MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 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 5:02 PM.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), & (e), seconded by Sloane Jarell. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 5:02 PM:

Bruce Brooks – Aye

Jim Curran – Aye

Wendy Grzesik – Aye

Sloane Jarell – Aye

Ray O’Brien – Aye

The ayes have it.

1. Nominations/Intent to Hire:

Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve Mary Kohnke, Title I Tutor, 1 hour per day, 4 days per week x 14 weeks; and Karen Coyle, Title I Tutor, 1 hour per day, 4 days per week x 20 weeks; both pending grant approval. Seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Pending Claim: Arbitration Matter: Discussed.
2. Pending Claim: Unfair Labor Practice: Discussed. Claim has been withdrawn.

Motion by Wendy Grzesik to re-enter public session, seconded by Sloane Jarell. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SESSION RECONVENES: 5:35 PM.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Announcements: Two staff nominations were approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the agenda, seconded by Sloane Jarell. One change was made under General Items, B: Staff Presentation by Media Staff. With this change the motion to approve the agenda passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Ray O’Brien to approve the minutes of 1-15-14 and 2-3-14, seconded by Bruce Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Minutes of Special Board Meeting: 1-15-2014
2. Minutes of Regular School Board Meeting: 2-3-2014

GENERAL ITEMS

1. Mustang Academy Director Report: In the board packet. Director Mike Lane gave a handout to the board with an update on basketball and a report on the ice rink. He displayed a trophy won by the students along with a photo of the students. Superintendent Goscinski said he wanted to publically thank Mr. Lane for everything he is doing, and the board concurred.
2. Staff Presentation by Media Staff: An interesting and informative presentation on the use of technology by media staff. The board asked if there would be some students interested in participating in future presentations and suggested a signup slip for those who might be interested. The board thanked the media staff for their presentation.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar: Voting Day: 3-11-14
2. Calendar: Next Regular School Board Meeting: Scheduled for 4-7-14 but moved to 4-8-14 with non-public session to begin at 5:00 PM and public session at 5:30 PM.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter: In the board packet. Enrollment is 147. Principal Brian Ernest thanked ESSC volunteers and school staff for participating in the winter sports program, including skiing at King Pine and snowshoeing at MES. Board Chair Jim Curran said he also wanted to thank everyone involved in these programs.
2. NECAP Results: Preliminary Report: The principal handed out additional data to accompany his report, including midyear benchmarks. He said Madison is well above the state average in 4th grade assessment.
3. Food Service Director Search: Update: Principal Ernest said the committee has met and will be starting interviews by the middle of next week. He said we have some very good candidates.
4. Technology Training: Update: The principal said training is going well.
5. Technology Open House: Update: Principal Ernest said this was well attended with positive feedback from parents and students. He passed around a book produced by first graders with the help of their arts teacher, which was well appreciated by the board.

SPECIAL EDUCATION ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: No report.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:

1. 2013-2014 Budget Expenditure Report: Business Administrator Mike O’Neill said the financial report is being finalized and he will bring a plan next month.
2. Bids for Audit: Update: Mike O’Neill said an RFP went out to 10 firms and he has heard back from 8 of them with questions such as whether all audits will be awarded to one firm. He said he thinks we may be headed in that direction. He said the bids are due back by the 21st and will be distributed prior to the SAU joint board meeting so it can be awarded that night. Jim Curran said each district would have to approve the bid individually and asked if three individual board meetings could be posted at the joint board meeting, just for the business of selecting an auditor and reorganizing the boards. He said the election is March 11 and nothing can be ratified till the following week and the boards need to be reorganized. Superintendent Goscinski recommended recessing the SAU joint board meeting and then having individual meetings.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT: Lou Goscinski said at the February 3 meeting the board approved the bid by Mark Davis for the purchase of the 1998 school bus. He said he has not been able to reach Mark Davis and would like to close the purchase; therefore, if Mr. Davis is not reached by Monday, he would like to have board approval to award the purchase of the bus to the second bidder, Donald Johnson of Effingham.

Motion by Sloane Jarell to approve the second bidder of the 1998 school bus, Donald Johnson of Effingham, for $1,200, if Mr. Davis is not heard from by March 10. Seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS: Ray O’Brien said he was glad to hear so many positive things about good achievement levels in science and the use of the Kuno tablets. He said in the spring he would like to look at the curriculum in terms of reading and writing in the context of science and social studies. An article in the newspaper regarding kindergarten was discussed. Jim Curran said that not approving kindergarten takes the choice away from someone else who might like to educate their child in that way. Lou Goscinski added that the article stated that we didn’t have the enrollment numbers when we developed the budget; however, he said we felt comfortable that we were accurately predicting a range of 15-18 students. He said this is public information that’s been out there for months.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Sloane Jarell to adjourn, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Ambrose**

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Recording Secretary