

February 18, 2015
Montezuma, IA

The Board of Directors of the Montezuma Community School District met on the above date at the Schoolhouse in the Elementary Library, with the following board members present: Pete Ross, Doug Johnston, Stacie Cameron, Jason Meyer, and Vince Johnson.

President Pete Ross called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Doug Johnston and properly seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented: the agenda; minutes of the board meeting of January 21, 2015, fund balance and food service reports for the month of January 2015; and bills to be paid by the secretary (see attached lists). Motion carried 5-0.

GOOD NEWS

Principal Moretz received a letter from the District large group participants and Iowa High School Speech Association thanking them for Congratulations to the two groups received 1st place at the large group speech contest. They are performing this week in Ames

We received positive winter MAP results.

Thank you to Coach Schulte for organizing the Coaches v Cancer event, raising over \$1000.

WELCOME VISITORS

President Ross welcomed all visitors and thanked them for taking time to attend the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Principal Jones presented on events in the Elementary.

Principal Moretz presented on events in the MS/HS.

Design Alliance presented on version 2.0 updates specifically the bids opened yesterday.

OLD BUSINESS

It was moved by Stacie Cameron and properly seconded to approve policies 410 through 416 with changes on 2nd reading. Motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Stacy Helm gave a presentation on the potential December 2016 trip to Costa Rica and the potential July 2017 trip to Spain.

The board held a public hearing for comments on the construction documents. Hearing none, it was moved by Vince Johnson and properly seconded to approve the Garling Construction (Belle Plaine) bid and alternates as presented for version 2.0 construction. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Jason Meyer and properly seconded to approve the application to the School

Budget Review Committee for special education administrative costs (\$1366.67) associated with River Hills Consortium program for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Doug Johnston and properly seconded to approve policies 500 through 502 on 1st reading. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Secretary Sietstra reviewed the audit report. It was moved by Stacie Cameron and properly seconded to approve the FY14 audit report. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Doug Johnston and properly seconded to approve the amendment to the Dissemination agent agreement as written. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Jason Meyer and properly seconded to approve the financial services agreement as written. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Vince Johnson and properly seconded to approve the engagement letter with Ahlers as Bond Counsel for the sale of the General Obligation Capital Loan Notes as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Jason Meyer and properly seconded to approve the resolution fixing date of sale and approving preliminary official statement as presented. Motion carried 5-0, roll call vote was taken.

PERSONNEL

Staff Resignations

It was moved by Doug Johnston and properly seconded to approve the following staff resignations. Motion carried 5-0.

LeAnn James – HS assistant volleyball coach

Katie Patava – 6th grade teacher

Amy Vermeer – elementary special education teacher

Staff Appointments

None

REPORTS

Superintendent Versteeg

Superintendent Versteeg discussed construction updates, 2015-16 calendar updates, legislative update. The March 18 board meeting was moved to 5:00 PM to allow the board members to attend the FFA banquet.

EXEMPT SESSION FOR NEGOTIATIONS

At 8:27 PM it was motioned by Stacie Cameron and properly seconded to enter into exempt session for negotiations. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board came out of exempt session at 9:05 PM.

It was moved by Jason Meyer and properly seconded to approve the 2-year agreement with the MEA as presented to include a 3.5% increase each year and agree to modify the Memorandum of Understanding stating one peer review per semester for a total of two per year. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Vince Johnson and properly seconded to approve a \$32,000 total increase in salaries for classified & administrative staff with the specific increases to be determined by the superintendent. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION

It was noted to keep the sidewalks clear of ice.

ADJOURNMENT

As no further business appeared before the board, the meeting was on proper motion adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary