

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34  
March 25, 2015  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
North Mac High School Cafeteria  
6:30 P.M.

1. The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Farley Cole.
  - 1.1 Roll call: Handy, Hays, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole– Present  
  
Alexander-Absent  
  
Also present – Marica Cullen, Patti Fetter, Rob Horn, Shane Owsley, Dennis McMillin, Michele Cimarossa, John Downs, Nancy Bitner, Mary Alice Cunningham, Janice Smith, Rebecca June, Ron Ochu, Bridgette Rezba, Anna Allen, Paul Durand, Lou Ann Ibberson
  - 1.2 Pledge of Allegiance led by President Cole
  - 1.3 President’s Remarks –Mr. Cole welcomed everyone. He reviewed the agenda items.
2. Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Worth to approve the Consent Agenda. Yea votes: Handy, Hays, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole
3. Communications
  - 3.1 North Mac Public Schools Foundation Report – Hays reported that approximately 129 people attended the Foundation Dinner and the winner of the car was Lauren Denby. The auction raised about \$10,000. Three pies were auctioned for \$500 and one sold twice.
  - 3.2 Committee of the Whole Report – Cole reported that the Committee of the Whole met on March 7 and discussed long range planning. Three models were presented and the board picked out parts of all three and instructed Cullen to develop one of the choices. A committee is being developed which includes representatives from each building, parents, business owners, city officials and other community leaders. Several of the people have been notified and are accepting the invitations.
  - 3.3 Capital Area Career Center Report – Spann shared that he attended the CACC Board of Control March Meeting and learned that we have 40 students attending from North Mac. The Governor paid a surprise visit to CACC and was interested in knowing how it was funded. Jodi the new director who has been there about 9 months has been receiving good reports. Election of officers will be next month. Over the next 5 years should see an increase in student enrollment at CACC. Also, a lot of building repairs need to be done.

Dan Nichols reported that Building and Trades will be back this fall and also Dual Credit will be implemented for Health Occupation.

- 3.4 4.9 Committee Report – A 4.9 meeting was held on March 18, 2015. Those in attendance were one representative from each school, two Administrators, two Board members and Ms. Cullen. Items of discussion were Superintendent’s Roundtable; the Brown Bag lunches, NMEA/Superintendent meetings and the continuation of the 4.9 committee meetings.
- 3.5 Superintendent’s Report – See Attached; Downs reported on Sports Medicine – see attached
- 3.6 Comments from Visitors – Ron Ochu addressed the Board regarding Curriculum.  
Paul Durand then questioned if North Mac was doing away with textbooks and, if so, he did not feel that was a good idea.  
Hays replied that textbooks are still going to be used as a resource, but not the sole teaching aide.
4. Continuing Business
  - 4.1 Loan from Working Cash Fund to Transportation – Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Spann to approve a loan of \$50,000 from Working Cash to Transportation. Yea votes – Hays, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Handy, Cole
  - 4.2 Board Policy 2.230 Proposed Modifications – First Reading; See Attached
5. Closed Session – Motion was made by Spann, seconded by Nichols to adjourn to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees, collective bargaining, student discipline and other matters at 7:50 p.m. Yea votes – Worth, Handy, Hays, Nichols, Spann, Cole
6. Return to open session at 8:55 p.m.
  - 6.1 Personnel Recommendations – Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Hays to accept the Personnel Recommendations 1 through 6 as presented by the Superintendent. Yea votes: Handy, Hays, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Cole
7. Cole read the conclusion of the grievance investigation report. The Conclusion and Recommendations was as follows: *Superintendent Cullen and Principal McMillin effectively executed their duties in their handling of the carbon monoxide leak. There is no evidence indicating Superintendent Cullen or Principal McMillin knew or should have known about the carbon monoxide leak before the evacuation on September 15, 2014. All of the evidence supports the conclusion that both of them acted the way one would expect a Superintendent and Principal to act in a crisis situation. Their conduct warrants commendation.*

*As a consequence, their conduct did not violate any of the cited Board Policies. Therefore, we recommend that Complainants' grievance be denied.*

*However, we do recommend that the Board consider the suggestions of the Safety Committee.*

The Board directed the Superintendent to post the Investigation Report and Denial on the District webpage.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

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President

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Secretary