

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

- JANUARY 19, 2010      The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on January 19, 2010, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Board President, Steve Jesse.
- ROLL CALL              Board Members present were: Foster, Colvin, Leigh, Streitmatter, Koehler, Poignant and Jesse. Also present was Rolf Sivertsen, Dan Mair, Julie Albers, Peg Frey and Terri Davis.
- VISITORS                Rachael Baker-Christophel, Bill Sondag, Terry Giosta, Emily Bogner, Cheyenne Kargol, Missy Herridge, Liz Koehler, Darin Blunier, Mark Girone, James Dunphy, Gary Smith, Carlie Toepper, Gloria Giosta, Joyce, Scholl, Carrie Hattan, Diana Williamson, Drew Herridge, Silver Mitchel, Drew Herridge, Hans Vik and Rachel Giosta.
- APPROVAL  
OF AGENDA              Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Poignant and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the agenda as presented with no additions or deletions.
- PUBLIC  
COMMENT                Terry Giosta addressed the board questioning the contents of the envelopes that were handed out to the administration after the December 21, 2009 board meeting. Board president, Steve Jesse, informed Giosta that they contained gift cards to a local restaurant that the board members purchased as a holiday gift for the administrators with their own money.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S  
REPORT                 Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen informed the Board that overall the District is about 2% under budget. Mr. Sivertsen also stated that since locking in rates with the Illinois Energy Consortium, the natural gas cost for the District has been reduced by about 50%. He also stated that he is currently working on a school construction grant application.
- PRINCIPALS'  
REPORTS                High principal, Dan Mair, introduced members of the Marshall Putnam Soil and Water Conversation District who presented Rachael Baker-Christophel with the Marshall Putnam Soil and Water Conversation 2010 Teacher of the Year Award. Principal Mair then introduced high school teacher, Darin Blunier who in turn introduced his Ag Issues Team. The students gave a very informative presentation on Organic Food Production.

Mr. Mair also stated that he spoke to Ken Fitzpatrick at IDOT regarding getting a no passing zone made in front of the school and was informed that they cannot make a No Passing Zone arbitrarily.

Middle School Principal, Peg Frey reminded the Board of a Spaghetti Supper that will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup> to benefit the middle school girls' basketball team.

CONSENT  
AGENDA

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. This included minutes from December 21, 2009 Board Meeting, minutes from the - December 21, 2009 Truth-In-Taxation Hearing, approval of bills, payroll, resignation of Mike Siwinski as High School Wrestling Coach and review of suspensions.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED  
SESSION

Motion was made by Poignant, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session at 7:46 P.M. for appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees and possible future or impending litigation.

RECONVENE TO  
OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Leigh and carried by a unanimous roll vote to reconvene to open session at 8:30 P.M.

ACTION FROM  
CLOSED SESSION

None.

NEW BUSINESS -  
DISCUSSION AND  
ACTION ITEMS

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Foster and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for approval of the first reading of selected policies 2:250.

Motion was made by Colvin seconded by Koehler and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the FY10 seniority list.

Item # 1-19-10-03, Placement of High School Social Studies textbooks on display for 30 days was tabled.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll vote for approval of the economic interest letter.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Poignant and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve Superintendent Sivertsen to prepare the FY 11 budget.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Streitmatter and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ Annette Monge as a sign language interpreter.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Poignant and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Curriculum Guide for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Streitmatter and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ Jeff Gilkerson as High School Wrestling Coach.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn at 8:37 P.M.

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Board President

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Board Secretary