

**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting
Board of Directors
The Missouri Valley Community School District
Monday, August 17, 2009**

Call of Order

President Brenda Dooley called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, August 17, 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, Deidre Drees, Justin Gross, Bill Huggett, Jamie Donahue, Liz Davie, Brent Hoelsing, and Matt Gengler

Approve Agenda

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

Recognition of Visitors/Gifts/Services

Dr. Micek introduced the new staff members that were present: Jamie Donahue, Liz Davie, and Brent Hoelsing, and Matt Gengler snapped a photo for the newspaper. Additional new staff included Jami Helgenberger, Katie Muff, Denise Oviatt, Jessica Goodrich, and Dana Massa.

Approval of Minutes

Director Ruffcorn motioned to approve the Minutes of the regular Board meeting on July 20, 2009. Director Zaiser 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 July, 2009, were presented for the Board's review.

Board Bills

Additional bills brought before the Board totaled \$123,395.96. Director Skelton made a motion to pay the bills submitted in the Board packet, plus additional pages of bills totaling \$123,395.96. Director Wilson seconded the motion. All Ayes; motion carried.

The bills totaled \$381,862.92 as follows: \$246,047.82 – General Operating Fund; \$114,845.00 – Management Fund; \$2,240.00 – Physical Plant and Equipment; 1,600.00 – Capital Projects/1% Sales Tax Fund; \$0.00 – Debt Service Fund; \$1,046.38 – School Nutrition Fund; \$347.00 – Preschool Proprietary Fund; \$15,309.12 -- Student Activity Fund; \$0.00 – Trust Fund; and \$427.60 – Agency Fund.

ADMINISTRATION

Supervisory Reports

Principals Bill Huggett, Justin Gross, and Deidre Drees reported a great first day working with staff and looking forward to the return of the students on August 19. Professional staff development for the 2009-2010 school year will focus upon Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) and Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW), which tie to the Iowa Core Curriculum and provide rigid structure to assist in evaluating student achievement. The Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program, for which Missouri Valley was awarded a grant (MVCSA, MV

Head Start, and One-Way Preschool), will begin this year. Preschoolers will begin classes on Sept. 8 at the Missouri Valley Community School District at two daily morning sessions. The “Welcome Back” breakfast for staff was a celebratory event, complete with balloons and fostering positive attitudes for riding *The Energy Bus*, a book by Jon Gordon, and the concept will be implemented by staff this school year.

Receive 2008-2009 Annual Yearly Progress Report & Special Education Compliance

Dr. Micek noted that the Annual Yearly Progress Report is directly tied to the federal “No Child Left Behind” program, and the Missouri Valley School District met 17 of 20 goals. Areas of concern included a Middle School sub-group in mathematics, and Elementary reading for one sub-group and mathematics for three sub-groups. The High School met all goals. The District met the graduation rate requirements, as well as the attendance rate (based upon K-8.)

The Middle School is under “safe harbor” for FY09 for reading, and Mr. Gross explained that ALEKS will be implemented 5 days per week this school year to focus on reading strategies, as well as specialized individual training to help students succeed. The Elementary School will continue to seek methods to improve student achievement, with the entire staff being involved with CGI this school year. The District met all requirements for IDEA accountability for special education.

BOARD GOVERNANCE

Approve Agreement for Operational Sharing with West Harrison School District

Dr. Micek explained an agreement for 80%/20% shared services for transportation and maintenance staff for 2009-2010. He said that no money would be exchanged, but hours of labor would be tracked, as well as mileage. This agreement would allow the two school districts to claim an additional twelve students' equivalency in State money for 2010-2011. Director Zaiser motioned to approve the agreement for operational sharing with West Harrison Community School District, per Exhibit VI-A. Director Wilson made the second. All Ayes; motion carried.

Approve agreement with West Central Community Action (WCCA) for Preschool Program

A proposed agreement with West Central Community Action (WCCA) for the Preschool Program was explained by Dr. Micek. The Statewide Voluntary Preschool Program grant application was submitted to fund 45 students, a combination to attend MV Head Start, One-Way Preschool, and Missouri Valley Community School District. Dr. Micek publicly thanked Pastor Ray Smith of First Lutheran Church/One-Way Preschool and Penny Lingle of WCCA for their efforts in working with Bill Huggett and others in successfully being awarded this grant.

Dr. Micek noted that two counts would be taken, the first count for financial funding purposes on August 28 for FY10 and the second for certified enrollment in September or October for FY11 funding. MVCSD will act as the flow-through agency for the grant money. West Central Community Action will hold the contract for an extra Iowa-licensed, preschool-certified teacher shared between WCCA and One-Way Preschool.

Director Ruffcorn motioned to approve the agreement with West Central Community Action for the Preschool Program, per Exhibit VI-B. Director Wilson seconded that motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve Agreement with SWIPCO for Transportation Services for Preschool Student

Director Skelton motioned to approve an agreement with the Southwest Iowa Planning Council (SWIPCO) for transportation of a wheelchair-bound student to the preschool. Director Zaiser made the second. All Ayes; motion carried.

Receive Board Policies for Review

The Board received the following Board policies for review without changes:

1. #603.3, "Provision of Special Education"
2. #603.3A, "Special Education Services Provided to Non-Resident Students"
3. #603.3B, "Special Education, Transition from Part H to Part B"
4. #603.16, "Work Release Program"
5. #604.1, "Competent Private Instruction"
6. #604.1E1, "Private Competency Instruction Report, Administrative Regulation"
7. #604.5, "Religious-Based Exclusion from a School Program"
8. #604.6, "Instruction at a Post-Secondary Educational Institution"
9. #604.7, "Dual Enrollment"
10. #604.8, "Foreign Students"

Board Policies for First Reading

Board policies having changes were present for first reading. These policies will return for final reading at the September Board meeting.

1. #603.1, Basic Instruction Program
2. #603.4, Multicultural & Nonsexist Education

HUMAN RESOURCES

Assignments Approved

Director Skelton motioned to accept the resignation from Annette Deakins, Preschool Associate. Director Wilson seconded it. All Ayes; motion carried.

Director Ruffcorn motioned to approve administrative recommendation to issue an employment contract to Denise Oviatt, Elementary Title I Teacher and Literacy Coach, who will replace Lynn Killpack. Second was made by Director Zaiser. All Ayes; motion carried.

Director Wilson motioned to approve administrative recommendation to issue letters of assignment to: Jessica Goodrich, Preschool Child-Specific Associate; Dana Massa, Preschool Child-Specific Associate; Rick McHugh, H.S. Asst. Football Coach; Jeremy Faubel, H.S. Asst. Football Coach – 50% shared position; Frank Smith, H.S. Asst. Football Coach – 50% shared position; Jamie Fouts, Jr. High Football Coach; John Torrey, Jr. High Football Coach; and Kris Miller, H.S. Asst. Volleyball Coach.

Roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Dooley, Ruffcorn, Wilson, Zaiser

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Skelton

Director Skelton motioned to approve the recommendation for Dave Monzu and Rod Unger to serve as Volunteer High School Assistant Football Coaches for the 2009-2010, and second made by Director Ruffcorn. All Ayes; motion passed.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Micek discussed the school election for September 8th, noting that in addition to electing two School Board members to four-year terms, the ballot will ask voters for approval of a

Revenue Purpose Statement for usage of the State-wide Penny for Missouri Valley Schools. Iowa Code requires this public vote be taken before the county-wide penny sales tax sunsets in 2012. He stressed that this is not an additional tax or bond issue, but voter permission for the school district to use the funds according to the RPS for HVAC project completion, replacement of roofs, flooring, and school buses, and to upgrade electrical and plumbing systems. He also noted the next school election will be held in 2011.

Supt. Micek announced that the District should receive \$439,801.00 in Teacher Quality and Phase II funding for 2009-2010. Equal distribution of \$363,811 will be made to eligible teachers in payments from October, 2009 through May, 2010. The Teacher Quality Committee (five MVEA members and five administrators) will approve the spending plan for professional development funds of \$42,817. Phase II revenues will be \$75,920. He noted that Phase I money has been discontinued beginning this school year.

He told the Board that changes in IPERS regulations are expected to be announced in September. He reviewed upcoming dates and events on the calendar, and proposed a Board workshop/retreat in October.

Adjournment

Director Zaiser made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Director Ruffcorn seconded it. All Ayes; motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Approved:

Brenda Dooley, Board President

Robyn Wohlers, Board Secretary-Treasurer