

Board of Education - Regular Meeting
816 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo, IL 60152
May 23, 2018

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 7:03 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, 2018 in Room 10, 816 E. Grant Highway, Marengo, Illinois.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present and responded to roll call: Rick Czepczynski, Jude Castro, John Wyrstek, Barb Dochterman, Matt Erbstoesser and Greg Wright
Lesley Pace joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

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 welcomed everyone to the meeting

LEADERSHIP REPORT

Cheri Heinz, Special Education Director & Principal of Grant Intermediate gave an informative presentation on the District's Special Education Services. She discussed the continuum of services which includes but is not limited to co-taught ELA and Math, Early Childhood Education, Life Skills, Adopted PE, Speech, OT, PT, Social Work and Hearing Itinerant.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Damisch reported on the following:

Appointment of Treasurer: Sue Rice-Maurer to be appointed at School Treasurer by the board.

Moody Report: The District was upgraded from an A1 to an Aa3, this speaks volumes to how well the district has provided sound and prudent financials decision making. The summary from Moody's stated the District has a strong financial profile characterized by healthy reserve levels. Additionally, the district has a moderately sized tax base that continues to recover following major declines, and low debt and pension burdens. This reflects Sue's Maurer's hard work and kudos go to her for her Narrative and Moody interview.

Breakfast-Lunch-Milk Fees: Lunch fees will increase by ten cents to \$2.80, there will be no change in breakfast (\$1.50) or milk (.50) fees.

Bus Purchase: The District went out to public bid for the purchase of another bus.

Student-Parent Handbook: Rick Czepczynski, part of the handbook committee assisted in the updating of the 2018-2019 Handbook, this will need board approval.

District Title I Plan: The District Title I plan needs to be reviewed on an annual basis. An informative power-point including actual grant narratives was shared with the Board. This is a new requirement of Every Student Succeeds Act.

Summer Maintenance Projects: Three quotes for asbestos removal were given to the Board, with the project taking place in late June or early July. The recommendation was Cove as they were the lowest quote.

County Board Meeting: The Board was given correspondence from Jack Franks inviting a selected group of school districts to a special meeting regarding an 11% school tax reduction, along with a response that was sent to Mr. Franks from all school superintendents. Superintendent Damisch gave a very informative power-point presentation on this issue and also reiterated that the county has no authority over schools, it is the job of the Board of Education.

FOIA: There were two FOIA's, both of which were complied with.

Board Meeting Schedule July, 2018 through June, 2019: Board approval needed for the new board meeting schedule which will be held on Wednesdays throughout this new Fiscal Year.

Extracurricular Activities: 1st reading for new language in Board Policy allowing us to co-op with Zion and Riley for girls' softball.

Personnel Report: Elizabeth Sheriff-medical leave 10/26/18 through 12/21/18, Jennifer Bakley-Long Term Sub for Elizabeth Sheriff, Kathy Sroka-2018-2019 Student Council Advisor, Deb Evans-Long Term Sub for Michelle Currier, Kenda Martin-Student Data Base 2.75 hrs. per day/232 days per year, Alexandra Hultine-Hire 5th grade teacher & 8th grade girls' basketball head coach for 2018-2019 school year, Olivia Creasy-Hire Paraprofessional MCMS and Lunchroom Supervisor-Ticket/Taker Grant MCMS beginning 2018-2019 school year, Dwain Nance-Hire to asst. coach/girls' softball.

BOARD DISCUSSION

No Board Discussion

CONSENT AGENDA

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, Barb Dochterman, John Wrostek, Rick Czepczynski, Matt Erbstoesser, Jude Castro and Greg Wright.

- Minutes of the April 25, 2018 Regular Session (No Executive Session)
- April, 2018 Treasurer's Report, May Accounts Payable, June, 2018 Payroll
- Appoint Sue Rice-Maurer as Treasurer
- Lunch Fee for 2018-2019 School Year: Breakfast: \$1.50, Lunch \$2.80, Milk: .50
- Bus purchase in the amount of \$76,332.00 from Midwest Transit (with trade-in)
- 2018-2019 Student-Parent Handbook
- District Title I Plan
- Asbestos Removal-Cove remediation at a cost of \$38,200.00
- Board meeting times & dates to be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 4th Wednesday of each month unless otherwise noted on board calendar for holidays or other situations. (Sept. is 3rd Wednesday)
- Personnel Report

President Greg Wright-Board Member Censure-Appointment of Matt Erbstoesser as Secretary Pro-Tempore

Board Discussion of Board Member Censure

Resolution of Board Member Censure

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

Board Member John Wyrstek resigned as Board Secretary, and will continue on as a Board Member.

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 8:45 p.m. President, Greg Wright declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

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