

Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
816 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo, IL 60152  
March 21, 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 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 in Room 10, 816 E. Grant Highway, Marengo, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Matt Erbstoesser, Jude Castro, Lesley Pace and Greg Wright. Members absent: John Wyrostek, Rick Czepczynski and Megan Lopez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Wright.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

7.0 Fund Raiser

**COMMUNICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Greg Wright welcomed all in attendance.

**CITIZEN'S FORUM**

None

**LEADERSHIP REPORT**

No Leadership Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Damisch reported on the following

1. Bus Bid/Purchase: Purchase of a 2<sup>nd</sup> school bus which will be delivered August 1, 2017 in the amount of \$84,986.00 from Midwest Transit. The cost of the bus is about \$20,000 less than expected due to the district paying cash and Midwest Transit wanting to move out this year's stock. Seat belts on buses is a topic of discussion regarding the requirement of seat belts in another two to three years. Any buses currently in the district would be grandfathered but seat belts may be required in new bus purchases in another two to three years.
2. Phase III-Window Replacement: There was only one bid submitted by Carmichael Construction in the amount of \$158,800.00 which is quite a bit less than what was anticipated the cost for this phase of window replacements would be.
3. Milk Products: There was only one bid submitted by our current vendor, Schuring and Schuring, for milk product purchases for school year 2017-2018. There was minimal increase To costs for 1% milk, skim milk, chocolate milk and 2% gallons.
4. FOIA: There was one FOIA in which we complied.
5. Medical Insurance Rates: Our medical insurance renewal plan year begins July 1, 2017. PPO premiums will increase by 6.5% and HMO premiums went down by 1.91%. It is a stable insurance environment due to the district integrating into the co-op.

6. Revenue Update: The state of Illinois has made two payments that we should have received last year, but to date, they have not made many of the categorical payments. We budgeted very low on state payments in view of the current state of our state. On a better note, the district received some unexpected revenue from past ERATE and DECO money. We are currently at 62% overall in expenditures versus 66% from last year. The district is in a good financial position and will finish this fiscal year ahead.
7. Staffing Update: The board was given a breakdown of staffing for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. Personnel Report: Accept resignations from Sam Meier, Shannon Savino and Kirsten Van Hoorn. Hire Shannon Heimsoth to kindergarten teacher for 17/18 school year. Hire Jump Start teachers/paraprofessionals and summer custodians.
9. Lease Agreement-Evergreen: Safe Schools to lease Evergreen School for one more year.
10. Fundraiser: Discussion of possible fund raiser for local high school student.

### **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: Lesley Pace, Matt Erbstoesser, Jude Castro and Greg Wright. Members absent: John Wyrostek, Rick Czepczynski and Megan Lopez

- Minutes of the February 28, 2017 Regular and Executive Session
- March Treasurers Report, March Accounts Payables and April Payroll
- Resolution for bus purchase from Midwest Transit Equipment with a sale price of \$84,986.00 to be delivered August 1, 2017.
- Resolution approving Carmichael Construction for Phase III window replacement in the amount of \$158,800.00.
- Resolution approving Schuring and Schuring as milk vendor for the 2017-2018 school year.
- Personnel Report
- FY-18 Lease Agreement of Evergreen School with McHenry County Regional Office/Regional Safe School Program

### **CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Jude Castro and seconded by Lesley Pace 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: Lesley Pace, Matt Erbstoesser, Jude Castro and Greg Wright. Members absent: John Wyrostek, Rick Czepczynski and Megan Lopez. Motion carried. Time: 7:46 p.m.  
Closed Session started at 7:49 p.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

Time 9:07 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was by Jude Castro and seconded by Matt Erbstoesser to approve the Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel. In a roll call vote members voting aye: Lesley Pace, Matt Erbstoesser, Jude Castro and Greg Wright. Members absent: John Wyrstek, Megan Lopez and Rick Czepczynski. Motion carried.

**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 9:09 p.m. President, Greg Wright declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

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