

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAERCKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2018, 7:00 PM
WESTVIEW HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call: At 7:02 p.m., President Lisa Bishop called the meeting to order. The following members were physically present: Paul Kleppetsch, Michael Jones, Priya Linson, Mary Satchwell, Amy Sullivan, and Lisa Bishop. Tim Casey arrived at 7:23 p.m.

District Personnel in Attendance: Sean Nugent, Superintendent; Cathy Fisher, Director of Teaching and Learning; Sue Caddy, CSBO; and Kathy Spina, Administrative Assistant/ recording secretary.

2.0 Public Hearing for the Interfund Transfer from Life/Safety to Operations & Maintenance: Ms. Caddy, CSBO, explained the need to transfer current Life/Safety funds into the Operations and Maintenance category. Life-safety issues will be addressed within the parameters of currently scheduled construction. There was no public comment offered on the interfund transfer.

3.0 Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: There was no public comment.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Approval of Minutes: Open and Closed Minutes from September 18, 2018

4.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report: for September 2018

4.3 Approval of Bills and Payroll: for October 2018

4.4 Approval of Extended Leave: Megan DiCianni, 1st Grade (H), for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year

4.5 Approval of Employment: Nirmala Neelam, Aide (W); Emily Jackson, Temporary Teacher for M. DiCianni (H); David Clark, temporary AP for C. Lin (W); George Reyes, sub bus driver

4.6 Accept Letters of Intent to Retire: Angie Burnett (W), Sandy Hathaway (H), and Laura Scurto (H) in the year 2023

Motion: Sullivan moved, and Satchwell seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Jones, Linson, Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 Parent-Teacher Association: Coming up in October and early November there are several events planned:

- Fall Festival at Holmes on Oct 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm
- Fall Festival at Maercker on Oct 25 from 5:30- 7:30 pm
- PTA meeting at WHMS on Nov 5th at 7 pm

5.2 Maercker Education Foundation: Legal paperwork has been updated by the District.

5.3 SASSED: Ms. Satchwell said there is a meeting next week.

5.4 Principals:

Mr. Sepich (H) written report: Holmes is very excited about construction starting this month. The PTA has a great Fall Festival planned for October 23rd from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. The new Benchmark ELA Resource implementation is going well, with grade level leaders chosen to help guide the way with unit plans, strategies, pacing, and selection of resources. BLT and PBIS teams are focused on SEL needs of students, defining school-wide practices along with pacing charts. 2nd Step lessons have begun including digital citizenship lessons for the new Chromebooks and iPads. Students have earned their first reward!

Mrs. Giannoulis (M) written report: Several staff members joined administration in attending a celebration of life event for a Maercker student fighting cancer, raising over \$400. This month students are being led by their student leadership team in celebrating National Bullying Prevention Month by participating in several special events. Students are looking forward to the Maercker Fall Festival on October 25th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Gorey and Mrs. DeCarlo won a \$2,000 grant from Voya Unsung Heroes Program. The grant will fund the One Book One School event this year featuring **The Harlem Charade**, along with a visit from the author in the spring. Students have been celebrating Hispanic Heritage month with weekly historical announcements and music in Spanish and English. PLC's are working hard to implement the new Benchmark resources through coaching and support.

Mrs. Quirk (W) written report: The BLT is guiding departments toward developing curricular instruction and assessments in each area, along with planning necessary supports for the year. The cross-county teams and girls varsity volleyball teams have had great success this year. The Wildcat Dash was enjoyed by students and families participating together, and all look forward to the annual event next year. Mr. Dave Clark has joined the staff in Mr. Lin's absence to continue daily

observation and instruction with teachers, maintaining scheduling and supervision needs, and working with students.

5.5 Board of Education: The Board reviewed the exit slip from the last meeting. They agreed to come prepared to discuss the Resolutions proposed by the IASB at the November meeting.

5.6 Director of Teaching & Learning Cathy Fisher: Administration and key staff are reviewing acceleration guidelines, policies and practices. Mrs. Gilmartin and Mrs. Fisher are working together in preparation for the full-day kindergarten program for next year.

5.7 CSBO: Ms. Caddy

Second Bond Sale: The Board is being asked to approve a new escrow agreement in preparation for the second bond sale. The current resolution expires November 16th. This will give the District more flexibility and better interest rates when market conditions are prime. Ms. Caddy shared two options with the Board. The second issue will include a small restructuring of debt to maintain level payments over the duration of the payment schedule. Tammie Beckwith-Schallmo of PMA will continue to monitor the market with Ms. Caddy for the District's best interest.

Investments: There is an opportunity to increase investment earnings with the change in short-term rates. With the Board's approval, Ms. Caddy will prepare a monthly report for the Board on all activities.

FY18 Audit: The FY18 Audit is now available for review, and there were no significant findings in the Audit.

Tim Casey arrived at 7:23 p.m.

5.8 Superintendent:

Monthly Reports: Mr. Nugent made enrollment, and FOIA reports available.

Every Student Succeeds Act and Implications for District: Mr. Nugent shared an overview of the new law's funding and accountability components and how the district is working towards implementing them.

Construction: As costs have come in higher than anticipated, work is being done to trim expenses surrounding construction. The Board discussed and gave direction to administration to use additional fund balances to provide for the costs of projects so as not to diminish services considered a priority. Ms. Caddy assured the Board that any change orders would have to go through three levels of approval.

Groundbreaking at Holmes and Westview: There will be a ground-breaking ceremony held at Westview Hills Middle School on Wednesday, October 24th, beginning in the gym at 4:15 p.m. with the Wildcat Band, a welcome and presentation, followed by groundbreaking at 5:15 p.m., and a 5:45 p.m. reception in the Commons.

6.0 Presentation(s): None at this time.

7.0 Closed Session to Discuss: **Motion:** At 7:54 p.m., pursuant to section 2a of the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1.01, 120/2(c) a motion was made by Casey and seconded by Kleppetsch to close the meeting to the public relying upon exception(s) set forth in 2(c)(1)(the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees). A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Casey, Linson, Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, Jones, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Move Out of Closed Session: **Motion:** At 8:50 p.m., it was moved by Casey, and seconded by Sullivan to move out of closed session. A voice vote was taken and passed unanimously. Motion carried.

8.0 Action:

8.1 Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$12,405,000 General Obligation School Bonds for the purposes of improving the sites of and building and equipping additions to and altering, repairing and equipping the Holmes Elementary School and Westview Hills Middle School Buildings, and refunding outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof: **Motion:** Casey moved, and Linson seconded to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$12,405,000 General Obligation School Bonds for the purposes of improving the sites of and building and equipping additions to and altering, repairing and equipping the Holmes Elementary School and Westview Hills Middle School Buildings, and refunding outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchasers thereof, and subsequently assign the contracts to Gilbane Construction. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, Jones, Casey, Linson, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.2 Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bonds: **Motion:** Kleppetsch moved, and Satchwell seconded to approve the Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of Taxable General Obligation School Refunding Bonds. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Sullivan, Kleppetsch, Jones, Casey, Linson, Satchwell, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.3 Approval of Resolution Transferring Surplus Funds from the Life/Safety Fund to the O&M Fund: **Motion:** Linson moved, and Jones seconded to approve the Transfer of Surplus Funds from the Life/Safety Fund to the Operations & Maintenance Fund. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Kleppetsch, Jones, Casey, Linson, Satchwell, Sullivan, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.4 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Willowbrook: Because construction involves concrete work for the bus lane, which was not previously installed by the Village, the Village of Willowbrook has requested an agreement assuring that the school district will maintain its bus lane for the next 40 years. Correction of typos were indicated by a Board member and included in the document as amended. **Motion:** Sullivan moved, and Jones seconded to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Willowbrook as amended. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Jones, Casey, Linson, Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

8.5 Approval of 2019-20 Custodial Plan: **Motion:** Satchwell moved, and Sullivan seconded to approve the 2019-2020 Custodial Plan as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Linson, Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, Jones, and Bishop. Voting Nay: Casey. Motion carried.

9.0 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items: Mr. Casey explained that Maercker School has been collecting plastic bottle caps for Buddy Benches to encourage student inclusion. For every 250 lbs. of plastic caps collected, the school will receive a bench made of recycled plastic.

10.0 Agenda Items for November: Adoption of the Tax Levy, and a discussion of IASB Resolutions and recommendations.

11.0 Consensus for Communication Items on Twitter: Bottle cap collection support by the Board of Education.

12.0 Adjournment:

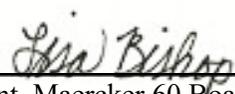
12.1 Meeting Effectiveness Exit Slip: Ms. Bishop reminded Board members to please complete the meeting survey; District investments.

12.2 Motion to Adjourn: President Lisa Bishop declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. **Motion:** A motion was made by Casey and seconded by Linson. A voice vote was taken, and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Spina, Recording Secretary



Secretary, Maercker 60 Board of Education



President, Maercker 60 Board of Education