

STUDENTS RECEIVING RECOGNITION FOR *STUDENT OF THE MONTH*
WERE RECOGNIZED PRIOR TO THE BOARD MEETING.

MALVERN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
DECEMBER 15, 2014

REVISION

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Carr

The Malvern School District Board of Education met in regular session Monday, December 15, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., in the administration office. Those present other than the board members included Brian Golden, Janet Blair, Meredith McCormack, Tina Hobbs, Velda Keeney, Jennifer Shnaekel, Michael Bane and others.

President Don Rash called the meeting to order at 6:45.

EXPLUSION – MMS

Superintendent Brian Golden recommended the board uphold the decision of Velda Keeney, MMS Principal, to expel an 8th grade student for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year for distribution of a tobacco product to another student while on school grounds violating rules in both the handbook as well as the 2nd Chance School Rules and Regulations. The student will receive any earned credit for the fall semester and will also have the opportunity to make up credit for the spring semester through participation in summer school. The student will be allowed to return to school in August, 2015. The student was not present at the board meeting nor was there representation on the student's behalf. After discussion, Brian Coston made a motion, seconded by Connie Bane, to uphold the expulsion. Vote 4-2 (Jesse Clark and Deborah Smith voted against the motion.)

The minutes of the November 17, 2014, regular meeting were approved as printed on a motion by Jesse Clark and seconded by Deborah Smith. Vote 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Questions from Vonda Cranford and Connie Bane were addressed. The bills and financial reports were approved as presented on a motion by Vonda Cranford and seconded by Jesse Clark. Vote 6-0

CERTIFIED PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL POLICIES COMMITTEE – NO REPORT

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO WILSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK

Superintendent Golden recommended the Board approve a proposed amendment to Policy 1.21 TARDY AND EARLY CHECK-OUT POLICY and Policy 1.22 EARLY CHECK OUT in the WIS Handbook (amendments on file in the Central Office). Revised handbooks will be sent home for student/parent signatures. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Vonda Cranford, to approve the revision to the handbook. Vote 6-0

APPROVE AMENDMENT TO MALVERN HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK

Jennifer Shnaekel, MHS Principal, presented to the Board amendments to the MHS Student Handbook including the addition of the SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM policy to 18.3 Expulsion (Policy 4.31) and a proposed amendment to change student classification information on page 61 for May 2015. The policy amendment is on file in the central office. Superintendent Golden recommended the Board approve both amendments. Vonda Cranford made a motion, seconded by Jesse Clark, to approve the revision to the handbook. Vote 6-0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

UPDATE OF FACILITIES

Superintendent Golden advised the Board that the district is still actively pursuing the purchase of a van. A recommendation should be forthcoming.

Mr. Golden updated the board on the new gym and administration building construction projects.

Mr. Golden distributed *District Accomplishments & Achievements 2014* and *MSD Board Self-Evaluation Summary September 2014* to board members for review.

Packets for Superintendent Evaluation were distributed to the board members. The Board decided to turn in the completed evaluations to Mr. Golden.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PERSONNEL

The Board made a unanimous decision to bypass Executive Session.

PERSONNEL

NEW HIRE

Superintendent Golden recommended Leslie Crutchfield be hired as an MES Classroom Aide beginning December 16th, 2014. Jesse Clark made a motion, seconded by Brian Coston, to accept the recommendation. Vote 6-0

NEW BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Jesse Clark, Vonda Cranford and Mr. Golden reported on the ASBA State Conference recently held in Little Rock. Mr. Clark felt the conference was one of the best he had ever attended. The board members were encouraged as the focus of the conference was on poverty, kids at risk, safety, and student encouragement.

Mrs. Cranford asked that the minutes reflect recognition of the following awards. At the ASBA 2014 Annual Conference, Connie Bane received recognition for successfully completing 50 hours of recognized school board training from the state. ~~Three of our board members, Mr. Jesse Clark, Mrs. Vonda Cranford, and~~ Ms. Deborah Smith, received the “Pinnacle Award” for completing 200 hours of recognized training. Mrs. Cranford ~~also~~ received the ~~Platinum Award for completion of 400 school board training hours as well as the~~ “President’s Award” for completion of 500 hours of school board training. Congratulations to our board for their accomplishments! As a result of all our board members completing 50 hours of training, the Malvern School District Board of Education will be recognized by receiving the “Master School Board Award”.

Superintendent Golden invited the board members to the administrators’ breakfast to be held Tuesday, December 16, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., in the Safe Room.

Superintendent Golden invited the board to a presentation by Sidney Moncrief, retired NBA and NCAA basketball player, on January 5, 2015, at Malvern High School.

The 2015 NSBA Conference will be held March 21-23, 2015.

The next regular meeting of the Malvern School District Board of Education will be Monday, January 12, 2015, at 6:30, in the administration building. There will be no board luncheon that day. Board luncheons are scheduled to be held in February at WIS and March at MES.

There being no further business, Brian Coston made a motion, seconded by Jesse Clark, to adjourn at 8:34.
Vote 6-0

Date

