

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
MUSCATINE SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION - RETIRING BOARD
November 20, 2023

The Board of Education of the Muscatine Community School District, in the County of Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. at City Hall. President John Dabeet called the meeting to order. Directors Matt Conard, Karen Cooney, Mike Morgan, Lindsey Phillips and Denny Schuur were present. Director Ken LaRue was absent. Also present were Superintendent Clint Christopher, Director of Operations Chris Nienhaus and Director of Finance Tom Anderson. Student Board Representative Trey Ulses and Kira Holler were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Lugin's 1st grade class at Grant Elementary through a previously recorded message.

President Dabeet welcomed visitors and media representatives.

Student Board Representative Trey Ulses reported that fall sports have ended and winter sports have begun with the Winter Sports Kick-Off on Friday (Nov. 17th). The Model UN Conference was held a few weeks ago in Des Moines with approximately fifty students from MHS attending. FFA students did very well at the National Competition in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Kira Holler stated the Student Council is hosting the Mr. Muscatine Contest tomorrow at MHS. Mr. Muscatine is a male Beauty Pageant/Talent Show that is held to raise money and canned goods for the food drive. The Student Council also hosted a Volleyball and "Can Ball" to help raise funds for the food drive. Ms. Holler shared that Kiara Hallett represented the Muskie Girls at the State Cross Country Competition.

Mr. Ulses invited the board to attend the Mr. Muscatine Contest at the Muscatine High School.

No one spoke during Citizen Speaks.

A motion was made by Director Conard and seconded by Director Morgan to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approve the minutes of October 9, 2023 Regular Session and October 23, 2023 Work Session
- Approve Bills and Claims Against the District Dated November 20, 2023

All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Cooney and seconded by Director Phillips to accept the Official Reports of Votes from the Muscatine County Auditor. All ayes; motion carried.

President Dabeet thanked Director Morgan for his service to the Muscatine School District as a member of the board. Superintendent Christopher presented Director Morgan with a plaque thanking him for his years of service to the Muscatine Community School District.

A motion was made by Director Morgan and seconded by Director Schuur to adjourn the retiring board.
All ayes; motion carried. Time: 7:11 p.m.

John Dabeet, President

Daphne J. Donald, Board Secretary

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Board Secretary Daphne Donald called the organizational/annual meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Secretary Donald administered the oath of office to the new and re-elected board members: Karen Cooney, John Dabeet, Denny Schuur, and Kim Schneider.

Secretary Donald called for nominations for board president in which Director Cooney nominated Director Dabeet. There were no further nominations.

A motion was made by Director Schuur and seconded by Director Phillips that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Director Dabeet as board president. All ayes; motion carried.

Secretary Donald administered the oath of office for board president to Director Dabeet.

Secretary Donald called for nominations for board vice president. Director Conard nominated Director Phillips. There were no further nominations.

A motion was made by Director Conard and seconded by Director Cooney that nominations cease and a unanimous vote be cast for Director Phillips as vice president. All ayes; motion carried.

Secretary Donald administered the oath of office for vice president to Director Phillips. She then turned the meeting over to President Dabeet.

A motion was made by Director Schuur and seconded by Director Phillips to transact the following annual business prescribed by law:

- Appoint Daphne Donald as Board Secretary - action
- Appoint Tom Anderson as Board Treasurer - action
- Designate MidWestOne Bank, CBI Bank and Trust, Community Bank and Trust, and Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) as official depositories of district funds in the amount of \$25 million each - action
- Appoint Kundel Law Office, Ahlers Law Firm, and Lynch Dallas P.C. as counsels to represent the school district in legal matters on a time basis - action
- Designate the Muscatine Journal as the publication of record - action
- Designate Bohnsack and Frommelt as auditor of record - action
- Appoint District Compliance Officers - action

All ayes; motion carried.

The board reviewed the school board meeting schedule for December 2023 through November 2024.

The board discussed the board assignments to the County Conference Board, the Ag Learning Center Board and the district Audit Committee.

A motion was made by Director Conard and seconded by Director Schuur to appoint Director Cooney to the County Conference Board. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Cooney and seconded by Director Phillips to appoint Director Schneider to the Ag Learning Center Board. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Schuur and seconded by Director Cooney to appoint Director Conard to the district Audit Committee. All ayes; motion carried.

As part of the Board Targets/Goals Report, Superintendent Christopher thanked the community for the renewal of the Revenue Purpose Statement. Mr. Christopher thanked Elysee Kress, Deya Leza and Corry Spies for presenting information at the Iowa Association of School Boards' Annual (IASB) Convention about the Muscatine Resource Navigator Program. Superintendent Christopher recognized Director Phillips and Director Schuur for earning individual achievement awards from IASB in the Annual Board Awards Program.

A motion was made by Director Conard and seconded by Director Phillips to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Employment Recommendations:
 - Resignations - Administrative: Jeremy Wells, Assistant Principal Susan Clark Junior High, Effective 10/27/23
 - New Hires - Schedule C: Brady Lukavsky, Head Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach, Alli Youngbauer, JH 7th Grade Girls Assistant Basketball Coach
- Special Education Tuition Out contract with CAM Community School District (state i.d. *3296), Special Education Tuition In contracts with Durant CSD (state i.d.*5050, state i.d.*7484, state i.d.*8281) Louisa Muscatine CSD (state i.d.*1667, state i.d.*4728, state i.d.*2468, state i.d.*3455, state i.d.*3339, state i.d.*7311, state i.d.*8593) and West Liberty CSD (state i.d.*1426, state i.d.*7095)
- District Committees: Audit Committee and its Charter, Teacher Quality Committee, the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC), and the Reconsideration Committee
- Project Search Memorandum for 2023-2024
- Interfund transfer between General Fund and PPEL Fund

A motion was made by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Cooney to approve the Change Order for the Jefferson Addition not to exceed \$159,400. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Cooney and seconded by Director Schuur to approve the Open Enrollment Out Not on Prior Year's Headcount - (FY24) The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$368,335 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Schuur and seconded by Director Conard to approve the Limited English Proficient (LEP) Instruction Beyond 5 Years - (FY24) The district's administration is authorized to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$100,858 related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting that are included on the Fall 2023 certified enrollment headcount. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Phillips and seconded by Director Conard to approve casting ballots for the Mississippi Bend AEA Board of Directors; Paul Brooks, District No. 8 and Mike Duytshaver, District No. 9. All ayes; motion carried.

Director Tom Anderson reviewed the timeline for financial related board agenda items, the deposit balances, revenues and expenditures, the general fund revenues and expenses and shared a chart depicting the State Supplementary Assistance (Allowable Growth) rate.

The board held a second reading of policies; 900.15 (NEW) Use of Recording Devices on School Property and 900.15 (NEW) Use of Recording Devices on School Property -Administrative Regulations.

President Dabeet announced the upcoming meeting and events and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

November 22, 2023: No School - Non-Contract Day

November 23, 2023: No School - Thanksgiving Day

November 24, 2023: No School - Non-Contract Day

December 5, 2023: MCSD & River Bend Mobile Food Pantry 4:00-5:30 pm - 2900 Mulberry Ave.

December 11, 2023: Community Conversation 6pm Lower Level City Hall

December 11, 2023: Regular Board Meeting; 7PM; City Hall

A motion was made by Director Schuur and seconded by Director Conard to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried. Time: 7:46 p.m.

John Dabeet, Board President

Daphne J. Donald, Board Secretary