

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY12 BUDGET
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011

Pres. Schwenker called the regular meeting to order on Monday, April 11, 2011 at 5 p.m. at Maquoketa Middle School Media Center. Directors Tabor, Pape, Hawks and Schwenker were present. Director Hudrlik was absent. Supt. Huckstadt, Board Secretary McKeon and Administrators C Snell, M Vervaecke, T Wilkins, K Bowman, P Bollman, and J Bollman were present. Also in attendance were: Dustin Cogan, Steven Koos, Susan Risinger, Mike Wing, Dee Krum, Kathy Quinlan, several Middle School staff members, several parents and students. Sherri Melvold of KMAQ, Kelly Gerlach of Maquoketa Sentinel Press and Luann Cahill of Maquoketa Access represented the press.

MOTION #123-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Pape to approve the following consent agenda items:
Agenda – Approved as presented.
Minutes – Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2011 as presented.
Registrations, Reimbursements and Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented totaling \$1,231,545.81.
Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending March 31, 2011 were reviewed: Account Balance at Maquoketa State Bank; Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures; Revenue Report; General Fund & Non Budgeted Expenditure Detail Report; Activity Fund Balance Report; Nutrition Fund Report and Quarterly Investment Report.
Resignations – Approved the resignations of the following individuals effective at the end of this school year: High School Business Education Instructor Christina Rose; Middle School 8th Grade Language Arts Instructor Haley Roehrkasse; and High School Head Wrestling Coach Kyle Billips.
Recommendation to Hire – Approved the Spring Musical Stipends of \$600 each to Dan Pinion, Kent Crawford, and Joel Hagen.
Discussion – Director Hawks thanked the instructors for their service to the District.
Four ayes, motion carried.

Middle School Principal Christine Snell welcomed the Board to Maquoketa Middle School and shared staff will present on the following student achievement goals and building initiatives: Building Leadership/Iowa Core; Improving Reading and Comprehension skills; and Positive Behavior Intervention Support/Chat Groups and Olweus/Anti-bullying. Board Members thanked the Middle School staff for presenting this evening.

During the above presentation, Pres. Schwenker informed the Middle School staff that a public hearing on the proposed budget was scheduled for 6 p.m.

MOTION #124-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Tabor to open the floor for comments on the proposed 2011-12 Budget at 6 p.m. Four ayes, motion carried.

No written or oral comments were received in support of or in opposition to the proposed budget.

MOTION #125-10/11: Motion/Pape, 2nd/Hawks to close the public hearing on the proposed budget. Four ayes, motion carried.

Lauren Siebert and Amy Long addressed the Board regarding the previously proposed Diversity Club at the High School. Ms. Siebert also provided a letter to the Board from a parent whom was unable to attend the meeting this evening. Both encouraged the Board to reconsider the Diversity Club.

Under Good News, the following gave Administrative Reports: Middle School Principal C Snell and Assistant Principal K Bowman; High School Activities Director Wilkins; High School Principal Vervaecke; Briggs Elementary Principal P Bollman; Transportation Director Wing; and Cardinal Elementary Principal J Bollman.

Under Board Comments: Director Tabor requested testing for ACT be done at a time when activities/sports are not conducted the night before; and Director Hawks commended all staff, students, parents and volunteers on the wonderful performance of Beauty and the Beast.

MOTION #126-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Tabor to approve the following chapter 7 policies as presented: 705.3 Purchasing-Bidding; 706.2 Payroll Deductions; 706.3 Pay Deductions; 707.1 Secretary's Monthly Report; 707.2 Treasurer's Annual Report; 707.3 Publication of Financial Reports; 707.4 Audits; 708 School District Records; 707 Insurance Program; 710.1 Scope of Food Service Program; 710.2 Free & Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility; 710.3 Competitive School Foods Rule; 710.4 Selection, Employment & Dismissal of Food Service Staff; 710.5 In-Service Training of Food Service Staff; 711.1 School Bus Boundaries/Routing Procedures; 711.2 Student Bus Conduct Requirements; 711.3 Busing for Activities & Field Trips; 711.6 Transportation of Non-school Groups; 711.7 School Bus Safety Instruction; 711.8 Suspension of Transportation Service Due to Weather Conditions; and 711.9 Exceptions to Bus Service to Other than Official Residence. Four ayes, motion carried.

Motion #127-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Hawks to authorize the superintendent to implement the following staffing considerations: The Middle School Language Arts Vacancy -may be filled by reassignment/transfer from current staff; the High School Business Education vacancy – some of the FTE may be shifted to other curricular areas or rehired at less than 1.0 FTE; Third Grade Classroom Vacancy – may be filled by reassignment/transfer from current staff; delay establishment of the number of Kindergarten sections – may have 4 or 5 sections. If four sections, will require the reassignment of current staff. Four ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #128-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Pape to authorize the superintendent to: Monitor the status of the categorical funding sources that support two to four certified staff positions and to take necessary action to meet timelines and deadlines to provide contract termination notices in accordance with the Master Contract and Iowa Code; to delay the extension of FY-12 contracts for non-certified employees as prescribed in the respective settlement conditions and provide 30 days notification as required; and evaluate all future vacancies to determine if there are opportunities to provide programs and services in a more efficient manner. Four ayes, motion carried.

Review was made of the proposed 2011-12 budget. There are still many ‘unknowns’ at this time. Supt. Huckstadt provided tax implications by fund with two scenarios, one being Allowable Growth at 0% and the other at 2%. In addition to unknown allowable growth, settlements have not been reached with employees.

MOTION #129-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Hawks to approve the 2011-12 budget to include the following levies: General Fund with \$250,000 cash reserve levy for \$12.97551; Voted Physical Plant and Equipment Fund levy at the maximum of \$.67; Board initiated Physical Plant and Equipment Fund levy at the maximum of \$.33; and set the Management Fund levy at \$300,000 for \$.99975. The total tax levy adopted is \$14.97526, an increase of \$.94342 per thousand dollars valuation. Roll call vote taken: Tabor-aye, Hawks-aye, Pape-aye, Schwenker-aye. Four ayes, motion carried.

No action taken this evening on bus bids, research is still being done on the bids received.

MOTION #130-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Pape to authorize and allow planning to proceed with the District Health Fair program to be held in the 2011-12 school year and that the maximum budget be set at \$20,000 with all funding to come from the Health Fund. Four ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #131-10/11: Motion/Pape, 2nd/Tabor to approve the following fees and lunch program prices as presented: Registration Fees (no changes) - Early Childhood/Special Education \$20, K-5 Grades \$25, 6-8 Grades \$42, 9-12 Grades \$45; High School Activity Ticket at \$50, an increase of \$5 from prior year; Drivers Education will be set by the AEA, currently it is at \$360; Food Service Breakfast Prices will all increase \$.10 - Elementary \$1.30, Middle School & High School \$1.40, and Adults \$2.00; Food Service Lunch Prices will all increase \$.10 - Elementary \$1.95, Middle School & High School \$2.05, and Adults \$3.10; Single Milk \$.35 per carton (\$.05 increase); and Early Childhood Special Education Milk \$24 per semester (\$2.00 increase). Four ayes, motion carried.

Review was made of the proposed budget amendment for the current year 2010-11.

MOTION #132-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Pape to direct the Board Secretary to publish a public hearing notice in the Maquoketa Sentinel Press on April 27, 2011 and to set the date for the hearing for the proposed budget amendment for May 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at Central Office. Four ayes, motion carried.

IASB Legislative Action Network Representative Director Pape reported on activities at the State Legislature.

Under Superintendent’s Report: High School Building Goals and Initiative Maps will be reviewed on 4-26-11 at 5 p.m.; the joint meeting with Sacred Heart is tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2011; the joint meeting with Delwood will be June 13, 2011 at 5:15 p.m.; reviewed District responsibilities and timelines of re-structuring director district boundaries due to census data. The 2011 Redistricting Instructions for School Districts and a map of current boundaries were provided; High School Activities Director Wilkins provided a summary of bowling costs of neighboring District’s. Board

members requested projected costs if Maquoketa Schools was to offer the sport. They will review the data and evaluate it again at a meeting of the Board in May; Iowa Assoc. of School Boards is conducting an ABLÉ II session on April 28, 2011 in Eldridge at 6:30 p.m. on High School Reform and Pay for Performance.

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 will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011 at 5 p.m. at the High School.

Pres. Schwenker adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

William Schwenker, President

Barbara A. McKeon, Secretary