

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
MARCH 27, 2013
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
VIRDEN ELEMENTARY GYM
6:30 P.M.

1. The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by President Steve Furman.

- 1.1 Roll call: Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Furman – Present

Also present – Marica Cullen, Rob Horn, Bruce Paisley, Dennis McMillin, John Downs, Deb Bommarito, Nancy Bitner, Patti Fetter, Tammy McCready, Becky Hampton, Carla Seifert, Bridgette Rezba, Stacey Hughes, Larry Herrin, Mike Hemann, Bob McCready, Harold Nichols, Kris Eldridge, Kim Eldridge, Vicki Conway, Jamie Conway, Becky Winslow, Judy Hendricks, Heather Gibson, Cynthia Kuhar, Michelle Weller, Betsy Cassen, Craig Fess, Sarah Raynor, Tom Proctor, Vicky Rigney, Martha Hundertmark, Patricia Imhoff, Eugenia Austin, Jenny Neff, Amy Smith, Jenny Buhl, Sherri Gerdanc, Jodi Clark, Kristi Boster, Colleen Koprowitz, Terri Worth, Rachel Fetter, Anthony O'Neal, Gail Turner, David Spann, Kristi Smith, Jamie Smith, Millie Burgess, Leslie Naugle, Courtney Klaus, Lori Reardon, Carol Rosentreter, Hallie Campbell, Tausha Hart, Sarah Ewin, Terri Joslin, Debbie Butler, Philip Garner, Sarah Garner, Jon Langellier, P. Ashley Creasey, Ryan Creasey, Brianne Miller, Carla Anderson, Diane Moore, Heather Berkley, Teresa McNaught, Vanessa Reinhart, Melissa O'Neal, Deb Gripp, Kara Coffey, Kerry Crain, Deb VanHuss, Rick Maguire, Skylar Maguire, Kay Cameron, Everett Cameron, Holly Fester, Randy Stauffer, Jeannie Alexander, Ron Ochu, Debbie Ochu, Connie Schroeder, Jennifer Graham, Sarah Etter, Andrea Christopher, Vicky Wonaroski, Jason Wonaroski, Chris Nerone, Cinthia Gillespie, Amy Flowers, Larry Harter, Mike Marsaglia, Mary Jane Fuchs, Lou Ibberson, Brooke Earley, Anna Allen, Cathy Paisley, Roseanne Hasara, Adrienne Range, Keely Perine, Colean Smith, Joleen Bearden, Kevin Loveless, Bob Dodd, Bill Dodd, Ralph Garner, Ann Garner, and others

- 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by President Furman

- 1.3 President Furman welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting.

- 1.3 Mr. Furman read a letter of resignation from Chelsea Boente as a teacher from

the North Mac Middle School and a resignation letter from Randi Anderson as the 8th Grade girls Basketball Coach.

Mr. Horn then introduced four Seniors who have been awarded Scholarships to different colleges, Marica Boster, Kyle Koprowitz, Abby Yemm, and Kevin Loveless. Each student introduced themselves and stated the scholarships which they have been awarded.

Mr. Downs then welcomed both the high school girls and boys basketball teams and recognized them for successful seasons this winter. He also mentioned other sports and their accomplishments for this year.

2. Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Handy to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Yea votes: Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Furman
3. Communications

3.1 Comments from visitors

David Spann stated that school districts can not depend upon the State for financing; we need new ideas to raise money. We need to contact our legislators and let them know we want them to support the schools.

Connie Schroeder asked about the Masonic Lodge Agreement. She was told that FFA was going to plant sweet corn to sell and 20% of the profit would go to the Masonic Lodge.

Mike Hemann asked about the committee to look into the Attendance Center implementation. He was told that the survey went out today to elementary parents and are due back next Friday at which time a committee will be formed. Tacy Greff asked if the committee was only to study attendance centers. Ron Ochu wanted to know who determines who will be on committee. Marica said the committee was only for the Attendance Center review and that the all parents interested can't be on the committee because it would be too large. The committee is to be two board members, two administrators, two parents from each elementary school, two community members and the superintendent. Mike Hemann wanted to know which board members would be on the committee. Because of the election members have not been picked for committee. Kim Eldridge wanted to know if the superintendent would be on the committee. Marica said she would be there to get it started but not to lead the committee. Jackie Meyers said we need true community involvement so we need to get it put on the internet and in the paper possibly even a skylert.

Rick Maguire asked if the teachers and administrators would be willing to give back 2% if community is willing to have taxes increased by 2%, would that be enough money. Stacy Hughes would give 2% but wants to know what would be done with money. Is there a plan?

Several questions were posed regarding attendance centers, combined grades, and if finances are what prompted the discussion on attendance centers.

Farley Cole stated he has always felt attendance centers would be best for the district academically and financially.

Andrea Christopher had a question about combined classes; if 3rd and 4th graders were together would they both be 5th graders the next year. The answer was no, two programs would be ran in the classroom and children would advance as normal.

Deb Butler wanted to know if Working Cash had gone through if fewer reductions would have been possible.

Rick Maguire brought up the Tax Anticipation Warrants. Marica said they do not really solve the problem but in the end makes it worse.

Furman said banks really not wanting to loan money to any Illinois School Districts. Marica said state is cutting funds and adding legislation that cost the schools more.

Deb Gripp shared concerns about combining 2nd and 3rd graders being a bad idea, because it would be hard on teachers and students. Marica stated that her daughter was in a 2nd and 3rd grade split for two years and how she really benefited from the experience. Robyn Hays said she has taught successfully in the same situation. Further, Mrs. Bitner also would provide support for teacher and student.

Kim Eldridge inquired about opening registration in June. Marica said school would take money all summer long but official registration would not be in June. Registration fees would be posted on the website.

3.2 Superintendent's Report – See attached.

The principals also reported on some high points in all the different schools at North Mac.

4. Continuing Business

4.1 Handy made the motion, seconded by Sloman to loan \$50,000.00 from Working Cash to IMRF/SS Fund. Yea votes – Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Furman

4.2 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Etter to accept the proposed athletic program reductions in order to balance the FY 2014 District budget and allow restoration of programs and clubs following Appendix B guidelines. See attached. Yea votes – Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Furman

4.3 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Sloman to approve the elimination of District-funded transportation to sporting and other non-reimbursable activities. Yea votes – Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Furman

4.4 Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Hays to approve the recommended fee structure for 2013-2014 as presented. See Attached. Yea votes – Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Furman.

5. Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Etter to adjourn to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees, collective bargaining; student discipline at 8:50 p.m.
6. Meeting reopened at 10:13 p.m.
 - 6.1 Motion was made by Etter, seconded by Sloman to freeze administrative salaries except Mr. Paisley and Mrs. Bommarito who are in the pipeline and will receive a 6% increase. Yea votes – Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Furman
 - 6.2 Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Cole to eliminate the Prek program until state funding is certain. Yea votes – Etter, handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Furman
 - 6.3 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Handy to accept the Reduction in Force Resolution for tenured teachers. Yea votes – Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter; Nay votes – Furman
 - 6.4 Motion was made by Matuska, seconded by Cole to accept the Non-Renewal Resolution for third year non-tenured teachers. Yea votes – Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy; Nay votes – Furman
 - 6.5 Motion was made by Matuska, seconded by Cole to accept the Non-Renewal Resolution for second year non-tenured teachers. Yea votes – Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska; Nay votes – Furman
 - 6.6 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Handy to accept the Non-Renewal Resolution for first year non-tenured teacher. Yea votes – Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays; Nay votes – Furman
 - 6.7 Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Sloman to accept the Reduction in Force Resolution for full time educational support personnel employees. Yea votes – Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays Matuska, Sloman, Furman
 - 6.8 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Matuska to accept the Reduction in Force Resolution for part time educational support personnel employees. Yea votes – Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Furman
 - 6.9 Motion was made by Sloman, seconded by Handy to accept the Reduction in Assignment Resolution for educational support personnel employees. Yea votes – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Furman
 - 6.10 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Matuska to accept the Reduction in Assignment Resolution for education support personnel employee. Yea votes - Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Furman
 - 6.11 Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Sloman to accept the resignations of Chelsea Boente and Randi Anderson. Yea votes – Cole, Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Furman
 - 6.12 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Hays to approve the assignment of a North Mac student, Docket #13-0011, to the Regional Office of Education 40 Safe Schools Program for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Yea votes – Etter, Handy, Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Furman
 - 6.13 Motion was made by Cole, seconded by Handy to approve the assignment of a

North Mac student, Docket #13-0012, to the Regional Office of Education 40 Safe Schools Program for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. Yea votes - Hays, Matuska, Sloman, Cole, Etter, Handy, Furman

7. Meeting Adjourned at 10:47 pm.

President

Secretary