

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAERCKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
HELD TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016**

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call: President Art Andersen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., the following members were present: Mike Gombosi, Cindy Bondlow, Tim Casey, Amy Sullivan, and Art Andersen. Patty Dieball arrived at 7:04 p.m. Lisa Bishop was absent.

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 Consent Agenda:

2.1 Approval of Minutes: Open and Closed Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 15, 2016

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's Report for November 2016

2.3 Approval of Bills and Payroll for December 2016

2.4 Approval of Winter Break Custodial Assistance: Ms. Caddy is recommending Jake Henriksen to assist in building maintenance for several days during the winter break.

2.5 Accept Letter of Resignation: Matt Mensik, Maercker Evening Custodian.

2.6 Approval of Employment: Frank Hedderman, Maercker Evening Custodian, pending completion of all required paperwork, at the rate of \$10.70 per hour, 3 hours per school day.

2.7 Approval of FMLA Requests: Assistant Principal Abel Orelove is requesting 2 weeks of Paternity leave in January (using 10 sick days); and Kelly Russo, 5th Grade teacher, is requesting 12 weeks of FMLA beginning April 10th, returning September 18, 2017 (using 45 sick days, 15 unpaid days).

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

3.0 Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment: The following visitors were in attendance: Amy Griffin, Beth Krause, and April Eichmiller.

Public Comment: There was none.

Patty Dieball arrived at 7:04 p.m.

4.0 Presentation: There were no presentations this evening.

5.0 Reports:

5.1 SASED: Mr. Nugent shared information from the latest SASED meeting. Mrs. Fisher was invited to give a presentation to other districts regarding the process followed in the re-configuration of Maercker District 60's Special Education Department over the last two years. This has been accomplished through SASED assistance, and is a potential model for other surrounding districts.

5.2 Board of Education:

Debrief from the November Triple I Conference: The Board reviewed a few topics of interest from the November conference such as negotiations, community engagement, and District-wide branding as opposed to individual school branding.

5.3 Maercker Educational Foundation (MEF): The next grant cycle will open January 4th, with a submission deadline of February 4th. Grants will be awarded at the April 18th Board Meeting.

5.4 Parent-Teacher Association: The annual Winter Wonderland shop was held last week, the Science Fair is gearing up, and the Fun Fair will be held on February 25th at Westview Hills. All volunteers are welcome!

5.5 Principals:

Holmes: Principal Sepich related students' excitement about the first trimester Hall of Fame Awards for behavior, learning about holidays around the world, and using Seesaw to communicate with families. They have completed MAP Assessments and are preparing for Fountas and Pinnell, and Aimsweb Assessments in January.

Maercker: Principal Giannoulis shared that students and teachers have been busy with testing, clubs, grant writing and promoting literacy. The entire school is reading and using integrated curriculum with **Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by author Chris Grabenstein, who is also following Maercker on twitter during the process. Band students are receiving encouragement and tutoring through National Honor Society Students from Downers Grove.

Westview: Principal Quirk reported the completion of MAP and Aims Web testing. Data received from testing will be used to determine helpful student supports. Teacher Learning Partner groups of four will work to give each other feedback and direction on improvement techniques. Currently professional development is being given during Wednesday Instructional Strategy meetings by Maggie Brewner of the ROE. The annual student Variety Show was full of amazingly talented students!

5.6 Director of Teaching and Learning: Mrs. Fisher presented a proposal for the opening of a Maercker blended Pre-School program, which will continue to service the needs of students who require special services, as well as typically developing students. The Board was invited to give input on parameters of the program. There is a limited number of spots available for typically developing students who will pay tuition, so a lottery system will be used. There was consensus on the tuition to be charged, and to set aside a portion of the spots for families who require tuition assistance. Administration will continue to refine the plan and bring a recommendation to the Board in January.

5.7 CSBO: Ms. Caddy gave a recommendation to the Board for no increase to student fees with the exception of an additional \$10 per 8th grade student due to increased graduation expenses. She also informed the Board of preliminary findings from her quality and efficiency review of the Buildings and Grounds Department. At the request of the Board she will investigate comparative transportation fees from surrounding districts.

5.8 Superintendent:

Enrollment: The total student count currently is 1,389.

FOIA: There was one FOIA request shared by Mr. Nugent.

Student Suspensions: Report shared with Board.

School Calendar: Administration and building leadership are working together to provide a calendar that will provide consistent teacher collaboration, aligning with the District School Improvement Cycle, and more consistency for parents. The proposed calendar contains a 40-minute early release for students every Wednesday. There was Board consensus to proceed.

Planning for Next Year: Superintendent Nugent discussed several items being reviewed for the next school year in regards to scheduling and class sizes. There was Board consensus to utilize a class size target of 24 at grades 3-5.

6.0 Action:

6.1 Adoption of Tax Levy for Tax Year 2016: The District levy request has been increased by 3.95%. The overall increase in the levy, including the "balloon", is estimated at 4.88%. The District expects to approximately a 1.33% increase in "capped" extension (all funds less Debt Service), or \$16,112,459, for total new revenue of \$212,063. The total levy, including the debt service levy,

is expected to be \$17,977,471. **Motion:** A motion was made by Casey, and seconded by Gombosi, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve the 2016 tax levy as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Dieball, Sullivan, Gombosi, Bondlow, Casey, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

6.2 Approval of FY17 Fees: Administration is recommending building usage and student fees not be increased for the 2017-18 school year. A minimal increase of \$10 for 8th grade graduation fees is suggested. **Motion:** A motion was made by Casey, and seconded by Gombosi, that the Maercker School District 60 School Board approve the 2017-18 fees as presented on the attached fee schedule, to continue to cap all fees for families with 3+ students, and to charge a 3% credit card processing fee. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Casey, Dieball, Sullivan, Gombosi, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.0 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items:

8.0 Closed Session to Discuss: **Motion:** At 8:14 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)(1) (the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bondlow, Casey, Dieball, Sullivan, Gombosi, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Move Out of Closed Session: **Motion:** At 9:02 p.m. it was moved by Dieball and seconded by Sullivan to move out of closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bondlow, Casey, Dieball, Sullivan, Gombosi, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

9.0 Agenda Items for Consideration: None at this time.

10.0 Consensus for Communication Items on Twitter:

11.0 Adjournment: President Andersen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. **Motion:** A motion was made by Casey, and seconded by Bondlow. A voice vote was taken. Voting Aye: Gombosi, Bondlow, Casey, Dieball, Sullivan, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Spina, Recording Secretary

Secretary, Maercker 60 Board of Education

President, Maercker 60 Board of Education

Att: Bills & Payroll
Treasurer's Report
Resolution for Tax Levy 2016