

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012

Prior to the meeting, Board Members welcomed Preston Community School Board Members and Administration to Maquoketa High School. Supt. Huckstadt and High School Administrators gave a tour of the facilities and fielded questions.

Pres. Tabor called the meeting to order on Monday, February 13, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office. Directors Lane, Hayward, Sybesma, Hudrlik and Tabor were present. Supt. Huckstadt, Board Secretary McKeon and Administrators H Snell, M Vervaecke, T Wilkins, J Bollman and C Snell were present. Also in attendance were: Dustin Cogan, Mike Wing, Greg Gowry, Ron Serpliss, Craig Burken, Mark LaCroix, Paulette Horner, Preston Community School District Board Members and Administration. Sherri Melvold of KMAQ represented the press.

Greg Gowry of SGGM Architects and Ron Serpliss provided an overview of the proposed plans for the new welding addition project at Maquoketa High School. Eastern Iowa Community College is funding the project through an ACE Grant of \$366,000. The project will be completed this summer. Board members expressed appreciation to Eastern Iowa Community College for this addition and the partnership between the two entities in making course offerings available to students.

Preston Community School District Board Members and Administration shared with the Maquoketa Board what they're hearing from students regarding the 28E Sharing Agreement for classes at Maquoketa High School. They have received very positive feedback and thanked the Board, Administration and Guidance department for making the transition as smooth as possible. The Preston School Board would like to continue the agreement for FY14. Pres. Tabor expressed the agreement benefits both districts.

MOTION #109-11/12: Motion/Hudrlik, 2nd/Hayward to approve the following consent agenda items:
Agenda – Approved as presented.
Minutes – Approved the minutes of the regular meeting and public hearing held on January 24, 2012 and the special meeting held on January 30, 2012 as presented.
Registrations, Reimbursements and Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented totaling \$851,776.33.
Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending January 31, 2012 were reviewed: Account Balance; Combined Statement of Revenues and Expenditures; Revenue Report; General Fund & Non Budgeted Expenditure Detail Report; Activity Fund Balance Report; and Nutrition Fund Report.
Recommendation to Hire – Approved the hiring of Steve Starr as the Assistant Varsity Boys Track Coach for the 2012 season, at Level III, Year 5 for \$3,124.80.
5 ayes, motion carried.

Mark La Croix of KCL Engineering provided an overview of the Briggs Geothermal project. He presented the plans and bid specifications for the Boards review.

Under Good News: The district received a letter from Ann Burns, Environmental Education Coordinator of Jackson County Conservation thanking the district for continuing the student service program and the seven students whom participated; The following gave Administrative Reports: Technology Coordinator D Cogan; Director of School Improvement H Snell; Cardinal Elementary School Principal J Bollman; Middle School Principal C Snell; High School Principal M Vervaecke; High School Assistant Principal and Activities Director T Wilkins; and Director of Transportation & Operations M Wing.

Under Board Comments, Pres. Tabor congratulated club hOpe and Katie Burgmeier with their successful fundraising event, Hearts on Fire.

- MOTION #110-11/12: Motion/Hudrlik, 2nd/Sybesma to adopt the Resolution approving the Multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #111-11/12: Motion/Hudrlik, 2nd/Hayward to approve the bid from AAA Budget Environmental, Inc. with the added stipulations recommended by Supt. Huckstadt for the Briggs Elementary Asbestos Abatement Project for \$21,605. And to authorize Tom Haas to serve as the District's on-site representative during the abatement project for \$1,000 over the course of the removal. Supt. Huckstadt noted the pipes would not be removed with this bid; they will be included in the geothermal bids. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #112-11/12: Motion/Sybesma, 2nd/Lane to accept the resignation of Lowell Schroeder effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year confirming his participation in the Early Retirement Program with the stipend to be paid from the Management Fund. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #113-11/12: Motion/Lane, 2nd/Hudrlik to accept the resignation of Roberta Rosheim effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year confirming her participation in the Early Retirement Program with the stipend to be paid from the Management Fund. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #114/11/12: Motion/Hayward, 2nd/Sybesma to accept the resignation of Carol Hammill effective at the end of the 2011-12 contract year confirming her participation in the Early Retirement Program with the stipend to be paid from the Management Fund. 5 ayes, motion carried.
- MOTION #115-11/12: Motion/Hayward, 2nd/Hudrlik to approve the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Bus Driver Contract as presented. 5 ayes, motion carried. The two year agreement includes: FY13 a \$.20 per hour increase to hourly rates, except the Activity trip hourly rate in lieu of route to increase \$.05 per hour; FY14 a \$.25 per hour increase to hourly rates, except the Activity Trip hourly rate in lieu of route to increase \$.10 per hour; pre-school and mid-day special education bus drivers are included in the agreement; the one special education mid-day route driver will have those settlement conditions grandfathered (except for wages); changes to the family illness

include removing 'dependent' from dependent children and removing parents-in-law; and personal leave cannot be taken during the first 5 or last 10 student days.

Supt. Huckstadt provided the listing of 2012-13 Budget/Staffing Recommendations. He reviewed them and the current funding, in that reductions are being made in the current year of approximately \$160,000. Most reductions will be attainable through attrition. State Categorical funding will be monitored and if those funds will be reduced, notices to teachers would need to be made by April 30th. Declining enrollment and loss of federal funds is such that revenue is not keeping up with expenditures. Board requested time be allotted during the next meeting for public comment on the proposed budget/staffing recommendation. No action was taken this evening.

MOTION #116-11/12: Motion/Hudrlik, 2nd/Sybesma to approve the hiring of Virgil Hansen and the amendment to the settlement conditions for the Special Needs Car/Suburban Driver as presented. Mr. Hansen will be paid \$12.70 per hour retroactive to February 9, 2012. Longevity stipend is removed from the settlement conditions. 5 ayes, motion carried.

MOTION #117-11/12: Motion/Hudrlik, 2nd/Lane that the Board of Directors authorize the Superintendent and/or Board Secretary to certify the change in the method of election to the Iowa Department of Management in accordance with the adopted resolution on January 9, 2012 and Iowa Code Section 275.23A(2). There were no written petitions received in opposition to the change. The method will change from the current four director districts and one at-large director to all at-large directors. Roll call vote taken: Hudrlik-aye, Lane-aye, Sybesma-aye, Hayward-aye, and Tabor-aye. 5 ayes, motion carried.

Legislative Network Representative Sybesma reported the legislative session has included two proposals with 4% allowable growth, but nothing agreed upon yet.

Under Superintendent's Report: The budget workshop and regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Central Office. The Board will review the budget on March 12, 2012 and set a hearing date. The Board decided to conduct the budget hearing and regular meeting on Tuesday, April 10, 2012; the following dates are established for review of building goals and initiatives. All meetings will begin at 5 p.m.: March 26, 2012 at Cardinal Elementary School; April 10, 2012 at Briggs Elementary School; April 23, 2012 at the Middle School; and May 14, 2012 at the High School; a recommendation was made to create a joint planning committee with the City for potential improvements at Little Bear Park. The committee will explore options for improvements to the park that would be mutually beneficial. This would likely include sharing the cost of park improvements that may include playground structures, with such possibly being done in the spring/summer 2013. Consensus of the Board was to proceed with developing a committee; work continues in securing financing for the Briggs Geothermal and HS/MS window projects. Some of the costs for the projects are re-estimated higher than initial projections. The initial projects did not include asbestos or potential lead paint removal. Information has been sent to Iowa Energy Bank in hopes of qualifying. If we qualify, the Iowa Energy Bank would buy down the interest; Supt. Huckstadt will attend the Iowa Superintendents Finance and Leadership Conference in Des Moines on February 15 and 16, 2012; and the High School has been selected for a statewide

health survey of ninth grade students during the fall of 2012. Mrs. Horner reported parent consent forms would be sent home prior to the collection of information.

The Board will go into exempt session following the meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations strategies.

Pres. Tabor reported the next regular meeting of the Board of Education would be on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 5 p.m. at Central Office.

President Tabor adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Brian Tabor, President

Barbara A. McKeon, Secretary