

NORTH MAC COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #34
JANUARY 20, 2016
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 Robyn Hays.

- 1.1 Roll call: Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann Worth, Hays – Present

Also present – Marica Cullen, Rob Horn, Dennis McMillin, John Downs, Nancy Bitner, Michele Cimarossa, Shane Owsley, Patti Fetter, Rev. Mary Alice Cunningham, Connie Schroeder, John Alexander, Jay Rogers, Doug Worth, Allison Montgomery, Carson VanBuskirk, Pat Imhoff, Judy Hendricks, Randy Stauffer, Bailey Stauffer, David Barnes, Tanner Barnes, Millie Burgess, Tammy McCready, Colean Smith, Debbie Ochu, Rebecca June, Sarah Etter, Lou Ann Ibberson, Mike Worth, Jodi Worth, Matt Allen, Steve Crouch, Dave Harmon

- 1.2 Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Farley to open Public Hearing for the Issuance of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. Roll call: Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Hays – Present

A general discussion was held which was led by President Hays, She explained how the sale of the Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds would be used for much needed improvements and repairs at the Elementary and South Campus. Teri Worth stated how the 3 million in bonds is tied to the 2.9 million reflected in the Health Life Safety Report that was done by our architects. The question was raised how the money would be paid back. Ms. Cullen explained that the final decision was to come later on the schedule of repayment. Several aspects would be discussed regarding the pay back, such as interest and the effect on property taxes. The 2.9 million needed is an estimate from the architects with biggest emphasis on the elementary and south campus, and bringing the high school up to code.

Architects will prepare bids and review bids after they have been submitted. There is an 18 month window to complete all the work. Once an item is declared Health Life Safety, the school has 12-18 months to complete immediate needs.

A question was raised regarding the Committee of the Whole meetings. It was explained that action cannot be taken at these meetings only discussion and then action is taken at regular board meetings.

Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Handy to close the Public Hearing for the Issuance of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. Yea votes: Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Hays

1.3 Student Recognition – Fall Athletic Awards and Honors

Mr. Downs announced the 2nd Team All-Conference for Volleyball – Lauren Mulacek; Honorable Mention All-Conference Volleyball – Bailey Stauffer and 3rd Place Finish Sangamo Golf Tournament and Sectional Qualifier Junior and Senior years – Tanner Barnes

Mr. Owsley announced the football players who earned awards and honors –
See attached list

2. Closed Session – Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Worth to adjourn to closed session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees, collective bargaining, individual student issue, pending litigation and other matters at 6:50 p.m. Yea votes: Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Hays
3. Returned from Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. Motion was made by Spann, seconded by Worth to return to open session. Yea votes: Nichols, Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Handy, Hays

Pledge was led by President Hays.

3.1 President's Remarks – President Hays stated she wanted to clear up several misconceptions that are out in the community. The Health Life Safety Bonds which were discussed during the hearing are to do necessary repairs that were Identified in the recent Health Life Safety Report. These repairs and improvements are to bring buildings up to code. The board is also engaging in long range planning for facilities. They are looking at the long term needs of the high school which is less than optimal for the educational needs of the students. No decisions have been made. The Board has worked hard at bringing the community in for discussion. A Town Hall Meeting is being held on February 1st. Andy Manar will be on hand to discuss state funding for schools. The Board will share options and price tags with the group and then small groups will be formed to give feedback to the Board. She said that anyone who has questions regarding this meeting may contact a board member or the administration.

4. Consent Agenda – Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Spann to approve the Consent Agenda. Yea votes: Worth, Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Hays

5. Communications

5.1 Superintendent's and Principals' Reports – A short informational power point was led by Ms. Cullen on the 1 cent sales tax. It was explained how the money could be only be used for building improvements not salaries. The power point showed areas of the buildings that need to be repaired or replaced. The tax is projected to generate over \$300,000 to the district. J. R. Earley, Bruce

Paisley, Cathy Paisley and Michelle Bearden are among the citizens working on this campaign. Mr. Earley was named as the County Chair on the committee.

A copy of the Superintendent's and Principals' Reports are attached.

Ms. Culler stated there were 5 FOIAs of which all have been answered.

5.2 Comments from Visitors on Continuing Business Agenda Items Only –

Dave Harmon addressed the Board and asked a couple of questions on the Health Life Safety Bonds regarding length of time to repay and how it would affect property tax. He wanted to know if the Board had enough information to make a decision at this time. He was told that this meeting was to authorize the sales of up to 3 million in bonds and final details will be worked out before it actually happens.

6. Continuing Business

- 6.1 Issuance of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds – Motion was made by Handy, seconded by Nichols to approve the issuance of up to \$3 million School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds to address needs as identified in the most recent Health Life Safety Survey.

After the motion was made a discussion was held stating that this gives the Board the ability to issue the bonds in order to do things that have to be done. Nichols stated that to keep children safe it is worth \$3 million. Spann shared three years ago we were on the financial watch list and now we are in the black. Hays stated careful decisions will be made on how money will be used.

Yea votes: Spann, Worth, Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Hays

- 6.2 Personnel Recommendations – Motion was made by Nichols, seconded by Cole to approve the Personnel Recommendations as presented. President Hays shared that the recommendations were for spring sports and a 1% raise for the non-union staff to equalize them from the raise that had been given earlier and their 2013-14 salary freeze. The 1% is in the 2015-16 approved budget.

Yea votes: Alexander, Cole, Handy, Nichols, Spann, Worth, Hays

7. Public Comments –

Mr. Nichols explained the Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board. See attached.

Mr. Alexander declined to address the board.

Connie Schroeder addressed the board – See attached

Meeting adjourned 8:25 p.m.

President

Secretary