MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014 – 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: Special Education Administrator Raina Shearer Chick, Business Administrator Michael O’Neill, Principal Brian Ernest

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve the agenda, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting on 1-7-2014, the special school board meeting on 1-14-2014, and the minutes of the public hearing on 1-15-2014. Seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously and the minutes were approved and accepted.

1. Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting: 1-7-2014
2. Minutes of Special School Board Meeting: 1-14-2014
3. Minutes of Public Hearing: 1-15-2014

GENERAL ITEMS

1. Mustang Academy Director Update: Director Mike Lane gave a handout to the board on the latest Recreation News. Sloane Jarell said the new offerings look good. The board thanked Mike for attending.
2. Mid-Year Learning Benchmarks: Principal Brian Ernest gave a handout to the board with an update on mid-year benchmark tests. He said there has been noticeable growth in student achievement. He said NECAP results have also just come in and show continued growth. He said he was most pleased with writing scores. The board said they were looking forward to seeing how students are doing at the end of the year. Bruce Brooks asked for an update at the meeting in April. Principal Ernest said he expected to have more results by the next board meeting.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar: Next Regular School Board Meeting 3-3-14 @ 5:00 PM
2. Calendar: Voting Day: 3-11-14

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter: In the board packet. Principal Ernest said he had received a call from a Conway rec leader who had come to Madison for a basketball game on Saturday and had related to Brian that he was most impressed with Madison students, teachers, and parents and felt their behavior could serve as a role model for other communities.
2. Substitute Bus Drivers: Brian said we have two new bus drivers now.
3. Digital Learning Initiative: Survey Results: Brian said the students are taking the Kuno tablets home three to four times a week and using them in reading and math programs. He said teachers are planning to send them home even more often. He said more training will be coming up at the end of the month which will involve the next level of integration of technology. There will be a tech night open house on Feb. 27. Raina Chick commented that questions are being collected across the SAU so the trainer can tailor the training. Bruce Brooks suggested for the fourth day of training that one representative from each district attend and report back to the others.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

1. 2013-2014 Budget Expenditure & Revenue Reports: Business Administrator Mike O’Neill said there several corrections were made in regard to placement of aides, health insurance, workers comp and holidays, with a new total of $274,370 vs. $237,597.66 which was in the board packet.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS:

1. Disposition of a 1998 School Bus: Mike O’Neill said three bids were received and were opened on January 30.

Motion by Wendy Grzesik to sell the 1998 bus as noted above to Mark Davis, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (a), (b), (c), seconded by Sloane Jarell. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:34 PM.

Correspondence from a former student was discussed. Several ideas were put forth on how to respond. It was decided to make a request of Conway and Raina Chick said she would draft a letter.

At 5:40 PM the recording secretary left the meeting and the board continued with non-public session.

ADJOURNMENT: Madison School Board Meeting, February 3, 2014

Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ambrose, Recording Secretary