

MINUTES OF MEETING

MOORESVILLE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION SCHOOL BOARD

December 9, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.

A regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Mooresville Consolidated School Corporation was held in the Education Center Auditorium, 11 W. Carlisle Street, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The Chairman after calling the meeting to order noted the presence of the following: Dr. Bill Roberson, Mr. Perry King, Mr. Dave Oberle, Mr. Mark Meadows and Mr. Randy Davis. The Chairman noting the presence of a quorum declared the meeting duly constituted.

Mr. Marcotte stated the board and administration enjoy recognizing students and employees at each board meeting. He stated Grace Taylor, a 5th grade student at Newby Elementary, started her own Neighborhood Library. Grace explained how the library worked and stated people take books off the shelf up to two times per week. Mr. Marcotte stated the corporation was proud of her and Mrs. Nelson, Principal at Newby Elementary, stated Grace had started her own newsletter also. Mr. Marcotte stated we appreciate the work of all of our coaches and wanted to recognize A.J. McAdams, Girls Soccer Coach, who was named the Girls Mid-State Conference Coach of the Year. Mr. McAdams stated the girls finished the season with 14 wins and 4 losses and were undefeated in the conference. He stated the girls were proud of what they accomplished. He also stated it was a fun year with a great group of kids. Mr. Marcotte stated the Mid-State Conference is one of the toughest conferences in the state and it says a lot to be named as one of the Mid-State Conference Coaches of the Year. The next recognition was Dr. Brian Disney, Principal at Mooresville High School, for receiving his doctorate. Mr. Marcotte presented Mr. Disney with a nameplate for his desk. The last recognition was Paul Hadley Middle School for participation in the Channel 6 Toy Drive. Kevin Gregory, Channel 6 Meteorologist stated Paul Hadley Middle School was their biggest participant in the Toy Drive.

The first item on the agenda was the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Board Minutes of November 11, 2014

Personnel

Approval of Personnel Report #12-14 (Attached)

- Certified
- Support Staff
- ECA
- Contracted Services – Larry Moore and Becky Merriman

Claims

Payroll – November 21, 2014 & December 5, 2014

Claim Nos: 24 – (35284) – 25 (35324)

Warrant Nos: 101129-101137 DD# 118436-119014
101139-101145 DD# 119015-119607

Vendors – December 9, 2014

Claim Nos: 35257-35486

Warrant Nos: 15617-15803

Sunday Facility Request

- Mooresville Upward Basketball League – Grace Church, Sunday, March 8, 2015 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. – MHS South Gym

Mr. King made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was the resolutions to participate in the municipalities continuing disclosure initiative and the post issuance compliance procedures. Mr. Marcotte stated these are the initiatives that our bond counsel advised participation in with FCC with present and past bonds. The resolutions state we are participating in this process. Mr. Oberle made a motion to approve the resolutions to participate in the municipalities continuing disclosure initiative and the post issuance compliance procedures, seconded by Mr. Davis. Mr. Meadows stated he had read the resolutions three times and does not understand what they are talking about so he would be voting no. Motion carried 4-1.

Mr. Jacobi, Director of Technology, presented the board with information on the current student information system and two new student information systems. He explained the SIS is a software application for schools to manage student data that holds student information from schedules, test scores, attendance, health records, special education services, etc. Mr. Jacobi stated the current SIS, Harmony, lacks data analysis; difficult data extraction; and has an outdated user interface. He stated during the demonstrations at the Rooney Foundation, they learned about the Ed-Fi Program which allows schools to harness the power of the data already collected to equip educators with actionable insights and data-support decision making; however, he stated our current SIS was not compatible with Ed-Fi and our current system did not have plans to become compatible. Mr. Jacobi stated the committee reviewed the following three SIS products:

- Harmony 3, an updated version of the product we currently use.
- Skyward, a popular system used by 60-70% of school districts in and around our county.
- Infinite Campus, used prominently in Kentucky and a vendor willing to work with common data elements.

Mr. Jacobi stated the committee's recommendation was to purchase the Skyward software package. He stated the software is capable of family/student access, mass communications, built-in data tracking for administrators, lesson plans, and curriculum mapping. He also stated the updated version of Harmony would be the least expensive because of not having to transfer data. Skyward training happens at the time when you are using that particular portion of the software. The purchase price for Skyward over a four-year period would be \$295,937.50 and Infinite Campus would be the most expensive. Mr. Marcotte stated since he has been superintendent, the greatest complaint from the staff is the SIS software and stated we submit state reports by hand. He stated this kind of product can move the district forward. He also stated that Monroe-Gregg, Martinsville, Decatur, Wayne Township, and Brown County all use Skyward. Mr. Taylor stated the cost of the purchase would come out of the CPF Fund. Mr. Marcotte stated the Rooney Foundation provides, at no cost to the corporation, the coordination of data into useable data. Mr. Meadows asked several questions regarding the software and Mr. Jacobi explained there are a lot of security measures in place with the software; health records, student assessments, any kind of data you want to get will be in the system, free and reduced lunch information; no one else will have access to the information except employees of the school corporation; state standards will be put into the program so it maps curriculum to state standards; and teacher scorecards will give administrators graphical information that the teacher is working with the student – scorecard is of the teacher, not the student. Mr. Jacobi stated if the software was approved, work will begin immediately on the back end of technology. After that, the Guidance Department at the high school will begin to work on scheduling, then the office, and then summer training for teachers. Mr. Oberle made a motion to approve the purchase of Skyward SIS, seconded by Mr. Davis. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Frye stated in order to expand opportunities to the students at the high school, there are curriculum changes being recommended for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Disney, Principal of Mooresville High School, stated that Mrs. Michelle Mitchel, Director of Guidance, has done a great job and is pushing the Guidance Department forward. He stated there has been a written statement added in the curriculum guide about weighted grades and there has been a four-year career plan added. Mr. Disney stated there have been more Advanced Placement Courses added including: Environmental Science AP, Psychology AP, and World History AP and if the students score high enough, they will receive college credit for the courses. Agricultural Education classes added include: Intro to Ag, Food, & Natural Resources, Food Science, Animal Science, Natural Resources, and Plant and Soil Science. There are 3 pathways to Business and Information Technology which include: Accounting & Finance, Entrepreneurship & Management, and Marketing Management. Along with the pathways are financial services and strategic marketing. Other new courses being added are: Medical Interventions (3rd year PLTW Bio Med) and Student Publications – Public Relations. Mr. Disney stated the high school does currently have weighted grades. Mrs. Frye stated there is money in a grant to provide training for teachers to teach the AP classes. Mr. Meadows asked if the board does any type of review process for the curriculum at the high school. Mrs. Mitchel stated the course descriptions come directly from the state. Mrs. Mitchel stated the students meet at least one time a year with their counselor and hopefully will be going to meeting twice a year. She stated the four-year plan will help with this and that the four-year plan is always a work in progress. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the high school curriculum changes, seconded by Mr. King. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Marcotte presented the board with Neola Policies 26.2. He stated twice a year there are revisions with board policies and is presenting the board with the first reading on volume 26.2 with approval at the January board meeting. Mr. King stated the revision does cover the e-cigarette use on school property.

Mr. Marcotte stated it is a busy time of year and reminded the board of the following dates: December 11 – Northwood Winter Program at 6:00 p.m., North Madison Winter Program at 7:00 p.m., Neil Armstrong Holiday Program at 6:30 p.m., Newby Winter Program at 6:00 p.m., and Waverly Music Program at 7:00 p.m.; December 12 – PHMS Choir Concert at 6:30 p.m.; December 15 – Ed Center Christmas Luncheon at 11:30 p.m.; December 16 – Orchestra Concert at 7:00 p.m.; December 22 – January 2 – Christmas Break; and January 5, 2015 – school resumes for second semester.

The next school board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Education Center.

There being no further business to come before the board and upon motion by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. King, the meeting was adjourned. Motion carried 5-0.

Attest:

Respectfully submitted,

President

Perry King
Secretary

Vice-President

Member

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