

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2011

Pres. Schwenker called the regular meeting to order on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6 p.m. at Central Office. Directors Hudrlik, Tabor, Pape and Schwenker were present. Director Hawks was absent. Supt. Huckstadt, Board Secretary McKeon and Administrators C Snell, T Wilkins, H Snell, P Bollman, J Bollman, and Vervaecke were present. Also in attendance were: Mike Wing and Dustin Cogan. Sherri Melvold of KMAQ, Kelly Gerlach of Maquoketa Sentinel Press and Luann Cahill of Maquoketa Access represented the press.

MOTION #100-10/11: Motion/Pape, 2nd/Hudrlik to approve the following consent agenda items:
Agenda – Approved as presented.
Minutes – Approve the minutes of the special and regular meeting held on January 24, 2011 and the special meeting held on January 25, 2011 as presented.
Registrations, Reimbursements and Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented totaling \$638,988.34.
Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending January 31, 2011 were reviewed: Account Balance and Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures; Revenue Report; General Fund & Non Budgeted Expenditure Detail Report; Activity Fund Balance Report; and Nutrition Fund Report.
Four ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #101-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Pape to open the floor to receive any comments from the public concerning the early start calendar waiver for the 2011-12 school year. Four ayes, motion carried. The calendar has the first day of classes as August 18, 2011 and the last day as May 17, 2012.

There were no comments made in favor of or opposed to the early start calendar waiver for the 2011-12 school year.

MOTION #102-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Hudrlik to close the floor for comments on the early start calendar. Four ayes, motion carried.

Under Good News, the following gave Administrative Reports: Transportation Director Wing (gave his report just prior to the above public hearing); Director of School Improvement H Snell; Cardinal Principal J Bollman; Briggs Principal P Bollman; Middle School Principal C Snell; High School Principal Vervaecke; and High School Activities Director Wilkins.

Technology Coordinator Cogan presented the Technology Advisory Committee's recommendations for technology purchases for Cardinal Elementary, Briggs Elementary and Middle School.

MOTION #103-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Pape to approve the technology plans as recommended by the Technology Advisory Committee with funding to come from the Statewide Sales Tax Fund. The budget for each building is: Middle School \$45,421; Briggs Elementary \$35,959; and Cardinal Elementary \$35,959. Four ayes, motion carried. Directors thanked the advisory committee members and technology staff on developing the plan.

Supt. Huckstadt provided an overview of the District's financial position and preliminary staffing recommendations for the upcoming year. With a loss of 45.4 students, the Board requested Administration identify potential expenditures reductions of \$250,000. No action was taken this evening. The Board requested there be time allowed at the Budget Workshop on February 28, 2011 for public comment on the staffing considerations presented this evening.

IASB Legislative Action Network Representative Director Pape reported on happenings with the legislature. Bills regarding school funding (allowable growth and property tax relief due to budget guarantee) are expected to go to the Senate this week.

Under Superintendent's Report the timelines for budget process is as follows: Workshop on Feb. 28, 2011 at 5 p.m. at Central Office; review and setting of proposed budget hearing date and for publication of the proposed budget on March 14, 2011; publishing of Notice of Public Hearing of the Budget on March, 26, 2011; and conduct the budget hearing and adoption on April 11, 2011. Dates to review building goals and initiative maps are: Briggs Elementary on March 14, 2011 at 5 p.m.; Cardinal Elementary on March 28, 2011 at 5 p.m.; Middle School on April 11, 2011 at 5 p.m. and High School on April 26, 2011 at 5 p.m. Board will hold the second regular meeting in April on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 in lieu of Monday, April 25, 2011 due to Spring break. The 2010/11 school calendar will be adjusted due to weather cancellations: February 2nd, 2011 will be made up on May 23, 2011; February 3rd, will be made up on May 24, 2011; and February 4th, 2011 will be made up on May 25, 2011. A summary of the projected impact of "Budget Guarantee" was provided. If there is no growth in funding or enrollment for FY13, the loss of funding is estimated to be \$269,760. Information on the National School Board Convention was provided. Director Pape has indicated an interest in attending.

President Schwenker announced the Board would go into exempt session following the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations strategies. The next regular meeting of the Board and budget workshop will be held on Monday, February 28, 2011 at 5 p.m. at Central Office.

Pres. Schwenker adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

William Schwenker, President

Barbara A. McKeon, Secretary