

Board of Education - Regular Meeting
816 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo, IL 60152
October 24, 2017

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 Tuesday, October 24, 2017 in Room 10, 816 E. Grant Highway, Marengo, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Matt Erbstoesser, Rick Czepczynski, Barb Dochterman, Jude Castro and Greg Wright.
Member Absent: Lesley Pace

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Wright.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

No additional agenda items.

COMMUNICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Greg Wright recognized MCMS science teacher, Kathy Sroka who received certification to teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.) STEM encompasses a vast area of subjects which include aerospace, engineering, astrophysics, computer science, mathematical biology, and robotics, among many others.

CITIZEN'S FORUM

None

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Cheri Heinz, Principal of Grant Intermediate – Mrs. Heinz gave an informational report on Grant Intermediate programs: PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program and PAWS - Positive Attitude, Are Responsible, Work for Success, and Show Respect. Mrs. Heinz also discussed Grant Grizzly Days for all 4th and 5th grade students, this was a day for teamwork building, classroom community, and fun.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Damisch reported on the following:
Tax Levy: Board approval to adopt the Tax Levy.

Nicor Easement: Nicor has asked for a slight easement on MCMS property to run new gas line to the high school bus garage. With the installation of the new meter, the high school will be billed directly for their natural gas usage.

Annual Statement of Affairs: Annual Statement of Affairs to be published in the newspaper each year.

M.A.S.E.F. Donation: The district received a check in the amount of \$16,871.46 from M.A.S.E.F. (Marengo Area Schools Education Fund). The money will be used for a communication system for our parents who do not speak English and to replace surface tablets in 1st grade.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONT'D

Holiday Luncheon: Recommendation of a staff holiday luncheon to be held in December.

Annual Recognition of Schools: The Illinois State Board of Education released the Annual Recognition of Schools report. District 165 received full recognition-meeting the requirement imposed by law, including the requirements established by the State Board.

First Quarter Financial Statement: Expenditures are in-line with salaries and benefits running slightly below the 25% threshold. CPPRT (Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax) is down a bit from last year due to the payback. There is still the unfunded and underfunded TRS pension problem, that at some point the liability will be transferred back to the local districts and onto the tax payers.

FOIA: Three FOIA's this month, all have been complied with.

Illinois School Report Card: Illinois School Report Cards have been posted on the District/Locust/Grant/MCMS websites.

Evidence Based Funding: The Illinois State Board of Education is currently verifying data needed to calculate school districts' 2018 state payments enacted in Senate Bill 1974. Superintendent Damisch is currently attending workshops to learn more about the new funding model.

Memorandum of Understanding: Non-Certified contract to increase pay for the lunchroom aide.

Superintendent Goals: Discussed Superintendent goals.

Personnel Report – Resignation: Melissa Cerqua-lunch aide, Meghan Johnson-Special Ed teacher, hire: Facunda Jaramillo-lunch aide/MCMS, Deb Pfeiffer-breakfast aide/Locust, reassignment: Jonathan Dorris- lunch aide/custodian/Locust.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Board Policy – 1st Reading

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Motion carried.

- Minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular and Executive session.
- September Treasurer's Report, November Payroll and October, 2017 accounts payables.
- Resolution to approve aggregate tax levy on 2017 property tax assessments, which is less than 105% of the amount of property taxes extended for the final aggregate levy in the preceding year.
- Resolution authorizing Certificate of Levy.
- Nicor Easement

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS CONTINUED

- Annual Statement of Affairs
- Accept donation from M.A.S.E.F. in the amount of \$16,871.46
- Recognition of Schools
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Personnel Report

CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business at this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Jude Castro moved seconded by Matt Erbstoesser the motion carried unanimously, and at 8:20 p.m. President, Greg Wright declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

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