

MARLETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
Monday, March 14, 2016 – 7:00 PM

President Mike Hall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Hall, Mark Huggett, Gina Kraft, Janet Mutch, Steve Quade, Nik Woods

ADMINISTRATORS: Sarah Barratt, Jason Vislosky

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Mike Hall.

1. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Nik Woods to approve the agenda with the addition of Consent Agenda e). Fundraisers – Project Graduation Fundraiser.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

President, Mike Hall made the following statement: “Teachers contacting school board members to discuss or influence contract negotiations is both unethical and a violation of accepted collective bargaining procedures. In addition, this practice is specifically described as an unfair and illegal labor practice. This announcement serves as an official warning that this practice will not be tolerated and must stop immediately. If this practice continues, the Marlette School District will be forced to take legal action. Any questions to board members regarding contract negotiations should be directed to the board during an open board meeting. In addition, I had offered to meet with teachers personally to discuss contract issues, but only in the presence of the Superintendent, and only in her office. That offer was rejected.”

2. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Mark Huggett to approve the consent agenda with the addition of e.) Fundraisers – Project Graduation Fundraiser

- a.) Minutes - February 8, 2016
- b.) General Fund Payables – \$ 444,569.08
- c.) Resignation of Staff -
- d.) Employment of Staff - Varsity Softball Coach – Sarah Kady
JV Baseball Coach – David Liccardello
- e.) Fundraisers - Easter Bunny Brunch, Class of 2019, Jill Bell
and Melanie Robison, 3/19/16

f.) January Expense Report

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt explained that certified letters were mailed to those students with a lunch balance of more the \$100. At this time seven seniors still owe over \$100 on their food service accounts.

3. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Nik Woods to allow the students with debt that has been turned over to collections to walk at the 2016 graduation ceremony.

Ayes: 4
Nays: Kraft, Mutch
Motion Carried

4. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Nik Woods for the district to write off the debt of the five seniors with over \$100 in food service debt that have qualified for free lunch.

Ayes: 5
Nays: Mutch
Motion Carried

Finance Director, Cheryl Bruff presented the Board with a 2015-2016 General Appropriations Budget Amendment. *See Attached*

5. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to approve the 2015-2016 general appropriations budget amendment as presented.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Finance Director, Cheryl Bruff presented a preliminary budget for the 2016-2017 school year for review.

Superintendent Barratt presented the Board with information on our current bus fleet and prices for a new bus. She explained that we should be looking at purchasing a bus for the upcoming school year. The Board will look at the information and take action at the next board meeting.

Superintendent Barratt explained that we have a 5 year contract with Chartwell's for food service management. She indicated that the first year with them went well and she recommends approval for the second year.

6. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Mark Huggett to approve the Chartwell's contract for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

A summary of the Superintendent's evaluation was presented to the Board. The Superintendent received an overall weighted average Board score of 87.4%. This put her in the highly effective category for the 2015-2016 school year.

7. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to extend Superintendent Barratt's contract for an additional year.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

8. Motion by Gina Kraft, support by Steve Quade to approve the 2015-2016 Superintendent's evaluation.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt informed the Board that a committee met to choose this year's Friend of the Youth nomination. The committee's recommendation for this year's Friend of the Youth is Mr. Ken McCoy.

9. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Mark Huggett to name Mr. Ken McCoy as Marlette's Friend of the Youth for 2016.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt acknowledged the generous donation made to the Marlette Community Schools Special Education Department by the Knights of Columbus. The Marlette Knights of Columbus Council 7337 has repeatedly donated funds to the Marlette Special Education Department. In the past, their donations have been used to purchase educational and instructional items for the classrooms. For this our Special Education Department extends a most sincere thank you.

Superintendent Barratt asked the Board to consider the formation of a JH Soccer Club. She explained that the club teams would be coached by a volunteer and that there would be no cost to the district.

10. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Gina Kraft to approve the formation of a JH Soccer Club, providing there is a volunteer coach and no cost to the district.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Superintendent Barratt presented a proposal from AYSO to reformat the current soccer fields. She explained that the new layout would also provide the varsity soccer teams with a practice field that the AYSO teams could use as well.

11. Motion by Mark Huggett, support by Steve Quade to approve the AYSO Field Proposal.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Motion Carried

Teacher Representative to the Board, Julie Wilson, reported that the installation of the High School Library shelving is now complete and the shelves are full of books. She also mentioned

that the band received 1's at festival and the High School Band will compete at the state competition.

Student Representative to the Board, Ryan Rich, reported that BPA leaves this week for the state competition in Grand Rapids and that NHS and the Out of Doors Club are planning a spring clean-up.

Elementary School Principal, Jason Vislosky, informed the Board that the VIP Science Night was a big hit with approximately 200 guests attending. Another very well attended event was the PTO Sweetheart Breakfast. He reported that the Battle of the Books Teams all reached the final round with the 4th grade bringing home the championship and 5th and 6th grades both bringing home second place honors. Kindergarten Round-Up was rescheduled due to poor weather but was a great event. We are currently at approximately 60 Kindergartners for next year. Mr. Vislosky announced that Paws, the Detroit Tigers Mascot, will visit and 'read' a story on the students on March 29th.

President Hall appointed a committee to review the money left in the bond budget and to develop an allocation plan. This committee will consist of Nik Woods, Mark Huggett and Gina Kraft.

Superintendent Barratt commended the Get-On-Track Committee for a successful "Red Raider Outdoor Banquet".

12. Motion by Steve Quade, support by Mark Huggett to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

Motion Carried

President Hall adjourned the regular board meeting at 8:25 p.m.