

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

Pres. Schwenker called the regular meeting to order on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:03 p.m. at Briggs Elementary School Media Center. Directors Hawks, Hudrlik, Tabor, Pape and Schwenker were present. Supt. Huckstadt, Board Secretary McKeon and Administrators P Bollman, C Snell, M Vervaecke, T Wilkins, H Snell, J Bollman and K Bowman were present. Also in attendance were: Dustin Cogan, Jason Schuster, Susan Risinger, Kathy Quinlan, C Wiese, Briggs Elementary 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 #108-10/11: Motion/Pape, 2nd/Hudrlik to approve the following consent agenda items:
Agenda – Approved as presented.
Minutes – Approve the minutes of the regular, public forum and budget workshop held on February 28, 2011 as presented.
Registrations, Reimbursements and Selected Accounts Payable – Approved as presented totaling \$1,622,606.40.
Financial Reports – The following reports for period ending February 28, 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; and Nutrition Fund Report.
Recommendation to Hire – Approve the hiring of Patrick Rodenborn as the High School Science instructor for the 2011-12 school year, at BA, Step 1 on the salary schedule and the difference to meet the required State minimum of \$28,000.
Five ayes, motion carried.

Briggs Principal Pat Bollman welcomed the Board to Briggs Elementary and shared staff will present on the following student achievement goals and building initiatives: Olweus/Anti-bullying; Iowa Core; Educare Group; Read 180, System 44 and Read Naturally programs; and Math, to include the new Trailblazer program. Board Members thanked the Briggs staff for presenting this evening.

Equity Coordinator, Cindy Wiese presented information regarding a proposal to start a Diversity Club at Maquoketa High School.

Louis Clasen addressed the Board regarding the possibility of starting a Bowling Team in Maquoketa. High School Activities Director Wilkins provided information regarding the WAMAC Conference participation and rules with a winter season sport of bowling and what other known area Districts are providing.

Tracy Greene, parent of a student, addressed the Board regarding the proposed expansion and support of the Welding Program and her observations/concerns with shortage of Nurses and potential reduction of special needs instructors.

Under Good News, the following gave Administrative Reports: Director of School Improvement H Snell; Cardinal Principal J Bollman; Middle School Principal C Snell; Middle School Assist. Principal/Activities Director Bowman; High School Principal Vervaecke; High School Activities

Director Wilkins; Briggs Principal Bollman; Technology Director D Cogan; and High School Student Senate Representative J Schuster.

MOTION #109-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Hudrlik to approve the Sharing Agreement with Clinton Community College for Instructional Services for the 2011-12 school year as presented. Five ayes, motion carried.

Review was made of the proposed 2011-12 budget and potential impact to the tax rates. There are still many 'unknowns' at this time, however, to meet the certification deadlines, a public hearing date and proposed budget needs to be published. Discussion was made of Management Fund estimated ending balance and the use of the funds for early retirement payments, tort liability, and unemployment claims. The Board may not increase a tax rate after a budget has been published, however, may decrease it.

Pres. Schwenker vacated the chair to Vice Pres. Pape, enabling him to make a motion.

MOTION #110-10/11: Motion/Schwenker, 2nd/Tabor to set the Management Fund levy at \$300,000 and Cash Reserve Levy at \$350,000 for fiscal year 2011-2012 and to set a public hearing date to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Maquoketa Middle School on Monday, April 11, 2011 regarding the proposed budget. The Board directs the Board Secretary to publish the proposed notice of the public hearing in the March 26, 2011 Maquoketa Sentinel Press. Under discussion, Director Hawks asked what the rate would change and Business Coordinated estimated another \$.15. Director Tabor suggested publishing the proposed budget with the higher amounts knowing the Board could hopefully lower it, depending on what legislature does. Five ayes, motion carried.

Director Schwenker reinstated as President.

MOTION #111-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Tabor to approve the purchase of the 2010 Chevy Impala LS from Brad Deery Motors in the net amount of \$12,981 (price includes trading in a 2002 Buick worth \$2,000) with funding to come from the district's Physical Plant and Equipment fund. Five ayes, motion carried.

Activities Director Wilkins thanked the Athletic Boosters for their offer to donate, over two years, \$75,000 towards a new scoreboard and installation at Goodenow football field. Mr. Wilkins reviewed the bids and estimated costs.

MOTION #112-10/11: Motion/Hawks, 2nd/Pape to approve the joint purchase agreement with Maquoketa Athletic Boosters for the football scoreboard as presented and that the scoreboard bid from Daktronics be approved. Four ayes, Tabor nay, motion carried. The Boosters will donate the total amount of the project over two years, not to exceed \$75,000 and that Maquoketa Schools will pay the full cost upfront, enabling the project to be completed by the fall football season.

MOTION #113-10/11: Motion/Tabor, 2nd/Hawks to authorize the Superintendent and High School Administration to work with Eastern Iowa Community College

representatives to develop the specific terms and conditions of an agreement for the remodel and expansion of the welding shop, if an Accelerated Career Entry (ACE) grant is awarded. The specific terms and conditions of the agreement will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the start of the construction project. Five ayes, motion carried.

Technology Coordinator Cogan and Supt. Huckstadt reviewed the purchasing options from the Technology Committee for the High School plan to implement a 1 to 1 Laptop (Netbook) initiative. A network upgrade will need to be done and the estimated cost is \$30,000. Computers should be ordered prior to the end of April to have the system operational by the fall.

Supt. Huckstadt reported there are some issues with the Auditors in using PPEL funds for equipment/technology that cost less than \$500 and that the same rules apply to LOT/SAVE funds. There is a ruling from the Attorney General's office that supports the Auditors statements. Supt. Huckstadt has contacted the Dept. of Ed of which Ms. Greta confirmed that is how current law is written. Many districts across the State are having problems and there is a public hearing scheduled on this matter. Our Revenue Purpose Statement includes Technology, however, it is subject to the \$500 minimum cost per unit. Hopefully, legislation will make a change. We'll need to reconsider how to fund the projects. Director Tabor expressed he felt that if the LOT/SAVE funds could not be used that the money is not there in the General Fund and the project may need to be postponed. Supt. Huckstadt thanked the committee members and Dustin for their work on developing the proposals. No action will be taken on the agenda item this evening.

IASB Legislative Action Network Representative Director Pape reported on what's happening at the State Legislature. House passed the Governor's Pre-School bill and that 3 Republicans voted against it.

Under Superintendent's Report: Building Goals and Initiative Maps will be reviewed on the following schedule: Cardinal on 3-28-11 at 5 p.m.; Middle School on 4-11-11 at 5 p.m.; ad High School on 4-26-11 at 5 p.m.; parent teacher conferences are March 23rd and 24th; and IASB is offering a Regional Workshop titled "Communicating the State of the District; Leading for Change through Improved Communication" on 3-19-11 in Eldridge.

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 Monday, March 28, 2011 at 5 p.m. at Cardinal Elementary School.

Pres. Schwenker adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

William Schwenker, President

Barbara A. McKeon, Secretary