

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017**

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, August 10, 2017, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mrs. Rayhel, Mr. Cook, Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Gard, Mrs. Hendrix, and Mr. Macke. Superintendent Mr. Ross and Administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mr. Manuel, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beaven, and Mrs. Morgan were present along with Mr. Engerski.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Rayhel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

During the open comment session, Bob Miller offered a prayer.

Also during the open comment session, Fred Kubicek presented posters, "One Nation Under God" to the high school principal and the junior high principal. He gave posters to the principals to give to the social studies teachers in their buildings. Mr. Kubicek designed the poster, which is filled with quotes from the founding fathers of our country. The posters were donated by Charles Kirchner of Kirchner's Building Centers.

Mr. Littlejohn offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and bills from the month of July. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved bills,  
treasurer's report,  
minutes

All the administrators thanked Garry Engerski and his staff for completing all of the summer projects.

Mr. Engerski gave a report of all the work that was completed to all of the buildings over the summer. He thanked the Board for providing the funds to make all the work possible.

In his superintendent's report, Mr. Ross reported to the Board that the cameras and security lights at the high school and the new security buzz-in systems at the junior high and north school were paid for out of the Health, Life, and Safety funds. Larry Yargus donated a Lion statue, which will be placed outside the high school. Mr. Ross mentioned upcoming several events: school will be in session on August 21, eclipse day; August 25 is the opening home football game; and August 26 is the Foundation's Parents' Night Out.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to ratify the 2017-2020 MEA contract. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Ratified the 17-20  
MEA contract

Mr. Ross discussed the FY 18 budget with the Board. The budget will be available for public viewing at the Unit Office, 503 Pine Street, for thirty days. A budget hearing will be held at next month's meeting.

Budget FY 18  
discussion

Mrs. Rayhel offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to destroy the closed session minutes from August 2015 through January 2016. All present voted aye.

Approved  
destruction of closed  
session min. 8/15-  
1/16

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to go into closed session for the purposes listed under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The Board went into closed session at 6:45 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The Board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to employ Rodney Redfern as a Jr. High Special Education teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Employed R. Redfern,  
Jr. High Sp. Ed.

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Rayhel, to approve the wages and benefits for all non-certified staff for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved  
wages/benefits for  
non-certified staff

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to approve the administrative salaries and benefits for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mrs. Rayhel, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; Mr. Littlejohn, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved  
wages/benefits for  
admin

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Littlejohn, to adjourn. All present voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Adjourn

The next regular meeting of the Board will be September 14 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Unit Office.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

