

*STUDENTS OF THE MONTH AND THE INTERSCHOLASTIC STAR AWARD RECIPIENT WERE RECOGNIZED
PRIOR TO THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING.*

MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
April 13, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Rash, Deborah Smith, Jesse Clark, Connie Bane, Kevin Carr, Brian Coston, and Vonda Cranford

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

The Malvern School District Board of Education met in regular session Monday, April 13, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in the administration building. Those present other than the board members included Brian Golden, Janet Blair, Meredith McCormack, Lillian Harper, Tina Hobbs, Velda Keeney, Jennifer Shnaekel, Manuel Bulhoes, Patricia Brunston, Terri Bryant, Laura Loy, Michael Bane and others.

President Don Rash called the meeting to order at 6:50.

EXPLUSIONS – MMS

A 7th grade female student, identified as student #2, appeared before the board accompanied by her parents. Following a closed hearing, Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board uphold the decision of Velda Keeney, MMS Principal, to expel the student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year for threatening a Malvern School District faculty/staff member and use of profane language toward the faculty/staff member. The student will be allowed to return to school in August, 2015. During her expulsion, the student will be referred to the MSD Special Education office for homebound services in order to provide education services listed in her IEP. After discussion, Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Kevin Carr, to uphold the expulsion. Vote 4-2-1 (Connie Bane and Deborah Smith voted against the motion. Brian Coston abstained from voting.)

Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board uphold the decision of Velda Keeney, MMS Principal, to expel a 7th grade male student, identified as student #1, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year for fighting with another student and striking a Malvern School District faculty/staff member. The student was not present at the board meeting nor was there representation on the student's behalf. The student will be allowed to return to school in August, 2015. During his expulsion, the student will be provided homebound services through the MSD Special Education Department. After discussion, Brian Coston made a motion, seconded by Vonda Cranford, to uphold the expulsion. Vote 6-1 (Deborah Smith voted against the motion.)

Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board uphold the decision of Velda Keeney, MMS Principal, to expel a 7th grade female student, identified as student #3, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year for making a verbal threat to a Malvern School District faculty/staff member. The student was not present at the board meeting nor was there representation on the student's behalf. The student will be allowed to return to school in August, 2015. During her expulsion, the student will be provided homebound services through the MSD Special Education Department. Mr. Clark asked that the district review the procedures of the Second Chance program. Jesse Clark then made a motion, seconded by Brian Coston, to uphold the expulsion. Vote 7-0

EXPULSION – MHS

Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board uphold the decision of Jennifer Shnaekel, MHS Principal, to expel an 11th grade student, identified as student #4, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year for possession of an illegal drug on the Malvern High School campus. The student was not present at the board meeting nor was there representation on the student's behalf. The opportunity to enter the Second Chance School was refused by both the student and parent. The student will be allowed to return to school in August, 2015, if he does not complete the required classes for graduation. During his expulsion, the student will be provided homebound services through the MSD Special Education Department. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Brian Coston, to uphold the expulsion. Vote 7-0

The minutes of the March 12, 2015, regular meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Vonda Cranford and seconded by Jesse Clark. Vote 7-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The bills and financial reports were approved as presented on a motion by Kevin Carr and seconded by Brian Coston. Vote 7-0

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE – ASBA POLICIES

Mr. Jonathan Williams, PPC representative, reported on behalf of the Certified PPC committee regarding the staff's support of proposed ASBA policies and updates as well as the proposed use of Memorial Day as a make-up day for inclement weather during the 2014/15 school year. Mr. Williams reported that the certified staff voted to accept all policies and updates as presented and also to attend school on Memorial Day.

NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE – No Report

ADOPT ASBA POLICIES

Janet Blair presented new and updated ASBA Board policies (on file in the Central Office) proposed by the Certified and Classified PPC for adoption. Mrs. Blair stated the changes will bring the school district in compliance with state requirements and recommendations. Following the review of the proposed policies and clarification as needed, Mr. Golden recommended the Board adopt the policies as presented for addition to the 2015/16 handbooks. Kevin Carr made a motion, seconded by Connie Bane, to adopt the policies and updates as presented. Vote 7-0

ADOPT SCHOOL CHOICE RESOLUTION

Superintendent Golden recommended the board adopt the 4.5F – School Choice Capacity Resolution as presented. Kevin Carr made a motion, seconded by Connie Bane, to adopt the resolution. Vote 7-0

APPROVE 2015/16 SALARY SCHEDULES

Superintendent Golden presented the 2015/16 Salary Schedules (on file in the Central Office) to the board for approval in preparation for issuance of contracts. Mr. Golden stated the salary schedules were updated to include the 3% increase as approved by the Board of Education on September 8, 2014. Staff voted to receive the increase in a lump sum payment during the 2014/15 school year with the understanding the increase would be incorporated into the salary schedules for 2015/16. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Connie Bane, to approve the 2015/16 Salary Schedules as presented. Vote 7-0

APPROVE E-RATE BIDS

Mr. Golden presented E-rate Technology Replacement Bids to replace some outdated cabling, switches, increase potential broadband, and other items. E-Rate is a program run by the FCC that reimburses schools for certain types of technology services. The disbursement of funds is based on a district's free and reduced lunch count. In our case, we are reimbursed for 85% of the cost of eligible services. It is funded through the Universal Services Fee on phone bills.

Network Wiring (Wilson)		Network Switches (MES, WIS, MHS)	
White River Services	\$31,004.00	Complete Computing	\$13,102.00
IK Network Solutions	\$46,673.80	CDW-G	\$27,719.79
Genesis Datacom	\$59,795.28	BCI	\$30,239.19
Our share will be \$4,650.60		IK Network Solutions	\$30,729.33
		White River Services	\$32,718.66
		CXTec	\$51,279.00
		SkyRider	\$58,850.19
		Presidio	\$69,983.62
		LST	\$100,978.29
		Our share will be \$1,965.30	

Mr. Golden recommended the board accept the lowest bid of \$31,004.00 from White River Services for network wiring and \$13,102.00 from Complete Computing for network switches. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Brian Coston, to accept the recommendation. Vote 6-1 (Deborah Smith abstained.)

APPROVE 2013/2014 AUDIT REPORT

Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board approve the 2013/2014 audit report from the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. Each board member received a copy of the audit from the Division of Legislative Audit. Mr. Golden stated that the MSD received another positive audit. Vonda Cranford made a motion, seconded by Kevin Carr, to approve the 2013/2014 audit report. Vote 7-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

UPDATE ON FACILITY CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Golden provided the Board with an update on construction of the gym and administration complex. The plan remains to be in the new facility prior to the start of the 2015/16 school year.

Superintendent Golden reported that parents, staff, and students have been surveyed. Surveys continue to be collected from the community. As responses are received, they are being tabulated and organized. A report of the results of the survey will be forthcoming.

Velda Keeney, MMS Principal, reported on the Amazing Authors Exhibit being presented by the 8th grade Pre-AP students in Ms. Claudine James' classes. The exhibit is from April 13-16, 2015, at COTO. The exhibit is made possible by the R.E.A.C.H. grant from the Arkansas Humanities Council. Positive comments have been received from COTO as to the success of the program. Also, Mrs. Keeney reported that a number of students will receive awards for their efforts. Mrs. Deborah Smith echoed the success of the students and the exhibit.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Connie Bane made a motion, seconded by Deborah Smith, to adjourn to executive session at 8:17. Vote 7-0
The board reconvened at 8:30 on a motion by Jesse Clark, seconded by Deborah Smith. Vote 7-0

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS:

Superintendent Golden recommended the board accept the following resignations effective the end of the 2014/15 school year.

Jimerson, Marian – MHS Classroom Teacher/Quiz Bowl Sponsor

Lemp, Samantha – MHS Classroom Teacher

Stevenson, John Wesley – MHS Classroom Teacher

Vincent-Johnson, Dracy – MHS Leopard Steppers Sponsor (Stipend Only)

Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Kevin Carr, to accept the resignations. Vote 7-0

RETIREMENTS

Superintendent Golden recommended the board accept the following retirements effective the end of the 2014/15 school year unless otherwise noted.

Cook, Joseph – Assistant Superintendent

Keisler, Jayne – WIS Classroom Teacher

Morris, Carol – WIS Classroom Teacher

Rogers, Ann – MHS Librarian

Stitt, Jr., Franklin "Rocky" – Custodian – Effective 10/28/14

Brian Coston made a motion, seconded by Kevin Carr, to accept the superintendent's recommendation. Vote 7-0

RENEWAL OF CERTIFIED CONTRACTS FOR 2015/16

Mr. Golden presented the board the list of certified staff that he recommended for contract renewal for the 2015/16 school year. Vonda Cranford made a motion, seconded by Connie Bane, to renew the contracts for certified staff as recommended. Vote 7-0 (Deborah Smith voted for the motion with the exception of Chris Meseke for whom she voted against.)

NEW HIRE

Mr. Golden recommended the board hire Attorney Jace Roberts for the new position of Chief of Staff and Director of Legal Services/Communication, a classified position, effective 7/1/2015. The salary for the 2015/16 will be \$80,000.00 and will be added to the 2015/16 classified salary schedules. It is understood that Mr. Roberts may provide services reported by timesheet prior to inception of his 2015/16 contract. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Kevin Carr, to accept the recommendation. Vote 7-0

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Golden as well as board members Connie Bane and Vonda Cranford gave a report from the NSBA conference in Nashville, TN.

The School Law Conference offered by the ASBA is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

The next regular meeting of the Malvern School District Board of Education is Monday, May 11, 2015, at 6:30, in the safe room.

The Summer Leadership Conference is scheduled July19-21, 2015, in Biloxi, MS.

Mr. Golden will provide the board a list of upcoming events and encouraged everyone to support the many student activities.

There being no further business, Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Deborah Smith, to adjourn at 8:45. Vote 7-0

Date

