

Maywood Public School
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 11, 2013

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lyle Koester with the following Board members present: David Dodson, Sheri Hartley, Lance Hastings, Lyle Koester, Donita Werkmeister, and Brett Wood. Others in attendance were Superintendent Mike Williams, Principal Trent Benjamin, staff, and patrons.

Tim Wolfe addressed the Board about flag etiquette and admonished the Board for, in his opinion, their lack of vision, goals, and transparency in the performance of their duties for the District. Duane Dodson commented on the amount of money all of these issues has cost the District.

Sheri Hartley reported to the remainder of the Board on the collective bargaining negotiations session they had with the MEA representatives on October 28, 2013. Cindy Bollish reported to the Board how the new elementary reading series, *Reading Mastery*, worked and how pleased the elementary staff are with it and the immediate results they are seeing in the students.

Hastings moved and Hartley seconded a motion to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Hartley moved and Werkmeister seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2013, regular Board of Education Meeting as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Dodson moved and Wood seconded a motion to pay the bills, as presented, in the amount of \$40,216.84. The motion passed 6-0.

Koester moved and Hartley seconded a motion to pay the payroll, as presented, in the amount of \$178,170.45. The motion passed 6-0. .

Dodson moved and Hartley seconded a motion to accept the financial reports as amended. The motion passed 6-0.

Principal Benjamin gave an A-Team update and reported on technology purchases and plans and the November in-service for teachers.

Superintendent Williams reported on the 2012-13 school audit, 2014-15 school calendar, principal evaluation instrument, jr. high football cooperative, NSAA issues, buildings and grounds, and transportation.

Werkmeister moved and Hartley seconded a motion to accept the 2012-13 school audit performed by Neidhardt CPA, PC. The motion passed 6-0.

Hastings moved and Hartley seconded a motion to approve the AptaFund accounting software upgrade from Harris School Solutions. The motion passed 6-0.

Dodson moved and Werkmeister seconded a motion to approve a bid from Nebraska Safety & Fire for \$29,783.00 plus any changes as directed by the Nebraska State Fire Marshall. The motion passed 6-0.

Hastings moved and Werkmeister seconded a motion to approve the 2014-15 school calendar as amended. The motion passed 4-2 (voting yes – Dodson, Hastings, Koester, Werkmeister; voting no – Hartley, Wood).

Koester moved and Werkmeister seconded a motion to retain the Harding & Schultz law firm to represent Superintendent Mike Williams regarding an administrative complaint filed against him in his official capacity as superintendent or to indemnify him as provided by section 79-516 as he acted in good faith and in the best interests of the school district. The motion passed 6-0.

Hastings moved and Dodson seconded a motion to approve the principal evaluation instrument as presented. The motion passed 6-0.

Dodson moved and Wood seconded a motion to approve a bid from Nebraska/Central Equipment, Inc., in the amount of \$93,750.00 for the purchase of a new school bus. The motion passed 6-0.

Wood moved and Koester seconded a motion for the Board to enter closed session at 8:55 p.m. for negotiations strategy for collective bargaining with the MEA, so as to protect the public's interest. The motion passed 6-0.

President Koester stated that the Board has adopted a motion to enter closed session for collective bargaining negotiations strategy to protect the public's interest. The Board will limit itself to discussion of this issue.

Dodson moved and Hartley seconded a motion to return to regular session of the November meeting at 10:05 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

Koester moved and Dodson seconded a motion to adjourn the November 11, 2013, regular Board of Education Meeting at 10:06 p.m., and set the next regular Board of Education meeting for Monday, December 9, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. The motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Williams
Superintendent