

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MIDLAND COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT #7, MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

MAY 15, 2019	The Board of Education, Midland Community Unit District #7, Marshall County, Illinois met in regular session on May 15, 2019, at Midland Elementary School, pursuant to due notice given. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board President, Jay Riddell.
ROLL CALL	Board Members present were: Traver, Meffert, Wood, Weber, Riddell, Stickel and Ekern. Also present were Administrators: Bill Wrenn, Jeremy Gauwitz, Adam Janssen, and Krystle Padilla.
VISITORS	None
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Wood, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to accept the agenda as presented.
PUBLIC COMMENT	
INFORMATIONAL REPORTS	1. Superintendent, Bill Wrenn District Report: ● Financial Report ● Balance Sheet ● Cash Report ● Transportation Report ● Recognition 2. Principal, Jeremy Gauwitz High School Report: <u>Thoughts:</u> ● FFA Banquet 5/11/19 ○ The Chapter Banquet was a potluck style dinner. Individual and teams were recognized and awarded. D. Blunier and C. Blunier do a great job with the FFA Program. ● Senior Banquet 5/10/19 ○ A big thank you to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Mangrich, Mrs. Rock, and Mrs. Dossett for their help in organizing the event. ● BLT Meeting: Discussion on District Improvement Plan ○ Recent Changes to accommodate District Improvement Plan and ESSA 1. MHS Incentive Program: Tacking good grades, attendance, and behavior each progress period. Students who reach their goal receive the award 2. Focus on district vertical alignment time during the year. Department curriculum meeting quarterly

3. More social and emotional support from the community. Ex.

Hidden in Plain Sight

- Teacher Shortage Issue:

1. It has been a struggle to find applicants for our positions, and it is getting drastically worse in recent years

2. We might need to look at growing our own teachers. Teachers don't stay unless they are from the area. Other school districts are starting to pilot similar programs

3. Impact on Finances: Bills are out there centered around paying teachers more; however, for small schools, that becomes an issue as well

4. As a small community, we are going to need to think outside the box for ways to keep a teacher in the district.

School Enrollment and Attendance:

- Freshman-55 (97%)
- Sophomore-56 (96%)
- Junior-37 (95%)
- Senior-59 (94%)

Detentions/Suspensions:

- 8 detentions this period
- 6 Saturday detentions
- 3 Student suspension

Athletic Report:

- **Baseball/Softball:** Their seasons are finishing up. Senior Night was on May 7th for both baseball and softball. We had 6 Seniors participate in Senior Day. Baseball walked away with the win that night, but softball dropped their game. The weather has worked against of us with rainouts, but we are finally getting make-up games played.

- **Track:** Track is also finishing up their season with sectionals May 10th and May 16th.

- **Other:** Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be the District AD the past couple of years. The overall experience has been an asset to me, and I will miss Midland District.

- **Openings:** Boys Basketball-Head Coach and Volleyball-Assistant Coach

- **In the works:** New softball scoreboard--the current one is not working.

3. Principal, Adam Janssen Middle School Report:

Buildings News and Updates

- We met again, as a staff, to talk about IXL vs. Freckle. We liked the reading choices in Freckle, as well as the option to use their real world math simulators. However, the teachers didn't like it because it doesn't seem to line up with state assessments for ELA. IXL offers live features that allows teachers to actively monitor a student and change tracks immediately. Freckle ends with Freshman Math concepts. IXL goes through Calculus. With all the factors in place, we have decided to go with IXL. Mr. Wrenn approved the cost of \$3,300.

The Elementary uses IXL, and I'm working with their staff to help train ours in the program.

- On May 10th, I attended a training on Alternatives for Suspensions. We've focused a lot on academic interventions over the past several years; now, we need to focus on behavior interventions.

- On May 16th, Jeremy and I are attending the LaSalle County Justice Seminar. The guest speaker is Frank DeAngelis, former principal of Columbine. Mia Langheim, from the Statewide Terrorism and Intelligence Center, will also be speaking about trends in school safety and what the state is doing.

- Congratulations to Shannon Keene for being honored at the annual ROE Salute to Excellence Dinner.

- Connor Keinath and Paige Shafer both qualified for the IESA State Track Meet. Connor qualified in shot put, and Paige qualified in discus.

- April Students of the Month: 5th Grade-Dylan Glynn, 6th Grade-Noah Dorsey, 7th Grade-Connor Keinath, and 8th Grade-Veruka Hansen.

Attendance/Detentions/Suspensions

Current Enrollment: 212

- 8th Grade-43
- 7th Grade-52
- 6th Grade-61
- 5th Grade-56

Detentions: 12 after school detentions. 1 Saturday detentions. 6 out of school suspension. 1 bus suspension

Athletic Dept Board Report:

Track: Connor Keinath and Paige Shafer qualified for the IESA State Track Meet. Connor advanced in shot put and Paige in discus.

Openings: M.S. Softball-Head Coach and Assistant Coach. M.S. 7th/8th Grade Boys Basketball-Head Coach and Asst. Coach. MS-Volleyball Coach. MS-Asst. Track Coach

Other: Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be the District AD the past couple of years. The overall experience has been an asset to me, and I will miss Midland District.

4. Principal, Krystle Padilla Elementary School Report:

Student Growth and Academic Achievement

- On Thursday, April 18th, we had a day dedicated to Science and Engineering. Teachers came up with grade level activities that inspired the "inner scientist" in all our students. Also, we had a presenter from the Peoria Mad Scientist Program, Dangerous Dan, come and do experiments for our students and teach them about Science. To top it off, we all decided to wear our greatest "Mad Scientist" gear.

- We are midway through our final MAP testing window. Students are showing growth in large amounts! I am pleased to see such great growth from some of our students.

Community Engagement and Partnerships to Support Student Learning

- On Thursday, May 9th, the ROE held their annual Excellence in Education Banquet. Tim Pyles and Jill Draper were nominated for an award. Mr. Pyles works hard to lead out in the cleanliness and safety of our building. Mrs. Draper was honored for her continual effort in leading the way in Standards Based Grading and Reporting. The recipients and their spouses came to a nice dinner and ceremony.

Dedicated and Talented Staff Committed to Excellence in Student Learning

- Next year, coaching will look a little different. Next year, we will go to every other week. We are also going to incorporate a Peer Coaching Approach next year, as well. Staff have been partnered together with someone that shares commonalities but maybe is not in their "usual" group of conversation. This will allow them to build and stretch relationships throughout the building. Because our work with Carol Pulfus, from SMART Learning Systems, has been so successful, we are requesting for her to return next year to work with us on peer coaching.

- Teacher Appreciation Week was May 6th-10th. The PTO outlined themes for each day that allowed the parents to participate, if they desired, to show their appreciation for their child's teacher.

Enrollment

- PreK-49
- K-50
- 1st-52
- 2nd-56
- 3rd-46
- 4th-42

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Traver and carried with a unanimous vote to accept the consent agenda as presented.

- A. Approval of Regular Board Minutes-April 17, 2019
- B. Approval of Special Board Minutes-April 29, 2019
- C. Bills and Payroll
- D. Activity Report-Dist FNB, Dist HB, Elem, MS, HS
- E. Employee Expenses
- F. Resignations
 - 1.) David Sceggel as H.S. Spanish Teacher
 - 2.) Wylee Bickerman as Pre-K Grant Writer
 - 3.) Carlita Dowding as M.S. Aide
- G. Review of Suspensions

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS -
DISCUSSION AND
ACTION ITEMS

a. Action 5/15/2019-01– SECOND READING OF NEW, UPDATED AND AMENDED SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Traver and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the 2nd reading of new, updated and amended school board policies.

b. Action 5/15/19-02- APPROVE AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 5:250

Motion was made by Meffert, seconded by Wood, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve amendment to Board Policy 5:250.

c. Action 5/15/19-03- APPROVE AMENDMENT TO BOARD POLICY 5:330

Motion was made by Ekern, seconded by Stickel, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve amendment to Board Policy 5:330.

d. Action 5/15/19-04- APPROVE THE 2019-2020 DISTRICT STUDENT HANDBOOK

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Traver, and carried by a unanimous roll call vote to approve the 2019-2020 District Student Handbook

e. Action 5/15/19-05- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH ARBOR MANAGEMENT

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Ekern, and carried by a majority roll call vote to approve the contract renewal with Arbor Management. Traver voted *No*.

f. Action 5/15/19-06- APPROVE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Motion was made by Traver, seconded by Meffert, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve membership in the Illinois High School Association.

g. Action 5/15/19-07- APPROVE MARGIE DEFFENBAUGH'S IRREVOCABLE LETTER OF RETIREMENT

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Traver, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Margie Deffenbaugh's irrevocable letter of retirement.

h. Action 5/15/19-08- APPROVE SPEECH PATHOLOGIST CONTRACT WITH MELISSA GRANDSART

Motion was made by Stickel, seconded by Traver, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve speech pathologist agreement with Melissa Grandsart

i. Action 5/15/19-09- APPROVE SPEECH PATHOLOGIST CONTRACT WITH JAMIE LOESER

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Wood, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve speech pathologist agreement with Jamie Loeser.

j. Action 5/15/19-10- **APPROVE JANET WILKINSON AS HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER**

Motion was made by Meffert, seconded by Ekern, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Janet Wilkinson as High School Science teacher

k. Action 5/15/19-11- **APPROVE CHRISTINA BROWN AS HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER**

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Traver, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Christina Brown as High School English Teacher

l. Action 5/15/19-12- **APPROVE LYNN JASON AS MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Motion was made by Traver, seconded by Riddell, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Lynn Jason as Middle School Athletic Director

m. Action 5/15/19-13- **APPROVE MELISSA KOVACH AS HIGH SCHOOL SECRETARY**

Motion was made by Weber, seconded by Wood, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Melissa Kovach as High School Secretary

n. Action 5/15/19-14- **APPROVE TIM SMITH AS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Motion was made by Traver, seconded by Stickel, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to approve Tim Smith as High School Athletic Director

CLOSED SESSION

Motion was made by Meffert, seconded by Traver and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to enter into Closed Session at 8:35PM for the purpose of discussing information regarding possible litigation 5ILCS120/2(c)(11)

ACTION FROM
CLOSED SESSION

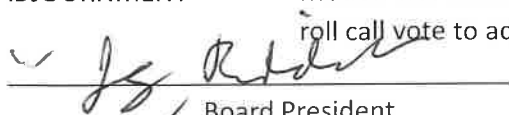
None

RECONVENE TO
OPEN SESSION

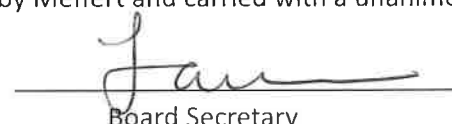
Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Stickel, and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to reconvene into Open Session at 8:45PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Meffert and carried with a unanimous roll call vote to adjourn at 8:47PM.



Board President
Date 6/19/19



Board Secretary
Date 6/19/19