

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

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2008**

The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on September 15, 2008, 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 Jesse, Colvin, Leigh, Strong, Streitmatter, Foster and Koehler

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, Diane Crook, Betsy Wilkinson, Megan and Jay Drake, Amy Nofsinger, Sara Braun, Mary Strong, Tanner Strong, Tammy Nelson, Beth Rock, Gary and Stacy Schoepke, Heather Graham, Amiee Judd, Kayla Scovil, Blaine Adams and Stephanie Gilkerson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Superintendent Rolf Sivertsen read the Board Policy on public comment before the floor was opened for public comment. Amy Nofsinger addressed the Board on behalf of a group of Midland parents who are concerned about the contents of the books that were chosen for the Literary Circle. Former Midland School Board Member Sara Braun also addressed the Board regarding the Literary Circle books. She also read excerpts from a few of the books that she felt to be inappropriate. Board President, Steve Jesse thanked both ladies for coming and stated that the Board was in the process of adopting a policy that would address this matter.

**COMMENDATIONS**

Principal Dan Mair commended Al Monier for his dedication to the District over the past years.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS**

In his report, Superintendent Sivertsen spoke regarding Strategic Planning and goals of the District. He also stated that he would recommend the Peru Evaluation Instrument for the superintendent and principal's evaluations.

Superintendent Sivertsen also gave a presentation on the 2008/2009 Budget at the request of Board President, Steve Jesse.

**HIGH SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

In his report, Principal Dan Mair spoke regarding Curriculum Maps. There was a brief discussion amongst the board members and principals regarding curriculum mapping.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

In her report, Principal Albers spoke regarding the congestion around the elementary school at dismissal time which makes it more difficult for the bus drivers to maneuver the busses with vehicles being parked on both sides of the street. She stated that she has spoken to Lacon Chief of Police, Troi Palm, and he will bring this to the attention of the Lacon City Council and try to come up with a solution.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to enter into closed session at 8:00 PM for Appointment, employment, compensation, performance, or dismissal of employees, student discipline, litigation and/or negotiations.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote, that the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented with modifications. This included the Minutes of August 25, 2008 (Regular Board Meeting), September 6, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting, approval of Bills and Payroll, Resignations, and Selection of Superintendent's Evaluation Instrument.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION  
ITEMS**

There was no action from closed session.

Motion was made by Colvin, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the speech services contract for Melissa Grandsart that was discussed last month.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Leigh, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve yearly trip by Ag students to National FFA Convention

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the service contract with John's Service for the high school.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote for first reading for a policy to adopt curriculum and literature.

The meeting date for the policy committee was set for Monday, September 22, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. in the High School Media Center to review policies regarding vehicle usage, insurance and vacations.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Streitmatter, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to apply to the state board for Recognition of Schools.

Motion was made by Strong, seconded by Colvin, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt the FY09 budget.

Motion was made by Koehler, seconded by Foster, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to adopt the resolution establishing the 403 b program.

Motion was made by Streitmatter, seconded by Strong, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ Emery Richardson as High School Instructional Aide.

Motion was made by Leigh, seconded by Koehler, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to employ Gwen Balensiefen as Elementary School Instructional Aide.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

September, 22, 2008 – 6:00 P.M. Policy Committee Meeting; October 20, 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 9:37 P.M.

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Board President

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Board Secretary