

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2010

Pres. Schwenker called the meeting to order on Monday, December 13, 2010 at 5 p.m. at Central Office. Directors Tabor, Pape, Hudrlik, Hawks and Schwenker were present. Supt. Huckstadt, Board Secretary McKeon and Administrators C Snell, Vervaecke, and J Bollman were present. Also in attendance were: Mike Wing and several high school Government class students. Sherri Melvold of KMAQ, Kelly Gerlach of Maquoketa Sentinel Press and Luann Cahill of Maquoketa Access represented the press.

- MOTION #071-10/11: Motion/Pape, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hudrlik to approve the following consent agenda items:  
Agenda – Approved as presented.  
Minutes – Approve the minutes of the joint meeting with Andrew School Board and regular meeting held on November 8, 2010 and the joint meeting with Delwood School Board held on November 22, 2010 as presented.  
Registrations, Reimbursements and Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented totaling \$777,834.31.  
Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending November 30, 2010 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.  
Resignations – Approved the resignation of April Edwards as the Dance Team Co-coach effective at the end of the 2010-11 school year.  
Contract Amendments – Approved the contract amendments of: Ashley Wiggins Head Freshmen Volleyball Coaching contract from Level III, Year 4 of \$3,112.80 to Level III, Year 4 of \$2,723.70 (correction due to a calculation error); and Chance Jenkins Assistant Varsity Football Coach contract from Level 3, year 5 of \$2,334.70 to Level III, Year 3 for \$2,723.70.  
Four ayes, motion carried (Director Hawks had temporarily left the Board Room).
- MOTION #072-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Tabor to open the floor for public comment on the proposed Whole Grade Sharing Agreement with the Andrew School District. Five ayes, motion carried.

There were no comments made in favor of or opposed to the proposed sharing agreement with Andrew School District.

- MOTION #073-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Pape to close the public hearing and reconvene the regular meeting. Five ayes, motion carried.

Supt. Huckstadt reported the Andrew School Board is conducting a hearing this evening as well. If the contract is modified, another hearing will need to be held and then the Maquoketa Board will need to approve the agreement.

Under Good News, the following gave Administrative Reports: Transportation Director/Manager of Support Operations Wing; Middle School Principal C Snell; and High School Principal Vervaecke.

Principal P Bollman and High School Assistant Principal Wilkins provided written reports since they were unable to attend the meeting.

Under Board Comments, Director Hawks announced the High School Advent Sing has been rescheduled for Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. at Ohnward.

Board members reviewed their options regarding a possible one way 28-E Sharing Agreement with Preston Community School District for Preston students to attend non-core classes at Maquoketa High School.

MOTION #074-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hudrlik to enter into a 28-E Sharing Agreement with Preston Community School Board for the 2011-12 school year with the understanding that course offerings may be limited in some areas and that Maquoketa Community School District will not add staff to accommodate course requests resulting from the 28-E agreement unless it is determined to be mutually beneficial and cost-effective for both districts. Five ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #075-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hawks to cast the district's ballot for the IASB Board of Directors three year term commencing January 2011 for Patti Fields. Five ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #076-10/11: Motion/Pape, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Tabor to approve the School Improvement Advisory Committee membership as presented. Five ayes, motion carried. Members are: Michelle Atienza, Bob Gavin, Brent Pauls, Sara Tubbs, Don Wentworth, Jodi Coakley, Stacy Driscoll, Kelly Gerlach, Penny Plautz, Sherry Bickford, Katie Burgmeier, Arden Krueger, Julie Neyens, Kim Huckstadt, Pat Bollman, Christine Snell, Helen Snell, Caitlyn Hayward, and Brady Whitney.

Board members reviewed the previously identified potential energy savings projects and bonding scenario provided by Piper Jaffrey. Board members identified the following projects to research: Cardinal School – Lighting Replacement; Briggs – Lighting Replacement and Heating/Air Conditioning system; Middle School – Lighting, Heating and Windows; and High School – Lighting and window replacement in 100-200 classrooms/hallways. The Board also authorized the hiring of a mechanical/electrical engineering firm to facilitate the design/scope of projects.

Pres. Schwenker welcomed newly elected Senate Representative of District #13 Mr. Tod Bowman to the meeting. Discussion was made of education issues, some to include Allowable Growth for FY12, unfunded mandates, four-year-old preschool, and senior year plus. Board congratulated and thanked him for coming this evening.

Cardinal Principal J Bollman reported on happenings at Cardinal Elementary.

Middle School Principal C Snell provided an overview of an At Risk Program for the Middle School.

MOTION #077-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hawks to approve the implementation of the At-Risk Pilot Program for Middle School as presented. Five ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #078-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Pape to approve the 55 board policies in Chapter 600 of Maquoketa Schools Board Policy book as presented. And, to approve the revisions to Policy #604.7 Dual Enrollment and delete Policy #604.9 for it is no longer required. Five ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #079-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2<sup>nd</sup>/Hudrlik to approve the first reading of Policy #606.6 Insufficient Classroom Space as presented. Five ayes, motion carried.

Under Legislative Update, Director Pape shared with the Board the IASB Delegate Assembly's top three priorities for the upcoming legislative session.

Under Superintendent's report: He and several board members shared information from the IASB School Board Convention held in November, 2010; the National School Board convention will be held in San Francisco April 9-11, 2011 and if anyone is interested, he will get additional information; provided a summary of PPEL priorities generated by the Director Of Operations, Director of Maintenance and District Administration. A listing of school vehicles was also provided for their review. This and potential costs for projects will be available for review and discussion at the January board meeting; a tentative date for the budget workshop was identified as February 28, 2011; and information from the State's Revenue Estimating Conference held on December 6, 2010 was provided. Revenues are better than previously estimated. Noted was that there is still a large budget deficit due to the need to replace one-time funding sources that helped the state meet the demands of K-12 and other state level expenditure levels set for FY12.

Supt. Huckstadt provided a summary of financial health indicators and reported on the following current economic conditions impacting FY11: The State's across the board reductions in FY10 resulted in a loss of revenue in excess of \$831,000; Oct 1, 2010 certified enrollment is 41.5 less than the prior year; open enrollment in students vs. open enrollment out is a deficit of 10 students; whole grade sharing students is 10 less than last year; Four-year-old preschool count is up by 6.0; senior year plus is 25.03, a decrease of 11.77 from the prior year; FY12 Allowable Growth rate has not been established yet by the legislature; and due to declining enrollment, FY12 will likely be a second year on the "Budget Guarantee" and thus unlikely that the District will receive "new money" or see any increase in 'budget authority'.

Under Miscellaneous, a report on the Iowa Music Educators Conference and the notes from the Technology Committee Meeting were provided.

President Schwenker adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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William Schwenker, President

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Barbara A. McKeon, Secretary