

MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board of Education Meeting

Monday, January 3, 2011 - 7:00 PM

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Madison District Schools, Madison Heights, and County of Oakland, Michigan held at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R. Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Mick Hohner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Burns, Hohner, Holder, Marr, Melchert, Morrison

Absent: None

3 - Election of Officers

A – Temporary Chairperson and Secretary

Moved by Marr, supported by Burns that this Board of Education elects Mr. Melchert as Temporary Chairperson and Mr. Morrison as Temporary Secretary for the meetings.

Motion carried: 6-0

B – Permanent Officers

Moved by Marr, supported by Burns to nominate **Mr. Melchert** for the office of President.

Mr. Melchert accepted this nomination.

Moved by Holder supported by Hohner to nominate **Mr. Morrison** for the office of President.

Mr. Morrison accepted this nomination.

Roll taken: Nomination for Mr. Melchert

Ayes: Marr, Melchert, Burns

Nomination for Mr. Morrison

Ayes: Morrison, Hohner, Holder

Motion: 3-3 – Motion Tabled

Moved by Hohner, supported by Marr to **table** Permanent Officer for after vacancy of Board of Education member is filled.

Motion carried: 6-0

Mr. Melchert; Temporary Chairperson indicated at this time to move 6B – Vacancy to be discussed next. Vacancy timeline was discussed and reviewed. Motion for item will be made back to original 6B agenda place.

5 – Superintendent Report:

- Governor Snyder with new turnover in senate & legislation. State revenue conference on January 14th. Madison District budget report will be in February.
- NEOLA Policy updated changes will be reviewed in February.
- Hope everyone is enjoying the new computers if you need to make an appointment with Wes/Technology please call Sharon to schedule.
- Meeting with all union leaders on district issues, budget updates, health care reform.
- Some facilities issues that came up over the break: Edison boiler, Madison High weight room and roof leaking above it.
- Good news regarding funding to accelerate the school improvement process at Madison. United Way of SE Michigan has decided to include Madison in its Turnaround Schools Network. Which will demonstrate significant improvement in student learning and our graduation rates? The key elements are adoption of a tested reform model, site-based management, professional development utilizing a “turnaround partner” and collaboration with others in the network by sharing student performance data and strategies.

- I would request from the Board that we table the contract modification; one member was absent for discussion and I’ve had questions from other board members about the details of the contract. I will use the next couple of weeks to talk with each board member to hear their questions and be sure that they are all answered before a decision is made.

4 – Seating of New and Re-Elected Board Members

Moved by Holder, supported by Morrison that the Madison District Board Public Schools Board of Education is comprised of seven members who are elected terms of four years. Members holding office on January 1, 2011 and the expiration of their current terms are as listed:

Board Member:	Term expires:
Mr. Jim Burns	December 31, 2011
Mr. Kenneth Melchert	December 31, 2011
Vacant	December 31, 2012
Mrs. Cindy Holder	December 31, 2012
Mr. Alexander Marr	December 31, 2013
Mr. Al Morrison	December 31, 2013
Mr. Mick Hohner	December 31, 2014

Members of the Board are elected annually in the November election.

Motion carried: 6-0

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

6. Board of Education

A – Approval of Minutes

Moved by Marr, supported Burns that the Board of Education approves the minutes from the regular meeting of December 6, 2010 as reviewed.

Motion carried: 5-0

Abstained: Morrison

B – Board of Education Vacancy

Board of Education Vacancy Timeline

A Board of Education vacancy occurred on January 1, 2011. According to the Board of Education Bylaws (#0142.5) the Board shall fill the vacancy within 30 days. The Bylaws describe the procedure for filling the vacancy as follows:

- A. The Board shall seek qualified and interested candidates from the community through the news media, word of mouth, and contacts with appropriate organizations.
- B. All applicants are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the Superintendent.
- C. The Board shall interview all interested candidates to ascertain their qualifications.
- D. Appointment by the Board to fill a vacancy shall be by majority vote of the Board.

The vacancy was advertised to members of the community through the district's cable TV channel and the district web site. Notices of the vacancy will be distributed to staff and posted at each school site.

Timeline for Filling Board Vacancy

January 4 – 7: Letters of interest are received by the Superintendent by 4 PM on January 7.

January 10: Applicant eligibility is confirmed with appropriate agencies.
Applicants must meet these requirements:

- Registered voter in Madison District
- At least 18 years of age
- Resident of the Madison School District
- Subject to all other legal requirements

All eligible applicants are contacted to schedule an interview.

January 11: Special Board Meeting - Applicant interviews / candidate selection

Moved by Marr, supported by Burns that the Board of Education establishes a Special Meeting on January 11, 2011, authorizing Administration to advertise vacancy, verify eligibility and schedule interviews from the timeline discussed.

Motion carried: 6-0

7. Human Resources

A – Personnel List

A – Madison District has the following resignation:

Mr. Todd Hensley

Effective Date: November 12, 2010

Secretary to the Director of Student Services

Moved by Marr, supported by Holder that the Board of Education approves the Personnel List as presented.

Motion carried: 6-0

8. Business Office

A – Check Register Approval for December 2010

Moved by Burns, supported by Marr that the Board of Education authorizes payments totaling: **Four hundred and fourteen thousand, two hundred and ninety-six dollars and thirty-seven cents for General Funds. (\$ 414,296.37)**

Motion carried: 6-0

9. Board Correspondence, Committee & Association Report, Discussion and Comments

None at this time

10. Public Comments

Mrs. Poland – Just a note of thank you to Mr. Morales and Mr. Brown for the wrestling uniforms that were misplaced. Tour of the school and the wrestling room was very nice.

9. Board Correspondence, Committee & Association Report, Discussion and Comments

- Questions for candidates will be available Friday.
- Mr. Coleman; coach took 8 wrestlers to Ferndale and 6 of them placed. Great job!
- Welcome Mr. Mick Hohner.

Board of Education called for an Executive Session 7:55 PM

Moved by Marr, supported by Melchert for the Board of Education to go into closed session for the purpose of Negotiation.

Motion carried: 6-0

Board of Education returned to open session at 9:25PM

8B – Contract Modification for Grants Administrator – Back on the table.

At the July 6, 2010 regular meeting the Board of Education authorized a professional services contract with independent contractor Mrs. Karen Eckert in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Mrs. Eckert acts as the district’s grant administrator, overseeing all aspects of the district’s state and federal grants which total \$1.35 million. She also assures that the district and Title I schools meet all reporting requirements for No Child Left Behind and the Michigan Department of Education. Federal rules for grants allow the district to spend about \$86,000 on grant administration. By using Mrs. Eckert as our grants administrator, the district has kept its administrative costs low, thus making more funds available for district programs.

Moved by Holder, supported by Morrison that the Board of Education authorizes a contract increase for Mrs. Eckert’s services in the amount of \$8,000 for a total contract award not to exceed \$33,000. This will enable the district to use Mrs. Eckert’s services at the same level as previous years. Mrs. Eckert will continue to provide a detailed invoice for the hours worked.

Note that the revised contract amount would be slightly less than the contract amount of \$33,639.29 paid for 2009-2010. A copy of the contract with the modified amount is included.

Motion carried: 6-0

11. Adjournment

Regular Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:28 PM.

President’s Signature

Secretary’s Signature