

Official Minutes for the Board of Education Meeting on January 28, 2013

Voting Order:

Beitz

Mere

Gray

Hinrichs

Brokaw

The Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM by President Jeff Hinrichs. The following directors were present: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs, Brokaw. Absent: None. Brokaw left early as noted below.

A motion was made by Brokaw, seconded by Beitz to amend the agenda to include an additional celebration under Item 5 and to remove the January Academies report under Item 8. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs, Brokaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gray, seconded by Beitz to consider the sealed bids that were opened and reviewed by the Superintendent of Schools, District Treasurer, and the Financial Advisor from earlier today. Travis Squires with Piper Jaffray was on hand to present the bids. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs, Brokaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mere, seconded by Beitz to accept the bid from Bankers Bank of Madison, Wisconsin in the amount of \$2,020,950 for the sale of \$2,025,000 general obligation school refunding bonds, series 2013. By roll call vote: Beitz, aye; Mere, aye; Gray, aye; Hinrichs, aye; Brokaw, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brokaw, seconded by Mere to approve the first reading of the Board Policy "Post Issuance Compliance" for bond refinancing. No number has been assigned to the policy yet due to our attorneys updating all of our board policies. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs, Brokaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Beitz, seconded by Mere to set the Public Hearing Date for the Instructional Support Program for February 25, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs, Brokaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Board member Chris Brokaw left at 6:24 PM.

It was moved by Mere, seconded by Beitz to set the Public Hearing date for the Early Start Calendar Waiver Request for February 25, 2013 to be held immediately after the hearing on the Instructional Support Program. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gray, seconded by Mere to approve the addition of the Hunter Safety Curriculum for Environmental Science for this semester with the understanding there will be no firearms at the school at any time for this class and that this is completely voluntary. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Congratulations were extended to:

- 8th grader Jessi Welter on winning the Middle School Geography Bee.

- The following middle school students who were accepted to the 2013 Young Musicians Honor Band at Cedar Rapids Prairie: Grade 6 - Ransom Brady, tuba; Naomi Dykeman, trombone; Chloe Gray, flute; Olivia Goodyear, clarinet. Grade 5 - Kacie Bayne, percussion; Jeff Carlson, trombone; Micah Williams, oboe.
- The Monticello FFA chapter in cooperation with the Environmental Science and Family and Consumer Science departments have received a \$2500 "Food for All" grant sponsored by the National FFA Organization.
The goal of the "Food for All" program is to assist food insecure people by giving them the tools to grow and prepare healthy meals through the use of fresh fruits and vegetables. The FFA chapter in cooperation with the MHS Environmental Science and Family and Consumer Science classes is going to present a "Kirkwood for Kids" program this summer to let the elementary students do a hands-on container gardening activity. The concept would be to teach plant growth and care, backyard and container gardening and culminate with food preparation activities where students would utilize the Food For Thought plots to harvest and prepare basic dishes from the handbook that was developed. This will provide students the opportunity to taste foods and dishes prepared by themselves with fresh ingredients that they may not try otherwise. As a chapter we also want to create a Backyard Garden Manual to give to the community members to educate them on how to manage their garden and recipe ideas for meals at home.
- Dr. Anderson on being chosen out of 40 School Administrators from the State of Iowa to be on the "Collaborating for Iowa's Kids (C4K)" committee by the AEA with thanks to the staff and administration for the work they are doing and getting noticed for in the Monticello School District.

It was moved by Mere, seconded by Beitz to approve the minutes for regular board meeting on December 17, 2012 and special meeting on January 9, 2013 as presented. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gray, seconded by Mere to approve the invoices for the month of January as presented. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Beitz, seconded by Mere to approve the Finance Report for the month of December. Ayes: Beitz, Mere, Gray, Hinrichs. Nay: None. Motion carried.

The principals gave an update on what is happening in their buildings.

High School: January academies went well; Joan Young is mentoring a first year principal at Northeast Goose Lake and they would like to come and see how we do AIW and team teaching; the FFA received the "Food for All" grant; and other schools would like to come visit our Life Skills room at the high school.

Middle School: 8th graders are working on their career plans; the following events will take place in February: Rachel's Challenge assembly, PBIS Site Visit by the AEA, Superintendent Rounds will visit the Middle School and conferences.

Elementaries: Principal Folken showed a video on the upcoming PBIS and *Agent Red* challenge.

A motion was made by Mere, seconded by Beitz to approve the appointment of Terri Dirks as Assistant Girls Track Coach, effective the beginning of the 2012-13 track season, at BA, Step 0, 7% for \$1,920. By roll call vote: Beitz, aye; Mere, aye; Gray, aye; Hinrichs, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Gray, seconded by Mere to approve Richard Ginn as Volunteer Track Coach for the 2012-13 Track season, effective the start of the 2012-13 track season, contingent upon his producing evidence of acquiring his reauthorization BEFORE he is allowed to work with students. By roll call vote: Mere, aye; Gray, aye; Hinrichs, aye; Beitz, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Beitz, seconded by Mere to approve Deron Hakert as Volunteer Track Coach for the 2012-13 Track season, effective the start of the 2012-13 track season. By roll call vote: Gray, aye; Hinrichs, aye; Beitz, aye; Mere, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Beitz, seconded by Gray to approve the appointment of Adam Collins as substitute bus driver, effective immediately at the substitute rate of \$15.20 per hour. By roll call vote: Hinrichs, aye; Beitz, aye; Mere, aye; Gray, aye. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on two board pamphlets “When Standing Firm is the Responsible Stance” and “What Legacy Do You Want to Leave”.

It was announced that there will be a SIAC/Special Board Meeting on Thursday, January 31 at 6:00 PM; the next work session/special board meeting is Wednesday, February 13 at 6:00 PM; the next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:00 PM; and the Foundation auction and gala is on Saturday, March 2.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

Approved:

Attest:

Jeff Hinrichs, President

Judy Hayen, Board Secretary