

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

JULY 21, 2008

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on Monday, July 21st, 2008, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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, Kelly Fenoglia, Bill Sondag, Martin Getty, Brian Bare, Rick Petesch, Gloria Giosta, Iona Giosta and Rachel Giosta.

APPROVE AGENDA

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS

In his report, Superintendent Sivertsen informed the Board that he has been working with the attorneys on the establishment of the Tort Fund and the correct procedure to transfer money into the TORT Fund.

He also stated that the high school phone system was hit by lightening this past week. As a result, the phones were out for two days. Fortunately, Mike Moutray was able to repair the NBX box. Superintendent Sivertsen stated that he is currently seeking proposals for a new phone system.

All position are filled with the exception of the librarian. We are still in need of a night custodian at the high school and a head custodian for the middle school.

Martin Getty, a representative from Gatekeeper Third Party Administrator (403b), addressed the Board on the benefits of hiring a Third Party Administrator to handle the 403b plan.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In her report, Principal Albers congratulated Chris Downey, who received a \$2500 grant from the Illinois Reading Council to help with a project that will bring an Illinois children's book author to the grade school for two visits and an evening parent program. She also stated that she received notification that the elementary school has received a grant from CSC Learning/Infinitec for a Math Intervention Technology Leadership Grant. The value of the grant is approximately \$10,000. Ms Albers also reported that there are currently 17 students on the preschool waiting list.

MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In her report, Principal, Peg Frey gave updates on the renovations that are taking place at the middle school. The 7/8 Wing will not be complete by the start of school so teachers have been informed and assignments for temporary classrooms have been made. She also stated that letters have been sent out to inform parents of the new law requiring physicals before a student enters the sixth grade.

HIGH SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

In his report, Principal Dan Mair gave his recommendation for hiring Elisa Wiedeman for Art and John Hansen for Band. At present, he has not been able to find a qualified Library/Media Specialist. The position has been posted on the state board site as well as at Dominican University and the University of Illinois. He also stated that he would like to require that all students have a signed consent for drug testing on file by the start of the school year or they will not be able to participate in extracurricular activities.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Foster and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session at 7:44 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 Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented. This included the Minutes of June 16, 2008 (Regular Board Meeting); Bills and Payroll, the resignation of Christie Nelson as custodian, Notice of Meetings, Budget Hearing Date, Contract with BMS Speech Services for the 08/09 school year, Review of Suspensions, and Review of District Goals.

DISCUSSION/ACTION
ITEMS

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Board transfer fund from working cash to establish fund 80 – Tort.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board employ Elisa Wiedeman as the high school and middle school art teacher.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board employ John Hansen as high school and middle school band teacher.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote that the Board employ Mallory Lindstrom as elementary school ECE teacher for the 08/09 school year.

The acceptance of a fuel bid has been tabled until the August 08 board meeting.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ Gatekeeper Administration and Consulting as the Third Party Administrator of the 403b plan.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a resolution for the sale of personal property.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to add another section of preschool.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

August 12, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – Finance Meeting; August 18, 2008 – 7:00 P.M. – Regular Board Meeting; September 6, 2008 – 7:30 A.M. – Board Professional Development Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M.

Board President

Board Secretary