

Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
816 E. Grant Hwy., Marengo, IL 60152  
June 27, 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, June 27, 2018 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, and Greg Wright  
Rick Czepczynski joined the meeting at 7:10 p.m.  
Members Absent: Jude Castro and John Wyrstek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Wright

**APPROVAL OF MAY MEETING MINUTES AND ELECTION OF BOARD SECRETARY**

A motion was made by Lesley Pace and seconded by Matt Erbstoesser to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2018 Regular Session (No Executive Session)  
In a roll call vote members voting aye: Barb Dochterman, Matt Erbstoesser, Lesley Pace and Greg Wright. Members Absent: Rick Czepczynski, Jude Castro and John Wyrstek.  
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Dochterman and seconded by Lesley Pace to nominate Matt Erbstoesser to the office of Secretary. There were no other nominations, therefore, Greg Wright, President stated "Matt Erbstoesser being the only candidate nominated for the office of secretary, the chair hereby declares him elected by acclamation."

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

No Additional Agenda Items

**COMMUNICATION AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Greg Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting

**LEADERSHIP REPORT**

No Leadership Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Damisch will be working remotely from August 30 through September 3.  
Superintendent Damisch reported on the following:

FOIA: There was one FOIA which was complied with.

Prevailing Wage Rates: Annually the Board needs to approve the prevailing wage rates. Each year these rates are set forth from the Illinois Dept. of Labor as to what each specific worker must be paid regardless if they are Union or not.

Traffic Hazard Resolution: Annually the Board must approve the Traffic Hazard Resolution which makes the district eligible for transportation reimbursement from the State for students who live within a 1 ½ mile walking distance. The District hazardous crossings are Route 20, Route 23, Route 176, and the railroad tracks that run parallel to Washington Street.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT CONTINUED**

Joint Annual Conference: The Lighting the Way conference will be held November 16 through 18 and is available for Board members to attend. Members must contact Maureen if they are interested in attending.

Extracurricular Activities-Board Policy: A 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Extracurricular Activities policy was discussed. This policy allows for out of district students to join the District 165 girls' softball team.

District Attorney: The attorney that has worked with the district for more than 10 years, Kevin Gordan, has left the law firm of Scariano Himes & Petrarca to start his own law firm. Superintendent Damisch recommended that the district continue to use Kevin Gordan as our attorney as he has the district history.

Pre-School for All Grant: The District received the Pre School for All Grant this year but did not receive the Pre School Expansion Grant. This equates to receiving approximately \$167,000.00 for 60 students; in the past the district has served 80 students with the grant at about \$180,000.00.

Year End Forecast 2017-2018: The District is projected to end the fiscal year ahead at \$491,979.

FY-19 Budget: The Board was presented with the preliminary FY-19 budget for discussion.

Personnel Report: Hire Arely Castor to summer custodian, Resignations from Tabitha Leonard/Special Ed teacher, Ellen Masessa/5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Aracely Clemente/Paraprofessional, Hire Bruce Piper to Jump Start teacher, Christy Gilbertson to Homework Club and .5 PBIS coach/Grant, Bonnie Novak to Special Ed teacher/MCMS, Amanda Oie to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Diana Hernandez to Paraprofessional/Locust and Katrina Kane to Lunchroom Supervisor-Grant/MCMS.

## **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Board Policy Update-1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
Water Damage to MCMS/Grant building

## **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: Lesley Pace, Barb Dochterman, Rick Czepczynski, Matt Erbstoesser and Greg Wright. Members Absent: Jude Castro and John Wrostek

- May 2018 Treasurer's Report, July, 2018 payroll and June, 2018 bills and all bills that must be paid in fiscal year 2017-2018 and bills prior to the July Board meeting that include CLIC and Bond payment.
- Budget on Public Display beginning July 9, 2018 with Public Hearing on August 22, 2018.
- Resolution of the Marengo-Union Elementary Consolidated School Dist. 165, McHenry County, Illinois Ascertaining the Prevailing Rate of Wages for Laborers, Workmen, and Mechanics Employed on the Public Works of District 165.

- Traffic Hazard Resolution

**ACTION ITEMS CONTINUED**

- Extracurricular Activities-Board Policy
- Kirha Law, LLC to be our representing law firm.
- 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: Barb Dochterman, Matt Erbstoesser, Rick Czepczynski, Lesley Pace and Greg Wright.

Members absent: John Wyrstek and Jude Castro. Motion carried.

Time: 8:04 p.m.

After a short break, Closed Session started at 8:07 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: Matt Erbstoesser, Lesley Pace, Barb Dochterman, Rick Czepczynski and Greg Wright. Members Absent: John Wyrstek and Jude Castro. Motion carried.

Time: 8:25 p.m.

**ACTION ITEMS**

A motion was made by Lesley Pace and seconded by Barb Dochterman to approve Superintendent Damisch' Employment Contract with the dates of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023. In a roll call vote members voting aye Barb Dochterman, Lesley Pace, Matt Erbstoesser, Rick Czepczynski and Greg Wright. Members Absent: John Wyrstek and Jude Castro. Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business at this Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Lesley Pace moved seconded by Barb Dochterman, carried unanimously, and at 8:35 p.m. President, Greg Wright declared the Regular Meeting adjourned.

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