

Board of Education - Regular Meeting
816 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo, IL 60152
January 23, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Marengo-Union CSD 165, McHenry County, Illinois, was called to order by President, Greg Wright at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 in Room 10, 816 E. Grant Highway, Marengo, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Lesley Pace, Barb Dochterman, Matt Erbstoesser, John Wrostek and Greg Wright. Rick Czepczynski joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Member, Jude Castro was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Wright

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

7.13 Evergreen Campus

7.14 Hunger Free Student Act

COMMUNICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Greg Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting.

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Alyssa Fiesser gave an informative presentation on the upcoming new district website. In addition, she discussed Raptor, a new system that the district will begin using to securely check anyone entering the schools and Yellow Folder, a system of electronically keeping old records.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Damisch reported on the following:

Supplemental Tax Levy: Each year the board needs to approve the Supplemental Tax Levy for the Working Cash Bond, which is a requirement since it is outside of the tax cap.

2019 ISBE Financial Profile: Our District again received a rating of 4 which is the highest bond rating that a district may receive.

Registration Fees: Recommendation was to keep fees the same for Kindergarten – 8th grade with the exception of waiving the band and choir fee and giving students a grade.

Pre-School Fee: Recommendation to charge a daily fee of \$15.00 for all-day pre-school as the District lost funding for 20 seats of this program. The district provides bus service, lunch and snacks.

FY-20 Budget: Board authorization needed for Superintendent Damisch to begin FY-20 budget.

Summer Building Projects: Discussion of upcoming summer building projects.

FOIA: One FOIA that was complied with.

Mid-Year Financial Report: Presentation on the overall summary of revenues and expenditures, fund balances, and state payments.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT CONT’D

Bus Purchase: Recommendation to go out to bid for the purchase of 3 new busses with stop-arm cameras retro-fit on each bus.

Thor Guard: A request to look into the cost of installing a Thor Guard at Locust School, which is a lightning prediction and warning system that continuously monitors atmospheric electrical activity.

School Calendar: Board approval needed for the 2019-2020 school calendar.

Personnel Report: Hire Tara Weidner to School Nurse, hire: Deb Pfeiffer to Sporting Events Ticket Taker.

BOARD DISUSSION

Board Policy Update – 1st Reading

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Lesley Pace and seconded by Rick Czepczynski to approve the Consent Agenda Items. In a roll call vote members voting aye: Barb Dochterman, Matt Erbstoesser, Rick Czepczynski, John Wyrstek, Lesley Pace and Greg Wright. Member Absent: Jude Castro

- *President, Greg Wright read aloud: “Approve Resolution authorizing a supplemental tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the District.*
- *Secretary, Matt Erbstoesser read aloud: “Resolution authorizing a supplemental tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding limited bonds of Marengo-Union Elementary Consolidated School District #165, McHenry County, Illinois*
- Minutes of the December 19, 2018 Regular Session (No Executive Session).
- December, 2018 Treasurer’s Report, January, 2019, Accounts Payable and February, 2019 Payroll.
- 2019-2020 School Registration Fees: Early Childhood Education: \$85.00, Kindergarten-8th Grade: \$175.00, Sports: \$100.00
Clubs - Scholastic Bowl: \$50.00, Student Council: \$50.00, Year Book: \$50.00
Band: No Fee, Choir: No Fee
- Superintendent Damisch to begin FY-20 Budget.
- Bleachers at a cost of \$49,378
- School Calendar 2019-2020
- Personnel Report

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Lesley Pace and seconded by Matt Erbstoesser to enter into closed session for the appointment, employment, resignation, compensation, discipline, negotiations, and performance of staff and litigation. In a roll call vote members voting aye: John Wyrstek, Lesley Pace, Matt Erbstoesser, Barb Dochterman, Rick Czepczynski and Greg Wright. Member Absent: Jude Castro.

Motion carried. Time: 8:38 p.m.

Closed Session Started: 8:38 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Lesley Pace and seconded by Barb Dochterman to return to open session. In a roll call vote members voting aye: John Wyrstek, Matt Erbstoesser, Lesley Pace, Barb Dochterman, Rick Czepczynski and Greg Wright. Member Absent: Jude Castro
Motion carried.

Time: 9:10 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

No Action Items

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Lesley Pace moved seconded by Barb Dochterman the motion carried unanimously, and at 9:10 p.m. President, Greg Wright declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

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