

A regular meeting of the Marathon City School Board was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, in the office of the district administrator. The meeting was called to order at 5:32 PM by President Brian Gumtz. He led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were board members Gumtz, Knoeck, Klumpyan, Seubert, and DeBroux, also present were administrative staff Parks, Beranek, and Budny.

Written notice of the meeting was posted and sent to the news media on Thursday, February 2, 2017.

Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by Seubert to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Knoeck read the Marathon School District Mission Statement.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the following consent agenda items:

- January 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

- January 25, 2017 Special Board Meeting Minutes

- General checks in the amount of \$711,642.97

- Receipts for December totaling \$1,389,759.92

- Activity Fund balances

- MCCDEB Special Education Meeting Minutes

- Resignation of Montana Salyers as health aide

- Approve hiring Kristin Duberstein as maintenance substitute

Yes – Gumtz, Knoeck, DeBroux, Seubert, and Klumpyan. Motion carried 5-0.

Dave Duncan and students from MVA, presented on their recent expedition, “Becoming an American.” The students shared what they learned from their field trips, research, and presenters. They also took part in an Ellis Island simulation and have worked on development of “story cloths.” The students also researched their own genealogy as part of the expedition.

The board heard from petitioners Matthew and Karen Apfelbeck regarding their small territory district reorganization request. Mr. Parks also shared information regarding the financial impact for the district for the possible detachment. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by DeBroux to deny the transfer of the territory described in the petition, and the resolution authorizing the issuance of an order denying the petition be approved. Yes – Gumtz, Knoeck, DeBroux, Seubert, and Klumpyan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Knoeck, 2nd by DeBroux that the reorganization requested in the petition filed on January 31, 2017, to detach the territory described in said petition from the School District of Marathon and to attach it to the School District of Edgar be denied, that said petition be dismissed, and the order of denial be approved. Yes – Gumtz, Knoeck, DeBroux, Seubert, and Klumpyan. Motion carried 5-0.

Softball coaches, Chad Thurs and Paul Fredrickson, presented a 2018 Softball Spring Trip with a corresponding fundraiser request. The board supported moving forward with the planning and

fundraising with a request that they come back to the board at a later date with a detailed trip plan for board action.

Sara Stenberg, band instructor, presented a recommendation to change the marching band format for next school year. The request was based on student surveys and input. Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to move to a non-competitive marching season with the band continuing to march in parades and perform a scaled down program for home football games. Motion carried 4-0 (Knoeck was excused for a medical issue).

Mr. Beranek reported on 2017-18 sectioning at the high school level based on submitted student course selections. Motion by Seubert, 2nd by DeBroux to approve the number of sections as presented. Yes – Gumtz, Knoeck, DeBroux, Seubert, and Klumpyan. Motion carried 5-0.

The administration requested the posting of additional staff due to the increase in sections that cannot be handled through overload. Motion by Klumpyan, 2nd by DeBroux to post for hiring an additional business education, math, and 1st grade teacher.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Klumpyan to approve the finance committee recommendations to make a change in the Leave of Absence Policy and to pay aides their current rate, to a maximum of \$12 per hour, when providing in-house substituting. Yes – Gumtz, Knoeck, DeBroux, Seubert, and Klumpyan. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Parks shared and reviewed with the board the School Facts 2016 for our CESA 9 region schools. He noted that information from the report would be part of the township talking points to be developed for this spring's Annual Town Meetings.

Mr. Parks distributed the School Perceptions survey for board to complete by the end of February. It was noted that the board would also like administration to also complete the survey.

Mrs. Budny gave an MVA update. The MVA is looking at how to reach out beyond Marathon City for next year's expedition, "Mind, Body, and Spirit." They are looking to network with other businesses and communities. Eighth grade students have been surveyed, and parents will be, regarding the 8th grade graduation for this year. The MVA Washington DC trip will occur the last week of school when graduation was typically held. Ideas for graduation timing and program will be discussed further and brought back to their governance board.

The board reviewed their professional development handouts from The Board: "Curriculum of the Future: What You Need to Know" and "What to Consider Before You Build Another School".

Board members and Mr. Parks reviewed information from the general sessions and sectional presentations attended at the WASB State Convention. It was again a positive professional development and learning opportunity.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Seubert to increase hours for the aftercare program due to the large number of children in the program as presented and recommended. Yes – Gumtz, Knoeck, DeBroux, Seubert, and Klumpanyan. Motion carried 5-0.

The board discussed attendance at the Medford Legislative Meeting to be held March 6, 2017. Mr. Parks and several board members will attend.

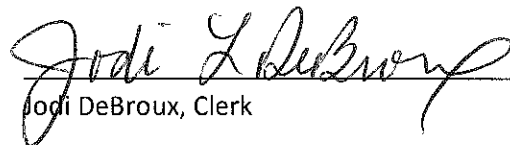
Mr. Beranek informed the board that paid coaches and select staff is in the process of receiving CPR/First Aid/AED Training. It was noted that all paid coaches will be required to receive this training per WIAA ruling for the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Parks asked the board to contact him if they plan to attend the WASB Legal and Human Resource Seminar on February 23rd for registration purposes. He gave an update on the OPEB meeting attended, shared a letter from the DPI regarding ESSA, reminder the board of the 10:00 retreat this Saturday, and the reviewed District's Moody's Aa3 rating.

Mr. Beranek gave the board the opportunity to sign the Academic Decathlon advertisement to be printed in the State brochure, spoke about the upcoming Teacher Inservice, and gave a brief overview of a collaboration he has been working on to provide a summer school coding course.

Mrs. Budny is looking into summer school courses and will soon begin planning. More academic support classes have been recommended to help students who need the extra time.

Motion by DeBroux, 2nd by Knoeck to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.


Jodi DeBroux, Clerk