

M I N U T E S
Mason Consolidated Schools
Meeting of the Board of Education

Proposed
June 12, 2013

Meeting of the Whole

On June 12, 2013, the Mason Consolidated Schools Board of Education held a financial and budget workshop in the library at Mason High School. President Dobbs called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Dobbs, Clark, Tubbs, Fowler, Ginther, Guinn, Larrow
Board Members Absent: None
Also Present: Drewyor, Strick, McCain, Billegas, Burt

Review/Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Guinn, supported by Tubbs, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7:0. Mrs. Dobbs addressed false information that was being distributed at the last board meeting. The handout stated that the District is in violation of the law by not posting certain financial information. Mrs. Dobbs stated that the District is not in violation and that the information is posted after the audit.

Monthly Items

- May 2013 check register
 - Mrs. Clark expressed concern about the purchase of jackets for some coaches. Ms. Strick stated that the athletic department was questioned about the purchase.
- May 2013 financials
- 2013 Non-Homestead and Technology Millage Tax Analysis Report
 - Ms. Strick explained the figures related to a tax tribunal with the power plant.

Old Business

- Summer Projects
 - Quotes were received for carpeting and motion lights and were distributed to the Board.

Discussion

- Financial and budget workshop
 - Mr. Burt discussed the proposed purchase of desktop computers for the elementary teachers' classrooms. He also discussed the proposed purchase of netbooks for the elementary and middle school. MTRAx readiness program is also needed for MEAP testing. In addition to the equipment purchases, Mr. Burt is recommending that Rose Ravary receive an increase in time to be worked and that benefits be provided. He stated that he would like a year to gather data and evidence on the need for the added support. Mrs. Larrow stated that she hopes Mr. Burt will assist with hands on projects. Mr. Burt stated that he intends to be very involved. Mr. Drewyor presented the desire to purchase the NWEA system for the elementary and middle school. The program helps prepare the students for testing. Mrs. Dobbs stated that it would be helpful to know where the technology funds stand and what purchases are already being made.
 - Mr. Drewyor stated that it is believed that the budget adjustments will equal around \$100,000, but it is just an estimate. We also expect to receive a per student foundation increase next year. Mr. Drewyor thinks that we can either decrease both the HS and MS library aides' hours, or we can eliminate one of the

positions. Mr. Drewyor suggests cutting each position to 4.5 hours per day. Also, pay could be reduced to \$1,000 per season for each of the middle school coaches.

Public Comment

- Rachel Campbell, Tara Stubleski, Jenni Balcerzak, and Bonnie Carsner commented on a variety of concerns.

Closed Session

At 8:14 p.m., it was moved by Dobbs, supported by Clark to move to closed session per MCL 15.268, Section 8 (c): For strategy and negotiations connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing. Roll was called. Yes: Ginther, Tubbs, Larrow, Fowler, Clark, Guinn, Dobbs. Motion carried 7:0. **The Board returned to open session at 9:28 p.m.** Mrs. Dobbs shared several of the items on the list of budget recommendations and the corresponding numbers that have been discussed.

Adjournment

At 9:32 p.m., it was moved by Dobbs, supported by Fowler to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 7:0

Dr. Larry Guinn, Board Secretary