

Moulton-Udell Community School District
Regular Board Meeting-November 19, 2012-6:30 P.M.
High School Library
Minutes

Call to Order

President Travis Harris called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attendance was as follows:

Present: Wade Fowler, Rex Harris, Travis Harris, Justin McCoy, Larry Sheets

Absent: None

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Justin McCoy and seconded by Rex Harris to approve the agenda as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Welcome visitors

President Travis Harris welcomed visitors.

Curriculum Presentation, Math

Due to illness, no one was available for the Math Curriculum Presentation so Mr. Alger gave a brief presentation. His presentation focused on how technology was being incorporated into the math curriculum.

Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2012

There was a question about the 2013-2014 dates for board meetings recorded in the October minutes. It was noted that the dates set for March and April were both Tuesdays. Mr. Ryan informed the board that this was not a mistake. He had scheduling conflicts so the dates had to be changed for those two months.

It was moved by Rex Harris and seconded by Wade Fowler to approve the minutes from October 15, 2012 as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills

It was moved by Justin McCoy and seconded by Rex Harris to approve the bills and additional list of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Financial Reports

The board secretary reported that she was having trouble generating one of the reports since a major update in the software system had taken place. She noted that she would hopefully have that particular report at the next month's meeting.

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Rex Harris to approve financial reports as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Approve Submitting Request for Allowable Growth for Late Open Enrollment Students.

Last month this item was approved but the state does not allow submitting the request if the district requests allowable growth for increased enrollment. The district had an increase in enrollment so the request for late open enrollment students will not be made.

Approve Application and Budget for Additional Allowable Growth for Increased Enrollment.

It was moved by Rex Harris and seconded by Justin McCoy to approve the application and budget for additional allowable growth for increased enrollment. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Cost Saving Measures/Reductions for 2013 Budget.

Mr. Ryan stated that he would entertain any questions from the board. Wade Fowler mentioned that while in Des Moines he did gather information regarding 28 E agreements for CTE classes.

Discuss and Approve Board Open Seat Application Process and Form.

Larry Sheets was elected to the Iowa House of Representatives and will have to resign from his school board seat due to the laws stating conflicts of interest. The board will have 30 days to appoint and fill the open seat from the official date of resignation or a special election will have to be held, which is a cost to the district. Travis Harris read a letter of resignation provided by Larry Sheets where he announces his resignation date as either January 13, 2012, or an earlier date at the discretion of the board when they appoint a replacement. It was a consensus of the board to begin advertising for applications for the soon to be open seat. Those applications will be gathered and reviewed at the regular December board meeting.

The board and the administration thanked Larry for his service on the board and commended him for seeking office to represent us.

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Justin McCoy to accept the resignation from Larry Sheets from his position as board member as stated. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Approve Personnel Business Procedures

Resignations

There were no resignations to consider.

Transfers

There were no transfers to consider.

Employment/Contracts

The administration gave their recommendation to the board to hire Gary Ogden for the position of Athletic Director for the amount of \$5580.00 for the 2012-2013 school year. The amount is beyond what Schedule C of the Master Contract states. The administration recommends this because in past years the athletic director has been a certified employee and in addition to the Schedule C amount, the employee had also been given a free period in their teaching schedule.

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Rex Harris to approve the recommendation to hire Gary Ogden for the Athletic Director position at a rate beyond Schedule C of the Master Contract for the amount of \$5580.00. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Rex Harris and seconded by Justin McCoy to approve the contract for National Honor Society Sponsor for Geralyn Harnisch at Step 1 in the amount of \$288.75. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa Swarts left the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:09 p.m.

Consider Application and Budget for Additional Allowable Growth for At-Risk Programs.

The At-risk Allowable Growth application is not available from the state until Dec. 3rd. The application is due Dec. 15th. This date is before the board's regular monthly meeting in December. Mr. Ryan informed the board that a special board meeting will have to be held to approve the application.

Approve Special Board Meeting Date to Approve At-Risk Allowable Growth Budget Request.

It was moved by Larry Sheets and seconded by Rex Harris to approve setting a special board meeting to approve At-Risk Allowable Growth Budget Request on December 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Superintendent Services Review Committee.

It was moved by Justin McCoy and seconded by Rex Harris to approve appointing Travis Harris and Wade Fowler to the Superintendent Review Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Board of Supervisors Decision on RIZ Hearing.

Mr. Ryan shared a newspaper article from the Daily Iowegian and discussed the RIZ request to the Board of Supervisors and the subsequent hearings with the board. It was reported that the Board of Supervisors ultimately voted and denied the petition to establish a RIZ at Lake Sundown.

Discuss and Approve Technology Policy Updates.

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Rex Harris to approve and ratify board policy 605.6 "Internet and Electronic Transmission – Safe and Appropriate Use" with one reading as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Condition of State of Iowa Budget.

Mr. Ryan reported that at this time the condition of the state budget is good with the state having roughly a 21 percent cash surplus. He stated that if there was ever a time to contact state legislators to seek an increase in allowable growth, it is now.

He also reported that the Department of Education's Executive Director, Jason Glass will be at the Centerville Rotary meeting on January 23rd. He instructed the board to let the board secretary know if they will be attending.

Discuss Nov. 27th Legislative Dinner and Consider Questions.

The annual legislative dinner in Centerville will be held on Nov. 27th at Lakeview Elementary. Mr. Ryan directed the board to let the board secretary know if they will be attending.

Discuss Addition of Schools into the Bluegrass Athletic Conference.

Four schools have asked to join the conference. Those schools are Orient-Macksburg, Ankeny Christian Academy, Iowa Christian Academy, and Grandview Park Baptist. At the November meeting the Conference will vote on two questions. They will vote on whether to approve membership for the four listed schools. They will also vote on whether or not to approve an East/West division for athletic schedules. It was the administration's recommendation that we vote to approve membership because the state would probably step in and allow it anyway, and at least this way the Conference gets to make the decisions. There was no strong opposition to the membership from the board. Although there was consensus from the board that they would only want to approve the membership if the East/West division was approved.

Approve Funds Transfer Agreement and Account Representatives.

A written agreement from Success Bank was presented for approval. This written agreement spells out the terms for wire transfer services that the bank already provides the district. It also seeks to designate

certain individuals to be authorized to do those wire transfers. The administration recommended that the board designate Lisa Swarts, Rob Busch, and Anthony Ryan to be authorized persons for wire transfers.

It was moved by Justin McCoy and seconded by Larry Sheets to approve the Funds Transfer Agreement with Success Bank as presented and to designate Lisa Swarts, Rob Busch, and Anthony Ryan as authorized persons. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Early Out for Nov. 20th, 2012.

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Justin McCoy to approve a 1 hour early dismissal for the Thanksgiving break on November 20, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Appoint Calendar Committee Board Representatives

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Larry Sheets to appoint Rex Harris and Justin McCoy to the 2013-2014 Calendar Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Bus Rental and Crossing State Boundry Line for After Prom Committee.

It was moved by Wade Fowler and seconded by Rex Harris to approve the After Prom Committee's rental of a school bus to transport students for after prom activities. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Disposal of Expired and Obsolete School Bus.

An expired bus was advertised for sale and bids were sought earlier in the year and the district received no bids at that time. After doing research it was discovered that the district could get significantly more revenue from scrapping the bus than selling it. Jerry Daniels estimated that the district could get around \$1300.00.

It was moved by Larry Sheets and seconded by Rex Harris to approve scrapping the obsolete bus for scrap metal revenues. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve Sports Officials' Contracts.

It was moved by Justin McCoy and seconded by Wade Fowler to approve the list of sports officials' contracts as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Principal

Mr. Alger reported on Red Ribbon Week activities, Barnwarming activities, and Veterans' Day Celebrations. He also reported good attendance for Parent Teacher Conferences. He updated the board on the progress of the extended day plan for the Ag Instructor.

Business Manager

Rob Busch gave a brief discussion on student achievement.

Superintendent

Mr. Ryan stated that he had a financial focus booklet from IASB if any board member would like a copy. The board noted that they would like for the district to look into getting more copies.

Board President/Board Member

Wade Fowler attended the IASB Convention for the first time and gave a brief presentation of his experience there. He stated that he also had handouts and financial booklets that the board can review at any time.

Adjournment

It was moved by Larry Sheets and seconded by Wade Fowler to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Travis Harris, Board President

Lisa Swarts, Board Secretary