MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013 – 5:00 PM

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

RUTH V. CHICK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

APPROVED MINUTES

Board members attending: Chairperson Jim Curran, Bruce Brooks, Wendy Grzesik, Sloane Jarell, Ray O’Brien.

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Special Education Administrator Raina Shearer Chick, Principal Brian Ernest

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Jim Curran called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), (c), seconded by Bruce Brooks. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:01 PM.

Bruce Brooks - Aye

Jim Curran – Aye

Wendy Grzesik – Aye

The Ayes have it. Sloane Jarell arrived at the meeting immediately following the vote.

1. Personnel Matters: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve Superintendent Goscinski’s nominations of the following individuals:
2. Brady Alosa – 21 C Instructor – 6 hours per week
3. Gretchen Arnold – Part-time Para Professional II – 3 hours per day; 5 days per week
4. Ken Eckhardt – 21 C Cartoon Instructor – 2 hours per week
5. Holly Hawkins – 21 C Support – 5 hours per week
6. Dixie Lea – 21 C Yoga Instructor – 2 hours per week
7. Mary Littlefield – 21 C Music Instructor: Brass & Drums – 2 hours per week
8. Angelys Rassi – 21 C Spanish Instructor – 3 hours per week
9. Kathy Jo Shackford – 21 C CATCH Instructor – 2 hours per week
10. Trisha Silvia – Full-time Para Professional II
11. Claes Thelemarck – 21 C SPIRALS Instructor – 1 hour per week
12. Linda Walker – 21 C Music Instructor: Woodwinds - - 1 hour per week
13. Jamie Webb -21 C SPIRALS Instructor – 2 hours per week

The motion was seconded by Bruce Brooks. There was a question by Wendy about Para Professional II status. Principal Brian Ernest explained that Para Professional II is just a certification given by the state. Wendy pointed out a misprint in the nominations which needs to be struck. With this correction the motion to approve the nominations passed 4-0.

Jim Curran recused himself from the meeting. The board discussed a request from a staff member regarding credit for previous experience. Superintendent Goscinski recommended an adjustment in credit for previous experience with a pay raise for this employee. Ray O’Brien arrived at the meeting during this discussion.

Motion by Bruce Brooks to make a credit adjustment and a salary adjustment for this employee retroactive to the beginning of the school year. Seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 4-0. Jim Curran returned to the meeting.

The board discussed an update on negotiations.

Motion by Sloane Jarell to come out of non-public session, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously and the board came out of non-public session at 5:25 PM.

A short break was declared.

PUBLIC SESSION STARTS: Chair Jim Curran called the public session to order at 5:30 PM. All present pledged allegiance to the flag.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

1. Announcements: Jim Curran read the names of the superintendent’s nominees and announced that the nominations had been accepted by the board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the agenda, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting: 8-5-2013: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the minutes, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. One typo was noted for correction. With this correction the motion to approve the minutes passed unanimously.

GENERAL ITEMS

1. Mustang Academy/Rec Update: Mr. Mike Lane, Director: Mike Lane handed out a written report to the board. He said he was very discouraged leading up to today because of a delayed response from the public which he felt was due to a need for marketing and getting the word out. Christine Zimmer noted that it could also be a funding issue. The board discussed ways of getting parents involved. It was noted that Tim Hughes did a wonderful job on the piece on the Madison rec this summer. The superintendent thanked Mike Lane for his work and Jim Curran added that everything he was offering was great.
2. Study Report Presentation: Mr. Mike Lancor, Consultant:

“Analysis of the Most Effective Use of Educational Staff and

Programming for the Madison School District (Madison Elementary School)”

Mike Lancor summarized his written report and made some recommendations to the board. He said he had received a great deal of positive information. He said we are seeing better results on NECAP tests in Madison even though we have a higher percentage of students than state average on the free and reduced lunch program. He said there was significant improvement in the last 3 or 4 years which he felt was due to curricular and instructional changes related to RTI and other programs. Jim Curran requested that the study report be posted on the website. Lou Goscinski noted that para educators are vital to students’ success. The board thanked Mike Lancor for his work.

PUBLIC INPUT: Christine Zimmer said the focus on core curriculum is paying off as well as assistance through Title I.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar: Next School Board Meeting: 10-7-2013 @ 5:00 PM. The timeline for SBII towns and schools was discussed. Jim Curran noted that the last date for collective bargaining is January 14, 2014.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter: In the board packet. Sloane Jarell asked if open house was for the community or just for parents. Principal Brian Ernest said it’s designed for parents but the community is welcome. Sloane then asked if we would have a community night to show our technology, and Superintendent Goscinski said we are looking forward to a technology night after teachers and kids have a chance to use it first, sometime after October 15. Tim Hughes was invited to film the October 15 Kuno board handout. Jim Curran asked for an update on the old computers, and Brian Ernest said we are continuing to promote and advertise them.
2. Enrollment: 142 as of today, with 15 in kindergarten. There was a discussion of the merits of having a split session. The principal said the decision was made to have a split session and he would caution against switching at this point. He said we could come back after our first assessment.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: No report.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

1. Review of Calendar for Future School Board Meetings: FYI. There were no questions.
2. Digital Learning Initiative: Update: Lou Goscinski said open house is the 18th and we will talk about the Digital Learning Initiative that night. Jim Curran said parents have some questions in regard to blizzard packs and the superintendent said he was inclined to wait on a policy change this year until we see how it works out. He said some union issues need to be addressed and we not move forward this year.

FINANCE MANAGER’S REPORT:

1. Expenditure Report 2013-2014: In the board packet. Lou Goscinski said encumbrances have mostly been done and MS 24s and 25s are being worked on; we will have them in the next week or two. Jim Curran said any questions should be e-mailed to Mike O’Neill with a copy to the superintendent.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

*Old Business*: None.

*New Business*

1. Process for Developing 2014-2015 Budget: Jim Curran said he and Lou Goscinski, Raina Chick, Mike O’Neill and Brian Ernest were meeting this week. He said the first budget will just be last year’s budget with necessary changes, with Brian Ernest making a list of list of things we’ll need to add or delete. He said in the first round these will be the two pieces we will look at.
2. Capital Improvement Plan (CIP): Sloane Jarell reported that the CIP Committee met and is putting forward a warrant article for paving for $45,000 at $15,000 a year for 3 years and a walk-in cooler for $10,000 a year for 3 years. She said we will look at flooring, maybe two rooms at a time. She said we will need roof estimates and painting estimates as well. Lou Goscinski said painting does not necessarily require a warrant article, and we should try to get some of that done before the winter. Jim Curran said we need to have Brian Ernest and Ken Eckhardt look at the maintenance budget. He said we need to look at air conditioning and boiler replacement. Ray O’Brien said that if you rely on a warrant article for flooring, you are asking the public to make a decision about a maintenance issue. Jim said we can add it on a line item in the budget. Lou Goscinski added that you have to sort through what is capital and what is maintenance. He said we do need to address the facility here because there are things that need to be done. He said the administration will come back at the October meeting to discuss what to do with the trim on the roof.
3. Master Plan: Jim Curran said the list of items that need possible work is an ongoing work in progress.

PUBLIC INPUT: Jim Curran asked Ken Eckhardt if he wanted to do any updates, and if so to let the board and superintendent know and we’ll add it to the agenda as a Facilities Manager’s Report.

BOARD COMMENTS: Bruce Brooks initiated a discussion about buses and which buses should be kept and which should be gotten rid of. It was determined that one old title could not be found and it was decided that an application should be filed for a replacement title. Jim Curran suggested that Bruce Brooks and Ken Eckhardt should meet and see what needs to be done and incorporate it in the master plan for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sloane Jarell to adjourn, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Ambrose**

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary