

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Work Study Session

February 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by chair, Mike Gould.

Directors: LuAnn Rogers, Robert Bunker, Mike Gould, Sarah Martin and Kevin Miller

Student Directors: Emily Calkins and Brianne Williamson

Administrators: Art Clarke

Kevin Miller made a motion to approve the agenda as amended; Robert Bunker seconded; motion carried.

Kevin Miller made a motion to approval the consent agenda; Robert Bunker seconded motion carried.

Kevin Miller expressed appreciation for the service of Jan Hobart and Fred Akins.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### Personnel

Classified Hire: Eric Bulliman, Custodian

Certificated Retirement: Janet Hobart, .4 FTE PI Program Teacher

Certificated Retirement: Fred Akins, 1.0 FTE CES Teacher

Athletic Coach: Melinda Miller, CMS Girls' Basketball

### Accounts Payable

ASB Fund	#9862-9864	\$ 116.75
ASB Fund	#9865-9874	\$ 1,319.64
ASB Wire Transfer	#201600027	\$ 16.37
General Fund	#45634-45675	\$ 71,771.11
General Fund	#45676-45698	\$ 27,660.97
General Fund	#201600026	\$ 779.22
Capital Projects	#978-980	\$ 20,879.63
Capital Project	#981	\$ 4,467.23
Capital Projects	#201600028	\$ 492.53

### CEA Contract 2016-19

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION AND COMMENTS**

Heard from parent, Ron Riggle who wants to be apprised of what the district is doing to inform the public about academic improvements and inflationary assumptions in the four year levy.

Community member, Doug Henderson commented about the levy and accountability on tests scores in comparison to the region. He also talked about the levy cycle, poverty impacts, teacher pay in excess of other districts, star class rating (a website), his past fight against bond and the need for documented proof of improvement before asking citizens for taxes.

Teacher, Mitch Brennan commented that the district needs to do a better job of informing the public about progress, invited the public to come to his classroom to see progress, and gave an example of

impacts if the levy fails. He urged the District for a full time principal replacement at the elementary school for student and staff support.

Community member, Stuart Milbrad asked the board to consider moving the public comment section of the meeting to the end. He also asked what happens to the levy collection in the case of additional state revenue.

Community member, Craig Howton commented on a school improvement presentation from the middle school that demonstrated improved achievement.

## **WORK STUDY TOPIC**

### M&O Levy February 14, 2017

Rick Thompson provided an explanation of how the district works with the auditor to set election dates, implications of the levy cliff, the timing of the legislative session and the need for a local levy in the context of legislative uncertainty.

Art Clarke commented on the increase in election costs and how the levy authority has changed over the years. The current authority (set by state law without legislative action) reduces from 28% to 24%.

## **BOARD TOPIC**

### Proposed Board Topic List

The board discussed changes to a proposed work session calendar and requested additional topics to be addressed and directed staff to post the sessions for public involvement. WSSDA policy review changes will be brought to the board after WSSDA review.

### WSSDA Board Self-Assessment

The board discussed completing a WSSDA self-assessment, by policy. I will send them a link for online participation this week.

After discussion, the board decided not to move the public comment section, with explanation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Rick Thompson  
Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

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Board Chair