



Maynard School District

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Board Meeting Minutes March 11, 2014

Members in Attendance:

Dr. Steve Bounds
Charles Jarrett
Mike Roberts
Babbie Nelson

Others:

Larry Sullinger, Superintendent
Kim Moore, Admin. Assistant
Scott James, Elementary Principal
Cindy Dauck, High School Principal
Pat Cagle, PPC Chairman

Dr. Bounds called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Dr. Steve Bounds, Babbie Nelson, Charles Jarrett, and Mike Roberts. Board Member Daniel Lawrence was absent. Mr. James stated that the Pee Wee tournament was rescheduled due to weather and would be held this Saturday. There were no additions to Mrs. Dauck's Principal's report. PPC Chairman Pat Cagle asked for clarification on when a proposed calendar for next year would need to be turned in. Dr. Bounds asked her to have one ready for the April Board Meeting.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 11, 2014 regular School Board meeting. Babbie Nelson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Charles Jarrett seconded the motion which was approved by a 4/0 vote.

Mike Roberts made a motion to approve the financial reports; Babbie Nelson seconded the motion and it passed with a 4/0 vote.

The Board reviewed the District's 2012-2013 Legislative Audit results and approved a Resolution to accept the results of the audit. Mike Roberts made the motion. Babbie Nelson provided a second and the vote was 4/0.

The FCCLA has asked for approval for two students and two chaperones to attend the National FCCLA Competition in San Antonio this summer. The school has had a policy of supporting students who reach the national level in their sport/club competitions. Mike Roberts made a motion to let the students attend the convention and for the school to pay the expenses for the trip, with the understanding that Mrs. Lynch's expenses would be reimbursed by Perkins Funds. Charles Jarrett seconded the motion and it passed with a 4/0 vote.

In the Superintendent's report Mr. Sullinger discussed request for waiver days he submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education. Schools were originally given a February 28 deadline. At that time the District had missed 12 days and request was made to excuse 2 days. Since then the District missed 5 more days and the

deadline was extended to March 7. Mr. Sullinger added the 5 days to his original request, so he has asked that 7 days be excused. He noted that 75 schools in Arkansas have requested waiver days and that the committee will meet March 20 and 21 in Little Rock to discuss all of the requests. He also reminded the Board of the NEA School Board meeting in Jonesboro March 18. Since no one planned to attend the meeting he told them that a called meeting may be necessary to finalize an issue with an employee.

Mr. Sullinger presented the board with a list of employees that the principals had recommended be rehired for the 2014-2015 school year. Babbie Nelson inquired about teachers changing positions within the District. Mrs. Dauck does not foresee any changes while Mr. James said a few teachers had requested changes but would all still be fully certified for the position they were requesting. Charles Jarrett made a motion to rehire everyone recommended by the principals. Mike Roberts seconded and the vote was 4/0 in favor.

Mr. Sullinger then informed the Board that Maynard currently shares a LEA Special Ed Supervisor with 3 other schools. Due to pending changes in that situation, he recommended the District hire Kathy Adkins to work part-time (60 days) for the District. Babbie Nelson made a motion to hire Kathy Adkins to work-part time for the Maynard School District as LEA Supervisor. Mike Roberts seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

The Board accepted the resignation of food service employee Kristi Watson. Charles Jarrett made the motion, Babbie Nelson seconded, and it passed 4/0.

In other business, Mrs. Dauck presented 5 applications for early Work Release. The students (Skyler Ross, McKenzie Koons, Hunter Murdock, Tristan Pierce and Guy Riggins) are all seniors and have all of their credits for graduation covered. Charles Jarrett made a motion to approve all of the Work Release applications. Babbie Nelson provided a second, and the vote was 4/0 in favor.

Mike Roberts made a motion asking the Board to rescind their acceptance of Mr. Sullinger's resignation last month and give him one more year on his contract. Dr. Bounds seconded the motion. The vote was 2/2 and did not pass.

At this point, Mike Roberts read the following statement:

I was elected to this board about 7 years ago. I came in to this position with a lot to learn. Most of you will agree; I still have a lot to learn. One of the first things I did learn was that although I was elected by the people and am a representative of the people, I was (I am) only 1/5 of a Board and the only right and privilege I have is one vote.

Patrons or school staff could call me or stop me on the street with a concern or a complaint but my duty as a board member was to direct them to the administration. From there if their satisfaction was not met they could then petition the board as a quorum where we would hear their concerns and serve as jurors in the decision making.

To cut to the chase; we are not here to act on the whims and whispers of a select few. The only table talk that should be taking place about school business is here at this table. My question to us as a board is: Do we scrutinize our actions, attitudes, personal agendas and personal feelings with the same critical eye we place on the administration and staff of this District?

Our main job as a school board is to make policy and hire and fire a superintendent. Our focus should be to give the students of this District the best possible environment for a quality education. No other reason should exist! Honesty and integrity should start with us and trickle down throughout the system.

It is not my intention to anger anyone tonight. You all are my friends and neighbors. The words I have shared I have bathed in prayer and have come from my heart, as does this decision. As of tonight I tender my resignation from the Board of the Maynard School District.

Mr. Roberts then left the meeting. After a short discussion the Board decided to advertise the open position in order to give everyone interested in being appointed to the Board a chance to do so.

Charles Jarrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Babbie Nelson seconded the motion, which was approved by a 3/0 vote.

President

Secretary