

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH WERE RECOGNIZED PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING.

MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
April 26, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Smith, Jesse Clark, Connie Bane, Brian Coston (arrived 7:30), Vonda Cranford, and Don Rash

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carr, Kevin

The Malvern School District Board of Education met in regular session Monday, April 26, 2016, 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, Terri Bryant, Laura Loy, Jonathan Williams, Michael Bane and others.

President Deborah Smith called the meeting to order at 6:49.

The minutes of the March 14, 2016, regular meeting and March 31, 2016, special meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Vonda Cranford and seconded by Don Rash. Vote 5-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

The bills and financial reports were approved as presented on a motion by Jesse Clark and seconded by Connie Bane. Vote 5-0

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. Mr. Williams reported that the certified staff voted to accept all policies and updates as presented.

NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE – No Report

ADOPT ASBA POLICIES

Jace Roberts presented new and updated ASBA Board policies (on file in the Central Office) proposed by the Certified and Classified PPC for adoption. Mr. Roberts 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 2016/17 handbooks. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Connie Bane, to adopt the policies and updates as presented. Vote 5-0

APPROVE RESOLUTION TO REFUND BONDS FOR DEBT SERVICE SAVINGS

Mr. Golden presented information from Mr. Jason Holsclaw, Vice President, Stephens, Inc., regarding a *Resolution to Refund Outstanding Bonds in Order to Produce Debt Service Savings*. A schedule was provided by Stephens, Inc., illustrating the savings the District could potentially receive by refinancing the April 15, 2011, bonds. Mr. Golden recommended the board approve the resolution as presented. Connie Bane made a motion, seconded by Jesse Clark, to accept the recommendation. Vote 5-0

REVIEW AND APPROVE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR BIDS

Mr. Golden presented the advantages of securing services from an independent auditor. Two bids were presented by Mr. Golden:

Cobb and Suskie, LTD	\$8,000.00
Hudson Cisne & Co. LLP	\$29,500-\$31,500.00

Superintendent Golden recommended the board approve the lowest bid, Cobb and Suskie, LTD. Vonda Cranford made a motion, seconded by Don Rash, to accept the bid as recommended. Vote 5-0

APPROVE 2016/2017 CHARTWELLS CONTRACT RENEWAL

Mr. Golden recommended the board approve the intent to renew Chartwells' contract for the 2016/17 school year. After discussion, Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Vonda Cranford, to approve the intent to renew as presented. Vote 4-1 (Deborah Smith opposed)

ADOPT 2016/2017 SCHOOL CHOICE RESOLUTION

Superintendent Golden recommended the board adopt the 2016/2017 School Choice Capacity Resolution as presented. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Don Rash, to adopt the resolution. Vote 5-0

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mr. Golden recognized the four campus nominees for Teacher of the Year, Blair Cox, Alana Eifert, Robert Hill, and Julie Stiles. After reviewing the applications received, the Board of Education congratulated the nominees on their selection as representatives of the various campuses for Teacher of the Year. Blair Cox was awarded the distinction of Malvern School District Teacher of the Year by unanimous vote. Superintendent Golden emphasized the selection process was extremely difficult as all the nominees have done an outstanding job. Blair Cox will receive \$500 from Southern Bancorp. The other nominees will receive a \$100 gift card from Walmart sponsored by the Malvern Leopard Foundation.

APPROVE 2016/17 SALARY SCHEDULES

Superintendent Golden presented the 2016/17 Salary Schedules (on file in the Central Office) to the board for approval in preparation for issuance of contracts. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Vonda Cranford, to approve the 2016/17 Salary Schedules as presented. Vote 5-0

APPROVE 2014/2015 AUDIT REPORT

Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board approve the 2014/2015 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. Connie Bane made a motion, seconded by Jesse Clark, to approve the 2014/2015 audit report. Vote 5-0

APPROVE WAIVER – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Jennifer Shnaekel presented a request for board approval for waiver from the Title 6 ACA 6-16-102 and 6-18-213. After discussing the advantages of a waiver and changes in the graduation plan, the board elected to table the request pending additional information.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

REPORT ON THE HEALTH CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

Terri Bryant provided the Board with an update on the Malvern School and Community Health Center.

PRINCIPALS UPDATE ON CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Principals from each campus reported on various student projects presented at a recent EAST conference. Various other student activities were highlighted during the presentations.

Mr. Golden reported the district is in the process of reviewing the advantages and disadvantages of an LED crosswalk. Mr. Golden thanked the Malvern Police Department and the Mayor's office for assistance in ensuring student safety in and around the Leopard Center.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

Vonda Cranford made a motion, seconded by Don Rash, to adjourn to executive session at 8:05. Vote 6-0 (Brian Coston arrived at 7:30)

The board reconvened at 8:22 on a motion by Jesse Clark, seconded by Connie Bane. Vote 6-0

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATIONS:

Superintendent Golden recommended the board accept the following resignations effective the end of the 2015/16 school year.

