

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

JUNE 15, 2009

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on June 15, 2009, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. by Board President, Steve Jesse.

ROLL CALL

Members present were Colvin, Poignant, Koehler, Leigh, Foster and Jesse. Absent: Streitmatter was absent. Poignant left the meeting at 8:40 due to illness.

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

VISITORS

Visitors included Jeff & Stephanie Gilkerson, J.J. Gilkerson, Amy Ziegler, Zach Ziegler, and Melissa Kovach.

PUBLIC HEARING  
ON FYO9 BUDGET  
AMENDMENT

Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen gave a presentation on the FY 09 Budget amendment.

Motion was made by Leigh and seconded by Poignant to adjourn the Public Hearing at 7:09. This was carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Foster, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for approval of the agenda as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melissa Kovach presented the Board a signed petition asking them to reconsider their decision regarding the termination of elementary P.E. teacher, Kyle Anderson.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Poignant, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Closed Session at 7:11 p.m. for student discipline, litigation, employment appointment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees.

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to reconvene to open session at 8:20 p.m.

ACTION FROM  
CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to terminate the employment of employee #807.

END OF YEAR REPORT

Administration completed a power point presentation on their End Of Year Report which included the accelerated math class at the middle school, professional development, integrated researched based on curriculum strategies, literacy and curriculum mapping.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sivertsen stated that bills this month were \$142,054.54, taxes \$49,128 and payroll \$135,975.88. He stated that next year's tentative budget is complete and he is anticipating a deficit of \$390,000.

Mr. Sivertsen also informed the Board that the district's insurance carrier required placement of 12-14" material under the corkscrew slide at the elementary playground. As a result, the district had to have all existing material excavated and replaced with a material that would not composite. The wood chips were replaced with ¼" rock chips. This was approved by the insurance carrier. We also need to install a gas shutoff in the High School Home Economics room.

Superintendent Sivertsen stated that the growth of the middle school students enrolled in the Algebra 1 course has been substantial.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

Principal Dan Mair stated that Jeremy Gauwitz and Beth Rock are the new sponsors for the 2010 trip to New York. The next trip will be in 3 years and will be opened to sophomores and then they would like to eventually make the trip every 4 years instead of 2.

Principal Julie Albers informed the Board that she will be participating in an ISBE Webinar on writing NCLB grants with AARA money. She also stated that BMP will be hosting a grant writing workshop on June 29<sup>th</sup> which she will be attending. She stated that the anticipated enrollment for the 09/10 kindergarten class could be as much as 80 students.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made Leigh, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included minutes from the May 18, 2009 Special Board Meeting; approval of bills and payroll; resignations from Amy Nofsinger as speech coach, and Bernadette Bennett, special education teacher at the elementary school; and review of suspensions. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –  
DISCUSSION/ACTION  
ITEMS

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ High School English teacher, Matt Butcher, as High School Head Volleyball Coach. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent. Matt has served as a volleyball coach while employed in Alaska.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to establish registration dates for the 09-10 school year. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent. The dates will be July 28, 2009 - 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and July 29, 2009, 2 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a prevailing wage resolution. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve for approval of the independent speech contract of Melissa Grandsart. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt the proposal of option “A” for a gas contract. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the health insurance renewal. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent. Increase to the district is 3%, overall increase is 13%.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve Worker’s Compensation and Property Casualty Insurance Renewal. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent. This is an increase of about 11% due to workmen’s comp. claims. The umbrella amount was also increased.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve 09-10 IHSA membership. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the 09-10 IASB membership. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to permanently abate the \$1,115,000 proceeds of working cash bonds. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a resolution to loan \$35,000 to tort from working cash fund. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent. This loan is to pay liability insurance to be paid back in 3 years.

Motion was made by Jesse, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to renew the contract with Ginoli & Co. to serve as district auditors for FY 09. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the overnight high school cheerleading camp at SIU. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt FY 10 Tentative Budget as presented. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Foster, to establish a high school wrestling program. Leigh, Foster, Koehler and Colvin voted yes. Jesse voted no. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve a fixed rate investment plan. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent. \$250,000 will be invested in Marshall County State Bank and Morton Community Bank for a period of 6 months. \$250,000 will be invested for 9 months at the State Bank of Speer, and \$250,000 will be invested for 12 months at the First National Bank of Lacon.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to Approve the FY 09 Amended Budget. Streitmatter and Poignant were absent.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Jesse, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn at 9:47 P.M.

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Board President

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Board Secretary