000, Bus \$1,000 and Van \$300. He also stated that all positions have been filled.

He then introduced Mark Reinken, from Ginoli & Company who spoke briefly on the Auditor's Report. He stated that District is currently in good financial condition.

Principal Sivertsen stated to the Board that State Aid for the 2008/2009 school Year would be down by approximately \$100,000 and Federal Aid would be down by approximately \$20,000. Board Member Karl Koehler stated that after the payments are made to Honeywell for the Middle School improvements, the District would not be in as good of financial condition as it is now.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In her report, Principal Albers spoke briefly on Raising Student Achievement, and about her elementary team being selected to present once again at the Statewide conference.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In her report, Principal, Peg Frey spoke briefly on the implementation of the 8th grade Algebra and 7th grade Advanced Math classes. She also discussed the ISAT Testing scores.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Laura Poignant, guidance counselor, addressed the Board on the request of Principal Dan Mair regarding Career Counseling.

In his report, Principal Dan Mair informed the Board that the Prairie State results were in and they showed the Reading and Science scores to be up slightly, and the math scores were down slightly. He stated that with the changes that have been made this year in curriculum, he expect to see those scores go up over the next several years.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Streitmatter and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session at 8:15 PM for discussion of employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees, student discipline, litigation and/or negotiations.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This included the Minutes of July 21, 2008 (Regular Board Meeting), August 12, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting, Bills and Payroll, resignation of Kim Arndt and Review of Suspensions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION
ITEMS

There was no action from closed session.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Strong, to approve the transfer of \$1,111,500 from Working Cash Fund to the Education Fund to compensate Honeywell for Midland Middle School renovation. Strong, Koehler, Foster, Colvin, Leigh and Jesse all voted yes. Streitmatter voted no. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for the transfer of \$50,000 from the Transportation Fund to the O&M Fund to compensate Honeywell for Midland Middle School renovation.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the transfer of \$1,111,500 from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to compensate Honeywell for Midland Middle School renovation.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to authorize the transfer of \$50,000 from O&M Fund to Capital Projects Fund to compensate Honeywell for Midland Middle School renovation.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote accept the fuel bid submitted by Ag View FS.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to accept the bid from Henry Chevrolet for the lease of the Driver's Ed car.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for the employment of Brittany Kelly as a part-time 2 hour a day cafeteria worker at the elementary school.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for the employment of Tony Galindo as Head Custodian at the middle school.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for the employment of John Kargol as part-time custodian at the high school.

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for employment of Eric Shay as high school English instructor.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call for employment of Dianne Derrick as Media Service Specialist for the District.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for approval of the contract for Speech Pathology Contractual Services.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for employment of Ed Kirbach as 7th and 8th grade Head Volleyball Coach; and Bill Scott as Assistant Volleyball Coach.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for the purchase of an 8 passenger van from Heller Ford; and also for the purchase of a subcompact car from Henry Chevrolet.

The purchase of a High School Phone System was tabled.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

August 25, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – Finance Meeting; September 6, 2008 – 7:30 A.M. – Board Professional Development Meeting; September 15, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 P.M.

Board President

Board Secretary