

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAERCKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017, 7:00 PM
WESTVIEW HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call: At 7:00 p.m., President Lisa Bishop called the meeting to order. The following members were physically present: Paul Kleppetsch, Cindy Bondlow, Tim Casey, Priya Linson, Mary Satchwell, Amy Sullivan, and Lisa Bishop.

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 Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment: There were no visitors.

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

3.0 Consent Agenda:

3.1 Approval of Minutes: Open and Closed Minutes from September 19, 2017

3.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report: for September 2017

3.3 Approval of Bills and Payroll: for October 2017

3.4 Approval of Employment: Mrs. Burhani, Mrs. Garcia, and Ms. Sheridan as recess aides at Maercker School at the rate of \$10.70 per hour, 2 hours per school day.

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

4.0 Reports:

4.1 Parent-Teacher Association: October is a busy month with Holmes' Fall Festival on October 24th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Maercker's Fall Festival on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., followed by the October PTA meeting on October 30th at Holmes School.

4.2 Maercker Education Foundation: The foundation recently held a meeting to discuss the potential for moving forward. There are two interested parties in helping rejuvenate the Foundation. Research is being done to see if it is possible.

4.3 SASED: Communications from the SASED executive director were shared.

4.4 Principals:

Mr. Sepich (H) written report: School Improvement Plans are underway for Math and ELA. Individual reading assessments are completed; PLC's are meeting with literacy coaches for advisement on guided reading groups. Math leadership is moving the new curriculum forward. The K-2 PLC's will be working with a math consultant to define standards in November. Teams are working to review SEL needs and determine how to better collect data to guide teams. Students have already earned a school-wide reward.

The new schedule has provided consistency for classroom schedules and created additional time for teams to collaborate. This will greatly assist math and reading interventions.

All are looking forward to the PTA Fall Festival this October 24th!

Mrs. Giannoulis (M) written report: Twenty parents attended the “Coffee with the Principal”. Parents are getting involved in sessions in literacy, math, and yoga to name a few.

A couple of fun events are coming up as 5th grade students will be skyping with a marine biologist in Canada to connect their learning with the biologist’s actual scientific work with living systems, and Maercker School is going to Mars on an embedded microchip, which is being sent on the next mission with the Atlanta spaceship.

Peer jury training has begun for 4th and 5th grade where students are learning about restorative practices to build a positive and strong school community.

Maercker teachers are implementing the new Eureka Math program, and will be working soon with a consultant.

Mrs. Quirk (W) written report: Teachers are working together to dig deep in their greatest academic areas of need based on MAP scores. The special education team is working with research-based approaches through Fountas & Pinell for reading assessment, curriculum and intervention approaches with guidance from Dr. Reilly. All are preparing for upcoming Parent-Teacher conferences.

Megan Flaherty has provided additional training on GoGuardian, a Chromebook monitoring tool.

The cross-country team qualified for State, and JV and Varsity Volleyball teams have had a great season so far.

Megan Flaherty, Sheri DeCarlo, and Lissa Blake will be presenters at the 2018 ICE conference this year, on “From Now to Wow: Incorporating Engaging Technology”.

4.5 Board of Education: The Board discussed the topic of resolutions for the upcoming Tri-Conference and will be ready with questions at the November meeting. Paul Kleppetsch agreed to fill a vacancy on the Policy Committee, and Priya Linson will fill the opening for SASSED representative to the Governing Board.

4.6 Director of Teaching & Learning:

School Improvement Plans: Mrs. Fisher gave an overview of the District’s School Improvement process for 2017-18. Through working with the CEC, administration determined that the greatest area of need currently is in math. School leadership developed an action plan which provides professional learning in the area of standards, instructional strategies, and analysis of student data to formulate tailored action plans. Targets were set by a district joint committee this summer after analyzing the previous 4 years of data. The goal is to bring students within acceptable high school readiness targets. In the winter a benchmark will be taken again to show where adjustments are required.

Instructional Technology: Teachers and administrators are working to identify instructional technology resources which will be needed after the current Chromebook lease expires in June of 2018. There will be a piloting process by a sampling of teachers to make an informed decision. At the K-2 level the goal is touch screen Chromebooks. Devices will be chosen for students based on appropriate instruction level needs. The committee will be making a recommendation after the January Board meeting.

4.7 CSBO: Ms. Caddy gave an efficiency update from the business office. Time Clocks Plus, which provides a seamless interface to payroll, will be live on October 20th. This will save two to three hours of work each payroll. ACH files for vendors have been radically increased, reducing the number of paper checks to be sent out in payments. Hand dryers and more cost effective jumbo roll toilet paper dispensers are being installed in student restrooms at Holmes and Maercker schools over winter break in order to reduce the use of paper products. Cleaning products are being standardized across buildings for bulk purchasing cost advantages.

4.8 Superintendent:

Monthly Reports: Mr. Nugent made enrollment, FOIA requests, and student suspension reports available to the Board.

Residency Report: He reported that twelve residency investigations were conducted with five families being removed from D60 attendance, six families determined to live in-district, and one still under investigation.

SB1947 (Evidence Based Funding Model for schools): State funding will now be based on the enrollment and unique characteristics (special education, low income, English learner) of students in the district. ISBE is determining an adequacy target for each district outlining the district's ability to provide educational programming through a combination of local and state resources based on the 26 components of the evidenced based model. ISBE is calculating what the impact will be for each district, and expects to release results in late November or early December. Maercker District will be studying this closely as planning for next school year begins.

D86 High School Readiness Standards: Mr. Nugent recently attended a meeting of feeder districts for District 86 to discuss shared efforts to ensure all students are high school ready. D86 is correlating student MAP scores to the college readiness target on the SAT to determine readiness. This is the same benchmark standard that Maercker already uses to assess the effectiveness of our educational program in grades K-8.

Facilities: A mailing has gone out to all district households inviting residents to participate in a short survey and informing them of the final Citizens' Task Force Meeting on November 8. Members of the Task Force plan to share their findings with the Board of Education at the November Board meeting. A vote to place a referendum question on the March 2018 ballot would have to be taken at the December Board meeting.

Articulation Meeting with Teachers: Mr. Nugent described the function of the articulation committee which met today. It is comprised of representatives from administration, a board member, and teachers, meeting six times throughout the year to facilitate communication between all parties. Amy Sullivan represents the Board on the committee and summarized the discussion.

5.0 Presentations: None.

6.0 Closed Session to Discuss: **Motion:** At 8:20 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 Sullivan, to close the meeting to the public relying upon exceptions set forth in 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); and 2(c)(11) (litigation, when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent). A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Casey, Linson, Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, Bondlow, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

7.0 Action Items: There were none.

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

9.0 Agenda Items for Consideration: Tax Levy, Resolutions for Tri-Con, Westview Hills School Spotlight

10.0 Consensus for Communication Items on Twitter: There were none at this time.

11.0 Adjournment: President Bishop declared the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. **Motion:** A motion was made by Casey and seconded by Kleppetsch. A voice vote was taken. Voting Aye: Satchwell, Sullivan, Kleppetsch, Bondlow, Casey, Linson, and Bishop. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Spina, Recording Secretary

Secretary, Maercker 60 Board of Education

President, Maercker 60 Board of Education