

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Board of Directors
The Missouri Valley Community School District
Monday, July 20, 2009**

Call of Order

President Brenda Dooley called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. on Monday, July 20, 2009, at the District Office Board Room, 109 East Michigan Street, Missouri Valley, Iowa.

Roll Call

Present: Brenda Dooley, Michele Wilson, Kelley Ruffcorn, Pat Skelton and Dan Zaiser

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Tom Micek, Secretary Robyn Wohlers and Pete Graham

Approve Agenda

Director Wilson approved the agenda as published, and Director Ruffcorn seconded it. All Ayes; motion carried.

Recognition of Visitors/Gifts/Services

None

Approval of Minutes

Director Zaiser motioned to approve the Minutes of the regular Board meeting on June 15, and the special Board meeting of June 30, 2009. Director Skelton seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

The monthly financial reports for the General Operating, Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Child Nutrition, Agency, Trust, and Activity Funds for the month of June, 2009, were presented for the Board's review.

Board Bills

Additional bills brought before the Board totaled \$46,762.16. Director Skelton made a motion to pay the bills submitted in the Board packet, plus additional pages of bills totaling \$46,762.16, and approved authorization for 2009-2010 Activity/Trust/Agency prepaid checks. Director Wilson seconded the motion. All Ayes; motion carried.

The bills totaled \$118,273.94 as follows: \$78,483.48 – General Operating Fund; \$533.13 – Management Fund; \$8,384.35 – Physical Plant and Equipment; \$27,601.78 – Capital Projects Fund; \$0.00 – Capital Projects/1% Sales Tax Fund; \$0.00 – Debt Service Fund; \$226.00 – School Nutrition Fund; \$71.75 – Preschool Proprietary Fund; \$2,973.45 -- Student Activity Fund; \$0.00 – Trust Fund; and \$0.00 – Agency Fund.

o'clock P.M., on the above date. There were present President Brenda Dooley, in the chair, and the following Board Members: Kelley Ruffcorn, Pat Skelton, Michele Wilson, and Daniel Zaiser. Absent: None.

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The Superintendent, Dr. Thomas Micek, presented a Revenue Purpose Statement, which must be approved by the Board and submitted to the County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate (July 31, 2009.)

Director Skelton introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Zaiser seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was:

AYES: Dooley, Ruffcorn, Skelton, Wilson, Zaiser

NAYS: None

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT
AND ORDERING AN ELECTION ON A REVENUE PURPOSE
STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES FROM THE
STATE SECURE AN ADVANCED VISION FOR EDUCATION
FUND (THE "REVENUES")

WHEREAS, the School District receives school infrastructure local option tax revenues ("SILO") which has been replaced by one-cent state sales, services, and use tax revenues, which must be deposited in the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund and distributed to the School District pursuant to Iowa Code 423E.4, Code 2007, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 277.4 requires each school district to approve and submit a revenue purpose statement to the County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate, listing the specific purpose or purposes for which the state sales, services, and use tax for school infrastructure revenues and appropriations and other moneys received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision Education Fund, pursuant to Iowa Code 423E.4, Code 2007, as amended, will be expended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSOURI VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF HARRISON AND POTTAWATTAMIE, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That the Board wishes to authorize spending the Revenues for other purposes and to replace and extend the existing authorization and in doing so, must approve the following Revenue Purpose Statement.

Section 2. That the following Revenue Purpose Statement shall be approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Revenue Purpose Statement with the Harrison County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate.

Revenue Purpose Statement
Missouri Valley Community School District

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 423F.3, Code of Iowa, the Missouri Valley Community School District hereby adopts and submits to the Commissioner of Elections of Harrison County, Iowa, this Revenue Purpose Statement to be submitted to the electors at an election to be held September 8, 2009.

Money received by the Missouri Valley Community School District from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes:

To provide funds for property tax relief.

To provide funds to build and furnish a new school facility or facilities; to build and furnish addition(s) to school facilities; to remodel, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities.

To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings or equipment (including transportation, technology and recreation equipment) as authorized by law, to implement and install energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities, procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings.

To provide funds for emergency repairs to respond to natural disasters, such as fire, wind damage, flood; to repair, improve, and/or replace mechanical, plumbing, structural, roof, and electrical system; environmental remediation; or to respond to changes in demographics that require construction of additions or improvements to school buildings or new school buildings.

To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; or for community education purposes; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Missouri Valley Community School District.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans,

loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code section 423E.5.

Section 3. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Missouri Valley Community School District in the Counties of Harrison and Pottawattamie, on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The following Proposition is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Proposition for the Ballot with the Harrison County Commissioner of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after nomination papers are due for a school board candidate:

SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

YES []

NO []

Summary: To adopt the revenue purpose statement to authorize the expenditure of revenues from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund received by the Missouri Valley Community School District.

In the Missouri Valley Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of the sales, services and use tax funds from the State of Iowa secure an advanced vision for education fund for school infrastructure (penny sales, services and use tax for schools) shall be adopted:

To provide funds for property tax relief.

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To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; or for community education purposes; and other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Missouri Valley Community School District.

To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code section 423E.5.

It being understood that if this proposition should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the secure an advanced vision for education fund.

If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Missouri Valley Community School District.

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 4. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 5. That the Election Board for the voting precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections, not less than 15 days before the date of the election, a certified copy of which appointment must be officially placed on file in the office of the Secretary.

Section 6. The Commissioner of Elections is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the date of the election, in a legal newspaper, printed wholly in the English language, as defined by Iowa Code section 618.3.

Section 7. The *Missouri Valley Times-News*, a legal newspaper, is published within the District and is hereby designated to make the publication of the Notice of Election.

Section 8. That the County Commissioner of Elections shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies as necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with the Commissioner of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 9. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 20th day of July, 2009.

/s/ Brenda Dooley
PRESIDENT, Board of Directors

ATTEST:

/s/ Robyn Wohlers
SECRETARY, Board of Directors

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CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF HARRISON)

I, the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Valley Community School District, in the Counties of Harrison and Pottawattamie, State of Iowa, certify that attached is a true and complete copy of the portion of the corporate records of this School District showing proceedings of the Board, and the same is a true and complete copy of the action taken by this Board with respect to the matter at the meeting held on the date indicated in the attachment, and remain in full force and effect, and have not been amended or rescinded in any way; that the meeting and all action were duly and publicly held in accordance with a notice of meeting and a tentative agenda, a copy of which was timely served on each member of the Board and posted on a bulletin board or other prominent place easily accessible to the public and clearly designated for that purpose at the principal office of the Board (a copy of the face sheet of the agenda is attached) pursuant to the local rules of the Board and the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 21, upon reasonable advance notice to the public and media at least twenty-four hours prior to the commencement of the meeting as required by law and with members of the public present in attendance; I further certify that the individuals named on the date thereof possessed their respective offices as indicated, that no board vacancy existed except as may be stated in the proceedings, and that no controversy or litigation is pending, prayed or threatened involving the incorporation, organization, existence or boundaries of the School District or the right of the individuals named as officers to their respective positions.

WITNESS my hand hereto affixed this 20th day of July, 2009.

/s/ Robyn Wohlers
Secretary of the Board of Directors

IASB Legislative Priorities for 2009-2010 Approved

President Dooley presented the results of the Board members' preferences for 2009-2010 legislative action resolutions. There were five priority selections, those being #1, #2, #3, #6, and #11, as follows:

- 1) *Supports preserving the integrity of the statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, including the tax equity provisions of buying down the highest additional levy rates to the state average. (#1)*
- 2) *Supports full state funding to implement the Iowa Professional Development Model. The school district is the appropriate authority to determine the amount and content of, and require participation in, professional development to improve instruction focused on the district's student learning goals. (#2)*
- 3) *Supports the development of rigorous content standards and benchmarks, consistent with the Iowa Core Curriculum, focused on improving student achievement. State standards must set high expectations for student learning while providing flexibility and support to local school districts in delivering on those high expectations, including the following state actions:*
 - ♦ *Provide state technical assistance to help districts fully implement the Iowa Core Curriculum.*
 - ♦ *Develop or obtain high-quality assessments, including summative and formative assessments, to measure rigorous standards. IASB supports assessment systems that measure student growth for all students, also known as value-added growth or gain, to improve student outcomes by driving professional development, teacher and administrator evaluation, and school improvement decision.*
 - ♦ *Support research-based professional development that provides educators with the training, support and time to work together so that they can successfully teach a rigorous curriculum to all students.*
 - ♦ *Include and fund all the components of successful standards systems, namely, high expectations, alignment with assessments, improved and aligned instruction and quality professional development. (#3)*
- 4) *Supports funding to ensure that all three- and four-year-olds have access to a high quality public school preschool program by including preschool students in the enrollment count. IASB supports local district spending authority in the event of a future state spending reduction. Programs must strive to meet the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Early Childhood Program Standards. The program must include certified staff and align instruction and assessment to the Iowa Early Learning Standards. (#6)*
- 5) *Supports setting allowable growth at a rate that encourages continuous school improvement and reflects actual cost increases experienced by school districts. The allowable growth rate should be set no lower than 6 percent. Equivalent state categorical funding is not a substitute for adequate allowable growth. Our priority is to increase and*

maintain the state cost per pupil and the spending authority associated with it to build a strong base for future education resources. (#11)

Director Wilson made a motion to approve the Board's selections for 2009-2010 IASB legislative action priorities of #1, #2, #3, #6, and #11. Director Ruffcorn made the second. All Ayes; motion carried.

Approve District Special Education Service Delivery Plan

Dr. Micek explained that the Missouri Valley School District's revised District Development Special Education Service Delivery Plan had been approved by Becky Zorn at AEA 13, and would proceed on to the state for final approval. Director Ruffcorn motioned to approve the District Special Education Service Delivery Plan per Exhibit V-D. Director Wilson made the second. All Ayes; motion passed.

Approval of 2009-2010 District Appointments

Director Zaiser motioned to approve the administrative recommendation to approve the following District appointments for the 2009-2010 school year: Board Treasurer -- Robyn Wohlers; Board Attorney -- Rick Engel; and Administrative Attorney -- Rick Franck. Director Skelton seconded it. All Ayes; motion carried.

Approve Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) Authorization Request

Dr. Micek announced that a new source of funding had become available to school districts called Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) which are less restrictive than QZAB, and the state has an allocation of \$64 million. He requested the approval to submit an application to the state to request \$1,200,000 for the final stage of the HVAC project, which would be repaid with PPEL and one-cent sales tax revenues. There would be zero interest on the QSCB. Director Skelton motioned to approve the Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB) authorization request, per Exhibit V-F. The second was made by Director Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for Foreign Exchange Student Admission for 2009-2010 Approved

Director Ruffcorn motioned to approve a request (from Dawn Foutch) for a foreign exchange student (from the Netherlands) to be admitted for the 2009-2010 school year. Director Zaiser made the second. All Ayes; motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Assignments Approved

Director Zaiser motioned to approve a Request for Family Medical Leave for Lori Pickle, Elementary Secretary. Director Wilson made the second. All Ayes; motion carried.

Director Wilson motioned to accept the resignation from Lynn Killpack, Elementary Teacher, Title I/Literacy Coach. Director Ruffcorn seconded it. All Ayes; motion carried.

Director Zaiser motioned to approve administrative recommendation to issue a letter of assignment to: Justin Gross, American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Compliance Administrator. Director Ruffcorn made the second. All Ayes; motion carried. Dr. Micek said this assignment would be paid at the head coach equivalency/14% of salary schedule level.

Superintendent's Report

Supt. Tom Micek's monthly report outlined school registration days of Aug. 5-6, Orientation Day for new staff on Aug. 14, Pre-Service day for teachers on Aug. 17, Pre-Service day for all staff on Aug. 18, and the first day of school for students on Aug. 19. There will be early dismissal on the first three days of school.

He discussed an agenda item for the August regular Board meeting of sharing services in maintenance and/or transportation with West Harrison, which would provide an additional 12.4 students to be shared between the two districts. He also noted that there would be a mandatory training session on Aug. 4 for the entities involved with the 4-Year-Old Voluntary Preschool Program approved for Missouri Valley. Rev. Ray Smith from First Lutheran Church, representing One-Way Preschool, and Penny Lingle from West Central Community Action, representing Missouri Valley Head Start, will accompany school staff members to training in Pocahontas, Iowa.

In conclusion, Dr. Micek announced that he had consulted with Rick Franck for legal action against the Canadian manufacturer of the air exchange unit serving the auditorium, which has had tremendous problems and numerous expensive repairs since the installation during phase I of the HVAC project 3 years ago. A claim seeking replacement of the unit or remuneration for the repairs will be filed.

Adjournment

Director Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Director Zaiser seconded it. All Ayes; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 P.M.

Approved:

Brenda Dooley, Board President

Robyn Wohlers, Board Secretary-Treasurer