

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAERCKER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 60
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017
WESTVIEW HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, 7:00 P.M.**

- 1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call:** At 7:01 p.m. President Art Andersen called the meeting to order, the following members were present: Lisa Bishop, Cindy Bondlow, Mike Gombosi, Amy Sullivan, and Art Andersen. Tim Casey and Patty Dieball were 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.

Approval of Secretary Pro Tem: In the absence of Board Secretary Patty Dieball, and Vice President Tim Casey, Cindy Bondlow moved and Lisa Bishop seconded to appoint Amy Sullivan as secretary pro tem to sign all documents regarding action items for the evening. Voting Aye: Bishop, Bondlow, Gombosi, Sullivan, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion Carried.

- 2.0 Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment:** Visitors in attendance: Gabriella Masood, April Eichmiller, and Kara Kuo.

Public Comment: There was no comment.

3.0 Reports:

3.1 SASED: SASED is working on programming for next year.

3.2 Maercker Educational Foundation (MEF): Eight grant applications were submitted by District staff and are being reviewed by the committee. Presentations will be made at the April meeting.

3.3 Parent-Teacher Association: Kara Kuo, PTA President, shared that the PTA is preparing for the April 25th District-wide Cultural Fair. They are still in need of volunteers. She shared a special thank you for John and Robert Prueter's continued helpfulness at the Fun Fair.

3.4 Principals:

Holmes: Recently celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday, and are getting ready for a board game behavior reward event with classroom teachers. Second grade is busy preparing for a musical performance of "Bugz". So far this school year, Holmes has posted 22,262 items on Seesaw with 30,962 parent visits. Students are currently working on a variety of technology projects such as Weather Newscast videos, publishing opinion writing on Adobe Spark, using Geoboard to learn shapes in Math, and using Seesaw to expand their knowledge of other cultures.

Maercker: The Ecology Club will be visiting the Ronald McDonald House to donate their pop tab collection for the year. Students enjoyed a Fun Friday PBIS celebration recently. STEM students will be participating in Seaperch underwater robotics competition this Saturday, March 18th. Student leadership teams have been developing their own Anti-Bullying video to be shared with fellow students. Fourth and fifth graders are attending Downers Grove North High School's community outreach concert "Commotion in the Ocean", in which they will be learning about composers and music.

Westview: Teachers have been learning diving deeper into Moby Max, to help with differentiated learning modules, and have been participating in peer group observations as Learning Partners. Assessment training continues through evaluating assessments for Depth of Knowledge. PARCC testing begins when students return from spring break. Eighth grade students participated in a visit with Fern Schumer Chapman, author and daughter of a Holocaust survivor, after reading her book. They wrote poems on paper stones, in likeness to the stones they learned about in Germany. The very popular Student-Faculty Basketball Game will be held on March 23rd.

3.5 Board of Education:

Board President Review of Agreements: This month the Board reflected on asking questions prior to meetings, and reviewed meeting effectiveness results from the February Board Meeting.

The IASB Spring Dinner is March 16th.

Candidate Forum: Reminder: A school board member candidate forum will be held March 20th at 7:30 p.m. in conjunction with the PTA meeting at Westview Hills Middle School.

Assistant Principal Discussion: A board member expressed concerns over budget unknowns from the state, and the impact on sustaining assistant principal positions within the district. Ms. Caddy said that it is difficult to forecast based on unknowns, and there is no sign of action in the state legislature at this time. Mr. Nugent reviewed concerns expressed by Board members, and explained job expectations of Principals and Assistant Principals, and how they work collaboratively to support both staff and students. Mrs. Fisher addressed student concerns and supports, stating that needs are increasing as well as daily interaction with families at risk. Ms. Caddy will investigate budget considerations as far as possible. Majority of board expressed support for the position and directed administration to continue with candidate search, with some board members stating there should be assistant principals in all schools.

Band: Mr. Nugent discussed correlation of band FTE to number of band members.

3.6 Director of Teaching and Learning: No report.

3.7 CSBO:

Debt Limits: Maercker District’s debt limitation is 6.9% of its assessed valuation. The debt limit and capacity is calculated as follows:

2015 Assessed Valuation	\$542,935,063
6.9% (debt limitation by statute)	\$ 37,462,519
Total Outstanding Debt	\$ 15,085,000
<i>Legal Debt Capacity</i>	<i>\$ 22,377,519</i>

Maercker Roof Update: With a recent storm and high winds, Maercker School’s roof experienced some damage. Weatherguard Roofing provided a temporary solution. The insurance adjuster recommends the complete replacement of the barrier shield.

3.8 Superintendent:

Enrollment: The total student count currently is 1,400.

FOIA: Report shared with Board.

Student Suspensions: Report shared with Board.

Facilities Plan: Mr. Nugent and the Board discussed a timeline and goals for facility needs as determined by ARCON, recommending the formation of an Administrative Team, Steering Committee, and a larger Citizens’ Task Force. Mr. Nugent outlined the agenda moving forward.

4.0 Consent Agenda:

4.1 Approval of Minutes: Open and Closed Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 21, 2017

4.2 Approval of Treasurer’s Report for February 2017

4.3 Approval of Bills and Payroll for March 2017

4.4 Approval of Recommendations for Hire: James Farnan, Part-time Custodian (M)

4.5 Accept Letter(s) of Resignation: Cristina Berry, (H) BIL teacher; Margo Jablonski, 1st Gr. (H); D. Leffler, (M) Even. Custodian; Anne Pokusa, Food Service (W); E. Claire Oliver, Intervention Specialist (M); Ken Ridgeway, Custodial Engineer (M)

4.6 Accept Letter(s) of Retirement: Camellia Mensik, Holmes School Instructional Assistant, effective April 3, 2017; and Frank Mensik, Holmes Custodial Engineer, effective June 30, 2017.

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

5.0 Public Comment on Agenda or Non-Agenda Items:

6.0 Closed Session to Discuss: **Motion:** At 7:57 p.m., pursuant to section 2a of the Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/1.01, 120/2(c) Bishop moved, and Sullivan 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: Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

7.0 Action:

7.1 Award Bid for Masonry Work at Maercker and Holmes Schools: Bids for masonry remediation were accepted on March 8th, 2017. B.E.T.O.N. was the low bidder with a combined bid total of \$333,480, and was recommended after a full review by STR-SEG to be awarded the contract. This allows a variance of \$8,000 along with a material allowance of \$20,000. **Motion:** Bishop moved, and Bondlow seconded, to award the contract for the 2017 masonry remediation at Holmes and Maercker School to B.E.T.O.N. Construction Company. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.2 Approve Lease for Purchase of New Bus Fleet: Administration recommended the replacement of all nine District buses with 9 new gasoline-powered buses. The total cost will be \$680,364, or annual payments of \$103,266 at a 3.44% rate. The buses include an extended warranty reducing repair and maintenance budgets. **Motion:** Bondlow moved, and Gombosi seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve a 5 Year Lease for Purchase of a new bus fleet with Providence Capital Network. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bondlow, Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.3 Second Reading and Adoption of Policies: The following policies are prepared and recommended by the Board Policy Committee for approval for adoption.

Section	Policy	Description
School Board	2:120, Board Member Development	Policy, Legal References, Cross References updated in response to legislation.
	2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses	Policy text is amended to inform the general public that school board members are volunteers and serve without compensation.
	2:200, Types of School Board Meetings	Policy, Legal References, Cross References updated in response to legislation.
	2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure	Policy and subtitles updated in response to legislation.
Operational Services	4:55, Use of Credit and Procurement Cards	Cross References updated in response to legislation.
	4:60, Purchases and Contracts	Policy, Legal References, Cross References updated in response to legislation.

	4:110, Transportation	Policy, Legal References, Cross References updated in response to legislation.
	4:170, Safety	Footnotes Updated.
	4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications	RENAMED. The policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.
General Personnel	5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment	Policy, Legal References, Cross References updated in response to legislation.
	5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria	Policy, Legal References, Cross References updated in response to legislation.
	5:60, Expenses	The policy is rewritten in response to the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act
	5:100, Staff Development Program	Policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	5:125, Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct	Policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	5:185, Family and Medical Leave	Policy, terminology, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	5:190, Teacher Qualifications	Policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes updated in response to ESSA legislation.
	5:250, Leaves of Absence	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	5:260, Student Teachers	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	5:280, Duties and Qualifications	Legal References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.
	5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
Instruction	6:15, School Accountability	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	6:50, School Wellness	Policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	6:60, Curriculum Content	Policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	6:140, Education of Homeless Children	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	6:145, Migrant Students	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	6:160, English Learners	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to ESEA and ESSA legislation.
	6:170, Title I Programs	Policy and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	6:340, Student Testing and Assessment Program	Policy, Legal References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
Students	7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools	Policy, Legal References, Cross References, and footnotes updated in response to legislation.
	7:60, Residence	Policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.
	7:70, Attendance and Truancy	Policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.
	7:190, Student Behavior	Renamed (formerly known as Student Discipline); policy is unchanged.
	7:250, Student Support Services	Policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.
	7.305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries	Policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.
	7:310, Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools	Renamed (formerly known as Restrictions on Publications) to restrict it to elementary students.
Community Relations	8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property	Policy, Cross References, and footnotes are updated in response to legislation.

Motion: Bishop moved, and Sullivan seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve the adoption of policies as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bishop, Bondlow, Gombosi, Sullivan, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.4 Approval of Certified Staffing Plan for FY18: **Motion:** Bishop moved, and Sullivan seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve the FY18 Certified Staffing Plan as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Bondlow, Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.5 Adopt Resolution of Honorable Dismissal of Teachers: Due to changes in FTE allocations, part-time teachers Mary Krause (PE), Alyssa LaBrash (Special Education), Candy Papanicholas (PE) and Jennifer Vujanovic (STEM) were recommended to be honorably dismissed. **Motion:** Sullivan moved, and Bondlow seconded, that the Maercker School District 60 Board of Education approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Teachers as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

7.6 Dismissal of 1st Year Probationary Teacher: This item was not needed.

7.7 Dismissal of 4th Year Probationary Teacher: **Motion:** Bishop moved, and Gombosi seconded, to approve the Resolution for Dismissal of Fourth-Year Probationary Teacher Amy Rappel as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Voting Aye: Gombosi, Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, and Andersen. Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

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

9.0 Agenda Items for Consideration: None at this time.

10.0 Adjournment: President Andersen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m. **Motion:** A motion was made by Bondlow, and seconded by Gombosi. A voice vote was taken. Voting Aye: Sullivan, Bishop, Bondlow, Gombosi, 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