

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

MARCH 23, 2009

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on March 23, 2009, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Board President, Steve Jesse.

ROLL CALL

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

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

VISITORS

Visitors included Amy Sloan, Molly LeQuia, Terry Giosta, Deb Breen, LeAnne Morrissey, Jackie Smith, Amy Lucas, Betsy Wilkinson, Tanner Strong, Aimee Judd, Ernie Mansfield, Gloria Giosta, John Wier, Diane Wier, Sarah Marshall, Brad Nelson, Hans Vik and Joshua Wier.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –
ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Strong and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for the approval of the agenda as presented with the following changes. Action item n. 03-23-2009-14 was pulled and closed session will moved up on the agenda (after old business and before new business) as requested by Mark Leigh.

PUBLIC COMMENT

LeAnne Morrissey, representing Midland Elementary Staff, addressed the Board regarding the importance of keeping the position of the school social worker from being eliminated.

Terry Giosta, addressed the Board regarding Student Records Act, staff and the budget.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen discussed the district’s finances. He stated that bills this month are \$126,797.38 and payroll, TRS, IMRF and taxes are \$392,765. He stated that he has reduced the liquidity rate from 1.4 million to 1.1 million. The 300k was moved into fixed assets. Mr. Sivertsen introduced Ernie Mansfield with MidAmerican who spoke regarding the energy consortium and the renewal of the MidAmerican Energy Contract. Superintendent Sivertsen stated that he will be conducting another Focus Group Meeting at Midland Middle School on March 27th and will finish with the High School.

Amy Lucas was present with several of her students who gave a presentation of a High School English Project.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

Principals Dan Mair and Julie Albers both spoke regarding the Summer School Proposal. Mr. Mair stated that summer school for the High School will offer only English. It will be 20 days

long beginning June through July, Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Mair congratulated the WY.S.E. Team for their performance at Bradley University on March 12th. He stated that two students, Andrew Schoepke and Joel Braun, were advancing to the state competition at the U of I.

Principal Albers stated she anticipates the class size for the 09-10 kindergarten class to be approximately 60-65 students.

Principal Peg Frey addressed the Board regarding RTI which she states is working.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made Leigh, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which included minutes from the February 18, 2009 Special Board Meeting and the March 5, 2009 Finance Committee Meeting, approval of bills and payroll; review of suspensions and the resignations of a High School Custodian and a High School Math Teacher.

OLD BUSINESS

Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen stated that Donna McCaw is planning on doing the audit the week of the 20th or 27th. He discussed the progress of the District Strategic Plan. When all data has been gathered stakeholders will develop goals and objectives and discuss them with the Board and then plan on wrapping everything up in May or June. When completed he will pull all the information together and write the Strategic Plan.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Streitmatter and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Closed Session at 9:04 p.m. for appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees and possible future or impending litigation. The Board reconvened to Open Session at 10:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Strong and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the amended calendar with school code allowing use of a P/T Conference Day as an attendance, pushing back by one day the end of school next year.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve textbooks for FY 10.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ Katie Bogner as 5/6 Volleyball Coach for FY 09 ONLY.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Leigh and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the FY 10 Deficit Reduction Plan.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adoption a resolution authorizing Notices of Decision Not to Re-employ Certified Instructional Staff.

Motion was made by Steitmatter, seconded by Koehler and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a resolution authorizing Notices of Honorable Dismissal of a Classroom Aide.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Koehler and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a resolution authorizing Notices of Honorable Dismissal of a Clerical Employee.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a resolution authorizing Notices of Reduction of Position of Food Service Personnel.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Leigh and carried by a unanimous vote to adopt a resolution authorizing termination of supervisory positions.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Koehler and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt a resolution directing the Superintendent to Develop FY 10 Budget.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the request for use of the High School Gym for a Summer Travel Basketball Program with conditions.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for approval of an extended school year for Midland Elementary Special Education Students.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Leigh and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to the Jump Start Elementary Summer School Program.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Strong and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the renewal of the MidAmerican Energy Contract.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

April 20, 2009 – 7:00 P.M. Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Board President

Board Secretary