

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAERCKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
HELD TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017
WESTVIEW HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 7:00 P.M.**

- 1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call:** At 7:02 p.m. President Art Andersen called the meeting to order, the following members were present: Lisa Bishop, Cindy Bondlow, Tim Casey, Patty Dieball, Mike Gombosi, Amy Sullivan, and Art Andersen.

District personnel in attendance: Sean Nugent, Superintendent; Sue Caddy, CSBO; Cathy Fisher, Directory of Teaching and Learning; and Kathy Spina, administrative assistant/ recording secretary.

- 2.0 Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment:** Many parents, students, and teachers were in attendance for student presentations including: Mary Jo Lopez, Saul Yawe, Chris Reyes, Aidan Murphy, Dave Murphy, Riaz family, Aliy'e Kryeloiy, Jakerla New, Angela Zekos-Tarik, April Eichmiller, Natalie Radke, Connie Huang, Anna Lathrop, Dorothy Jasinski, Kara Kuo, and Amber Quirk.

Public Comment: There was no comment.

3.0 Consent Agenda:

3.1 Approval of Minutes: Open and Closed Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 14, 2017

3.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report: for March 2017

3.3 Approval of Bills and Payroll: for April 2017

3.4 Approval of Recommendations for Hire: Heather Hurtado, Food Service (W) at the rate of \$10.70/hr; Carl Meyer, Custodial Engineer (M) at the rate of \$20/hr; Shaun Meek, Custodial Engineer (H) at the rate of \$20/hr.

Motion: Casey moved, and Sullivan seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bondlow, Casey, Dieball, Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Parent-Teacher Association: Kara Kuo, PTA President, shared that the PTA is preparing for the April 25th District-wide Cultural Fair. There will also be a dance at Westview on April 21st. The PTA is offering another chance to purchase gift cards through the Scrip program and the order will be placed on Monday, April 17. The order form is on the PTA website at www.maerckerpto.org. They are also planning a few treats for Teacher Appreciation.

4.2 Maercker Educational Foundation (MEF): Grant Awards will be held May 16th.

4.3 SASED: April is Autism Awareness and Occupational Therapy month. SASED continues to work on programming and space needs for next year, and are also currently in negotiations discussions. They will be leasing one classroom at Maercker School for an autism class next school year.

4.4 Principals:

Holmes: In honor of the Cultural Festival planned for April 25th, a grant has been received and a portion of funds will be used to paint a mural on a wall of the school. The Chocolate Touch One School – One Book project is underway with many related activities. The Westview Wildcat band will be doing lunchtime mini concerts to bring the arts to the Honey Bees. First grade student “Principal of the Day”, Ashton Fair was hard at work on April 13, 2017.

Maercker: STEM students will be doing a “Roller Coaster” demonstration on April 21st which will be streamed live at 2:15 p.m. Congratulations go to Mrs. DeCarlo and Ms. Hacker on Tech 2017 where Maercker students will demonstrate their videos with legislator members to show how technology is being used in schools. At 6 p.m. on April 26th Maercker will be hosting a Rainforest Live Show with snakes, monkeys, and a variety of exotic birds. Admission is \$5 per person (children under 3 are free). PARCC testing began on April 5th. The test results will provide specific information on areas for growth opportunity for individual students.

Westview: Currently the science department is meeting with representatives from the ROE to strengthen assessments based on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The social studies department is delving into the C3 Framework (new social studies standards). The spring MAP test will take place in May. Feedback will provide guidance for next year’s curriculum. The annual Student/Faculty basketball game was once again a fan favorite. Students from Guitar Club, Creation Station, 6th Grade Storybird Storyboard, 7th grade Poetry, 8th Grade IL Holocaust Museum, 6th Grade EL letters to Haiti, and Leo Club will share their work this evening in presentations.

4.5 Board of Education:

Board President Review of Agreements: This month the Board reflected on requests for information and preparation for meetings, and reviewed meeting effectiveness results from the March Board Meeting.

Administrative Contract Retirement Language: Mrs. Bondlow asked if contract language should be addressed to be more flexible given the instability of state finances. Language could be shaped so as “not to exceed”, “shall not exceed”, or “at the Board’s discretion”.

Board Speaker at 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony: Board members gave approval for Art Andersen to give the promotion address for 8th grade this year.

4.6 Director of Teaching and Learning: Mrs. Fisher gave an update of the Blended Preschool enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. With the assistance of SASSED, curriculum is being developed and aligned for the blended early childhood program for next year in the same format as kindergarten through 8th grade.

Summer Academy: In lieu of the traditional summer academy, which has been difficult to staff and find a suitable date-frame, there will be a Maercker Magic Book Club, a summer book program for remedial as well as challenged students. Credit recovery will be available for students who would benefit from successful completion of work.

4.7 CSBO: Ms. Caddy discussed the possibility of outsourcing grounds maintenance. Administration is suggesting the District put out an RFP to assess potential costs. This would possibly provide a savings on current aging maintenance equipment. The Board concurred and requested the administration put out the RFP.

4.8 Superintendent:

Enrollment: The total student count currently is 1,394.

FOIA: Report shared with Board.

Student Suspensions: Report shared with Board.

Administration will be joining District 99 for an “Open School” program for local realtors. Realtors will have the opportunity to hear about Districts 58, 60, 61, 66, 68 and 99. Each school represented will give a short presentation about their district.

State Accountabilities Plan: Mr. Nugent shared the Illinois plan to meet requirements for the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). There is one more year for PARCC testing.

5.0 Presentations: Students from Westview Hills Guitar Club, Creation Station, 6th Grade Storybird Storyboard, 7th grade Poetry, 8th Grade IL Holocaust Museum, 6th Grade EL letters to Haiti, Spanish House Tour Project, Little Free Library, and Leo Club shared final products of their work.

6.0 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items: There was no public comment.

7.0 Closed Session to Discuss: **Motion:** At 7:58 p.m., pursuant to section 2a of the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1.01, 120/2(c) Casey moved, and Dieball seconded, to close the meeting to the public relying upon exceptions set forth in 2(c)(1) (the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees); 2(C)(2) (Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees). A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Casey, Dieball, Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Move Out of Closed Session: **Motion:** At 8:57 p.m., Bishop moved, and Dieball seconded, to move out of closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Dieball, Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Casey, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.0 Action:

8.1 Re-Employment of Full-time Fourth Year Probationary Teachers: Megan Flaherty, Kierstyn Hacker, Natalie Radke, Danielle Smith, and Lynn Yopchick are recommended for re-employment and granting of tenure for the 2017-18 school year. **Motion:** Bishop moved, and Dieball seconded, to re-employ and grant tenure to fourth year full-time probationary teachers, as presented, for the 2017-2018 school year. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, Casey, Dieball, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.2 Re-Employment of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year Full-time Probationary Teachers: The following are first, second, and third-year full time and part-time probationary teachers who are being recommended for re-employment for the 2017-2018 school year: Leanne Clark, Barbara Crum, Megan DiCianni, Tess Heerema, Beth Krause, Aimee Lujano, Christina McElroy, Rachel Douglas, Grace Espinosa, Amanda Gregory, Kathleen Massoth, Elizabeth Ojeda, Lauren Parello, Kevin Wardzala, Shayla Bowers, Karen Constantine, Kelly Cook, Stephanie Pyka, Rachel Lebensorger, Sheila Priebe, Tim Strezo, Sarah Waters, Peggy Casey (.7 FTE), and George Huff (.7 FTE). **Motion:** Bishop moved, and Dieball seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education re-employ first, second, and third-year full time, and part-time probationary teachers, as presented, for the 2017-18 school year.. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, Dieball, Gombosi, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Abstaining: Casey. Motion carried.

8.3 Approval of Job Descriptions: Four job descriptions were presented for approval, one new description and three for modifications based on current qualifications of the positions. The new description, Teacher On Special Assignment, would allow coaching and support to classrooms as needed in the District. These positions should be short term and focused on implementing a District priority. When the priority is accomplished, the position will end. The Library Information Specialist description is broken into the categories of Elementary and Middle School because of the difference in design of the program at the two levels. The Certified Teacher description now incorporates the STEM teacher program. **Motion:** Casey moved, and Bondlow seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve new and updated job descriptions for Teacher on Special Assignment, Certified Teacher, and Library Information (Elementary and Middle School) Specialists as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bishop, Bondlow, Casey, Dieball, Gombosi, Sullivan, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.4 Approval of Administrative Contracts: Due to growing student and family needs, administration is recommending the hiring of two assistant principals, one for Holmes and one for Maercker. **Motion:** Bishop moved, and Dieball seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve the employment of Nicole Counihan and Laura Gilmartin as assistant

principals for the 2017-2018 school year. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Dieball, Sullivan, Bishop, and Andersen. Voting Nay: Bondlow, Casey, and Gombosi. Motion carried.

9.0 Agenda Items for Consideration: None at this time.

10.0 Consensus for Communication Items on Twitter: None at this time.

11.0 Adjournment: President Andersen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. **Motion:** A motion was made by Bondlow, and seconded by Gombosi. A voice vote was taken. Voting Aye: Voting Nay: None. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Spina, Recording Secretary

Secretary, Maercker 60 Board of Education

President, Maercker 60 Board of Education