

Mapleton School Board Meeting
5/13/2024 6:00PM School Cafeteria
Minutes

Citizens Comments

(Citizens wishing to address the school board are asked to complete a Citizen Comment Card and submit it to the schoolboard president prior to the start of the meeting. Each person may speak for up to two (2) minutes. The president reserves the right to limit the discussion and the number of speakers. School Board members shall not engage in a response or enter into a debate about any issue(s) brought before the board during this portion of the meeting. Citizen comments and concerns will be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, who will deal with the issue according to policy.)

Call Meeting to Order – 6:00pm

Attendees – President Josh Radcliffe, Vice President Aimee Mitchell, Collin Miller, Nathan Lotvedt, Superintendent Jenna Farkas, Business Manager Sydney Hammrich, and Business Manager Meghan McGarry.

Additional Agenda Items and Guest – Craig Hashbarger, Lucas Potter, Chelsea Jaeger, Megan Anderson, Dani Berg, and

- I. Approval of Minutes – April 2024** – Smith motions to approval mins of April, Miller seconds, motion carried.
- II. Approval of Financial Report – April 2024** – Miller motions to approve the financial report for April, Smith seconds, motion carried.
- III. Teacher Presentation – Second Grade** – In their second year of bookworms and animal diorama projects. Talked through the significance of second grade and where they started and ended the year.
- IV. Old Business:**
 - a. Long Range Planning** – Paid for the portable and it is officially ours. Schmidt will come out soon to mark where it will be placed. Early June place date on our property. Farkas went to the park board meeting to talk about the land and if they would want to sell their land to us and if they would want to purchase theirs. She asked what they would like to sell and the price of it. Radcliffe got two phone calls from a farmer in Casselton, talking about the issues of Mapleton and Casselton.
 - b. Board Changes** – Talked about what the board would have to do to change to all at-large positions. Also, talked through what the board would do if no one is appointed to the rural position.
- V. New Business:**
 - a. Presentation of 2018-2019 Audit Findings** – Craig Hashbarger audit partner at Widmer Roel. Presented on the report of 2018-2019 audit and the findings of the financial statements. Financial will be presented with general accounting principles. Talked through the different statements of the financials for 2018-2019 and talked through the different amounts in TFFR and NDPERS. Standard compliance things that Widmer Roel recommends. Take a good look at the financial statements and segregation of duties, be aware of distribution of contracts and things, have supporting documentation filed so that Widmer Roel would have findings and recommendations on the financials.
 - b. After School Programming** – Talked through what it would look like for our after-school program next year and how we are taking it on within the school district, what will the funding look like next year and how much are we comfortable charging families and paying employees.
 - c. Mid-Bus** – What will it cost to purchase a mid-bus for Mapleton.

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- d. Intent to Apply Title – Smith motions to all Farkas to apply for the title grant, Lotvedt seconds, motion carried.
- e. Schoolwide Title Plan Approval - Miller motions to approve the schoolwide Title plan, Lotvedt seconds, motion carried.
- f. Class Sizes – What do classes look like and does it change from grade to grade, do paras come into play. Look at other schools for guidelines and go from there.
- g. Non-classified Salary – President Radcliffe removed himself from the conversation as he has a conflict of interest. Vice President Smith will lead this point of the meeting. Looking at increasing the pay for our non-classified staff. It may cause hiring issues if we don't increase these wages or bring some type of incentive. Will bring back to June board meeting with additional numbers.
- h. Nursing Contract – Miller makes a motion to approve the nursing contract for 24-25 school year, Smith seconds, motion carried.
- i. Deputy Contract – Lotvedt motion to approve deputy contract for 24-25 school year, Miller seconds, motion carried.
- j. Policy FCAC – First Reading – Talked through the current policy that is in the handbook. Will amend next month.

VI. Folio Reports –

- a. Building & Grounds – Quotes from different lawn care and spraying companies, pro lawn, or next level. Handicap buttons for child that may go into a wheelchair, one set of doors, \$3,500 dollars for our back doors. HVAC recommissioning after our facility assessment, \$36,000, will get a second quote. Grass for back grounds, reseeding.
- b. Buses – Going great, will be the bus gone in the beginning of June.
- c. Curriculum – Great, picked a math curriculum and seeing what we need for each of those grades.

- VII. Principal Business –** NDSA testing is finished and the school crushed it. We are above the state standards by a long shot in math and reading. AIMS data is just as good, graphs are so clean and so much growth has happened over the year. Bounce into summer will be next Tuesday May 21st. 6th grade graduation and lock in this past weekend and field trips are underway.

The Mapleton school Board Meetings will be held on June 10th, 2024, and July 8th, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Mapleton school.

Adjournment – 8:23pm