

WDS Board of Education Monthly Meeting Minutes

DATE: May 20, 2024

PLACE: VAC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Mahoney, Paula Martin, Tim Cross, Melissa Moore, Rachel Fekken, Jimmy TenBrink, Shannon McGoran

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry McDowell, Kirsten Bolles, other staff and community members

President Fekken called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Motion Cross/McGoran moved to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes (7) Cross, McGoran, TenBrink, Moore, Martin, Mahoney, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Public Comment

D. Taranko – Board Appreciation

Consent Action Agenda

Motion Mahoney/TenBrink moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, TenBrink, Martin, Moore, McGoran, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Minutes of meetings dated April 15, disbursements for the month of April which include: general fund - \$456,297.47, community education - \$283,494.67, food service - \$19,283.35, technology MAISD - \$2,743.71, activity account - \$13,393.11, common debt - \$0, Capital Projects - \$0, Teacher tenure notifications: Anderson, Buntley, DeMaria, Fagan, Jasperse, McGrew, Reese, Risedorph, Baffi, Sheaffer, Zoellmer, Kleaveland, Jones, Tumele, A. Webb, Z. Webb, Smith, Daniels, New Hire Recommendations of Wilson and Lazo, 24-25 School Year Calendar, NHD Out-of-State Trip Request.

Committee Meeting Reports and any Board Discussion

Personnel – Moore gave an update of the meeting held on May 9th. The primary discussion was around staffing, reviewed building by building, support staff agreement, the school calendar and the Superintendent's contract.

Policy –

Facilities -

Finance – TenBrink gave an update of the meeting held on May 13th. Discussed the Budget Amendment #2, explaining that it will become the foundational document for the 2024-2025 budget. Also discussed the Superintendent's contract.

White Lake Library Board Annual Update

Annlyn McKenzie and Brian Hosticka shared the annual report and financial audit of the White Lake Community Library. The state of the library is very good; closing out the 2023 year with total revenues exceeding total

expenses. Shared the audit results along with the upgrades that are being made. Explained the new pilot program – Books for Babies. 42,000 people entered the library this past year.

MiTEL Phone Purchase

Motion Mahoney/Cross moved to approve the phone purchase from MiTEL phones off the REM-C bid list in the amount of up to \$170,000.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, Cross, McGoran, Moore, Martin, TenBrink, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Martin asked if this would be completed by next school year. Dr. McDowell answered that yes, it will be. WDS is working with the ISD on the infrastructural needs. Our entire phone system is obsolete and we will move to being with ten of the other 12 districts working with the ISD.

Technology – Storage – Server Capacity

Motion Martin/TenBrink moved to continue working with the MAISD to transition to them hosting our servers.

Ayes (7) Martin, TenBrink, Moore, Mahoney, McGoran, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Dr. McDowell noted that this transition would likely happen in July/August. Our server cloud would be held at the ISD. He then reviewed the pros and cons of this transition, with the positives far outweighing the negatives.

Monthly Financials

Dr. McDowell reviewed monthly financials with the Board and explained the process of the end of current fiscal year and how it relates to the new fiscal year budget.

Budget Amendment #2

Motion TenBrink/Cross moved to approve Budget Amendment #2 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) TenBrink, Cross, Moore, Mahoney, McGoran, Martin, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Support Staff Agreement

Motion Mahoney/Moore moved to approve the Support Staff Agreement and salary schedule as presented.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, Moore, TenBrink, Cross, McGoran, Martin, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Some of the highlights include adding Presidents' Day as a holiday, support staff's ability to now use up to five sick days as snow days, the updated pay scale, combining the Health Aide and Special Education Intensive Needs Aide duties so all aides are able to perform the same duties and eliminating a daytime VAC monitor position.

Superintendent Contract

Motion Mahoney/TenBrink moved to approve the modifications to the Superintendent's Contract as presented.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, TenBrink, Moore, Martin, McGoran, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

TenBrink commented this contract was competitive with other school districts and the annual increases were the same as those with similar years of service in the teacher's contract.

MAISD 24-25 Budget Resolution

Motion TenBrink/Mahoney resolved that we adopt the resolution for the MAISD 2024-25 operating budget presented at the April 25, 2024 MAISD Budget Review Meeting.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes (7) TenBrink, Mahoney, Cross, McGoran, Martin, Moore, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

June Budget Hearing

Motion Mahoney/Cross moved to set the 2024-25 budget hearing for Monday, June 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. and to post notice of such budget hearing.

Ayes (7) Mahoney, Cross, McGoran, TenBrink, Martin, Moore, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Superintendent Report

Dr. McDowell recognized Mrs. Diephouse and Mrs. Throne, in our audience tonight as spectators, and thanked them for all of their years of dedication and hard work. Both of these teachers are retiring at the end of the school year. Shared the Bus Rodeo event that five members of our Transportation Department recently competed in. Pictures have been posted to our district Facebook page. The 24-25 school year calendar will be posted in the next few days. Graduation week is upon us. The honors and awards ceremony was a success and we have many exciting events leading up to graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 23rd.

Adjournment

Motion McGoran/TenBrink moved to adjourn.

Ayes (7) McGoran, TenBrink, Martin, Moore, Mahoney, Cross, Fekken

Nays (0)

Motion Carried

Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.



Board Secretary/Designee