# MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015 – 5:00PM

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ROOM 151

APPROVED MINUTES

Board members attending: Jim Curran, Wendy Grzesik, Ray O’Brien

Others attending: Superintendent Lou Goscinski, Director of Student Services Raina Shearer Chick, Business Administrator Chuck Bates, Principal Heather Woodward

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Jim Curran called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the agenda, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-1.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting & Public Hearing 1-5-2015: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the minutes, seconded by Ray O’Brien. There was one change in the vote count of a motion. With that change the amended minutes were approved 3-0.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0.

1. Expense Report
2. KHS Principal’s Report – December 2014
3. Special Education Enrollment by Grade

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

1. Calendar:
2. Next School Board Meeting: Monday, 3-2-15 @ 5:00 PM, Room 151.
3. Voting by Ballot: Tuesday, 3-10-15, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
4. Set Public Hearing: SB2 Warrant Article Submitted by Petition: 2-17-2015, 6:30 PM, Room 151. Motion by Wendy Grzesik to approve the date of the public hearing, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0.

SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS

1. Transportation Issues: Jim Curran said we have some issues with transportation and we are working on them. Ken Eckhardt said we did get a good response to the ad; 12 have expressed interest and 8 came to first class and it’s moving forward. Superintendent Goscinski said he recommends increasing the substitute rate of pay again. He said there is a limited pool of substitute drivers, and when you don’t have a lot of field trip runs, sporting events, etc., it’s hard to keep people employed steadily. He said Conway is $18/hour now and he would recommend $25/hour. Wendy Grzesik suggested $20.

Motion by Wendy Grzesik to increase the bus driver substitute pay rate from $16 to $20 per hour to try to attract more substitute drivers, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0.

RECREATION/ENRICHMENT DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Mike Lane said he loved the cover of the annual report. He said a lot of positive things are coming out of collaboration in planning for the Health Fair on March 12. He said the entire community will be invited to attend; soup and bread will be served. He said he’d been touting how many participants we have in basketball this year with 18 girls on the team, grades 5 and 6, but we’re not going to be able to take 18 to the tournament. He said he appealed to the Carroll County Recreation Directors today to have Madison Elementary School enter two teams, but he thought he probably wouldn’t get it. He said there is a cost factor to join the Carroll County Recreation Directors Association and he would be willing to pay that if they would give him the ability to play. Ray O’Brien said this seems like a good solution. He asked if it was true that 6th graders are the A team. Mike said it is true and it’s pretty competitive. He said everyone on the bench has to play and to take the 12 6th graders they would be vying for time on the court.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

1. Principal’s Letter: In board packet. Principal Heather Woodward said the blizzard bags were 94% and 95% successful and she will be surveying parents soon to get feedback. Lou Goscinski said the last storm was not a blizzard bag day because we had a teacher workshop day on Friday and students hadn’t seen their teachers for a couple of days; but the next one will be a blizzard bag day.

DIRECTOR OF STUDENT SERVICES’ REPORT: None.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1. FY 2016 Default Budget Update: Tabled for now.
2. KMS & KHS Tuition: Answers to Follow-up Questions:

Lou Goscinski said Hersh Sosnoff had asked if we could audit the information we get from Kennett. He said they have their own auditors, and if a budget committee member wants to approach the SAU 9 board to audit, they could do so. Lou said any member of the public can approach a board and request information. Ray O’Brien asked what an audit means. Lou said it’s looking at the books and making sure your information is accurate. Jim Curran asked about the audit reports and Lou said the audit letters are available tonight and the information is also on the school website.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. SAU 9 Calendar Committee Report: Lou said the SAU 9 Calendar Committee was looking into eliminating the February and April vacation weeks and having one in March to get out of school earlier. The committee reported that public response to their survey was: No: 67% and Yes 33%. The survey also asked about the earliest starting date of school and the results were: 58% for the Tuesday after Labor Day, 33% for up to a week before Labor Day, and 15% for the third week of August.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

NON-PUBLIC SESSION: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3, II (a), (b), (c), & (i), seconded by Ray O’Brien. On a roll call vote the board entered non-public session at 6:07 PM:

Jim Curran – Aye

Wendy Grzesik – Aye

Ray O’Brien – Aye

The Ayes have it.

1. Personnel Matters: Discussed.
2. School Security Matters: Discussed.
3. Consultation with School District Attorney.

Motion by Ray O’Brien to come out of non-public session, seconded by Wendy Grzesik. The motion passed 3-0 and the board came out of non-public session at 6:34 PM.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

1. Announcements: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wendy Grzesik to adjourn, seconded by Ray O’Brien. The motion passed 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM.

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Approved Minutes

Respectfully submitted,

**Patricia Ambrose**

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Recording Secretary