

**Mahomet-Seymour
COMMUNITY UNIT DISTRICT NO. 3
Champaign County, Illinois
Meeting of the Board of Education
Regular Meeting**

Held in the Board Conference Room

Date: August 16, 2021

7:30 Regular Board Meeting

1. Call to order

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Max McComb at 7:30 p.m. He welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Roll Call

Board members physically present for the roll call were Max McComb, Dr. Jeremy Henrichs, Justin Lamb, Sunny McMurry, Ken Keefe, and Dr. Colleen Schultz. Also physically present were Superintendent, Dr. Lindsey Hall, and Board Recorder, Dawn Quinley. Board member Meghan Hennesy, and Attorney Nicki Bazer attended virtually.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

President McComb asked those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Keefe**, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 5-2. Members Hennesy and Schultz voted no. Motion carried.

5. Consent Agenda Items

President McComb asked the Board if they would like to see any additional changes to the consent agenda.

- Minutes for the July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes for the July 19, 2021 Regular Meeting – Closed Session
- Minutes for the July 22, 2021 Special Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes for the July 22, 2021 Special Meeting – Closed Session
- Bills as presented
- Treasurer’s Report as presented
- Personnel Changes as presented
- Approval to put FY22 budget on display

Motion was made by **Keefe**, seconded by **McMurry**, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 5-2. Members Hennesy and Schultz voted no. Motion carried.

Dr. Nicole Rummel introduced the following new teachers:

Evan Bossenbroek, Junior High Band Director, Julianne Kauffman, Lincoln Trail 3rd Grade Teacher, Allie Bergman, Junior High 7th Grade Math and Science Teacher, Jenny Watson, Lincoln Trail 5th Grade Teacher, Kim Flesch, Middletown Prairie Pre-K Teacher

Dr. Rummel also introduced current District employees Suzanne Dill as the District’s new Family Engagement Specialist, and Marissa Franks as the new Assistant Principal at Mahomet-Seymour High School.

6. Donations

There were no donations in August.

7. **Communications from PTO, MSEA, Foundation, and Board Commendations**

PTO: Leslie Radice spoke on behalf of the MSPTO. She shared that the PTO has been busy planning this year's Dawg Walk fundraiser. Lincoln Trail's Dawg Walk will be held on September 24 and Middletown Prairie's will be on October 1. The PTO has raised nearly \$10,000 already from community sponsors so every student will receive a t-shirt. The PTO provided support for Back to School Night at both Lincoln Trail and Middletown Prairie. They are looking for additional volunteers. The first general meeting will be on September 2 in the Board Conference Room at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend.

MSEA: No report

MSEF: No report

8. **Reports, Updates, & Informational Board Communication**

Meghan Hennesy had no report.

Ken Keefe attended the Lincoln Trail Open House and it was great to see all of the excited people. He thanked all involved. He's glad we are back in person this year.

Dr. Colleen Schultz thanked everyone for all of the work getting the school year started and wished everyone good luck.

Sunny McMurry thanked the PTO and Lincoln Trail for the warm welcome at Back to School Night. She said it was also great to be a part of the staff breakfast at the High School and she thanked Caitlin Megginson-Dicken and Kim Johnson for putting it all together. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who are getting ready to begin the year.

Dr. Jeremy Henrichs had no report.

Justin Lamb attended the all staff meeting at the High School today and got to hear Gerry Brooks speak. It was very inspirational. He wished everyone a great year.

President McComb heard fantastic things about the all staff meeting this morning. Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Financial Update

Heather Smith, Chief School Business Official, gave a report to the board. She said the District is starting the year off well. We continue to receive property tax money, and sales tax revenues have been increasing. The District expects to receive \$710,000 in tier money. She encouraged everyone to meet with her if they want to discuss the FY22 budget. The Board asked several follow up questions.

Director of Student Support Services Report

Christine Northrup's report was included in the Board Packet. She added that the ATLAS space is finished in the space behind the high school. It looks fantastic and she thanked Steve Curtis for getting the project completed on a tight timeline.

Assistant Superintendent Report

Dr. Nicole Rummel's report was included in the Board Packet. She said that she thinks the District's AP scores were phenomenal considering the year last year. There is a meeting with teachers tomorrow to discuss learning loss plans. She says there are some great things in place for students this year. The Board asked several follow up questions.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Lindsey Hall report congratulated high school senior Anna Legacy who was named one of only 20 high school students in Illinois named to the Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council. It is a great honor. She welcomed back the staff and all new teachers to the District.

9. **Regular Business**

9. A. Unfinished Business

9. B. New Business

9.B.1. Revised BOE Charge

Dr. Lindsey Hall explained the revisions needed because the charge references a possible referendum in 2022 and the primary election in 2022 has been changed to June 28, 2022. Dr. Hall recommended that the charge be changed to have the Bulldog Blueprint report to the Board no later than February, 2022.

Motion was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Keefe**, to approve the revised charge for Bulldog Blueprint, with the Facilitating Team reporting back to the Board of Education no later than February 28, 2022. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 5-2. Members Hennesy and Schultz voted no. Motion carried.

9.B.2. Athletic Trainer Renewal

Heather Smith asked the Board approve the 5-year renewal agreement for Athletic Training with Carle Sports Medicine. The Board asked several follow up questions.

Motion was made by **Schultz**, seconded by **Lamb**, to approve the 5-year renewal agreement for Athletic Training Services with Carle Sports Medicine as presented. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 6-0. Member Henrichs abstained. Motion carried.

9.B.3. MAYC Service Agreements

Dr. Nicole Rummel asked the Board to approve a 2 year contract with MAYC. The District appreciates the work MAYC does to support Kid’s Club and the program at the Junior High.

Motion was made by **McMurry**, seconded by **Henrichs**, to approve the agreements as presented. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

9.B.4. Policies 6:40 & 6:210

Motion was made by **Schultz**, seconded by **Hennesy**, that policy 6:40 be updated to read, “Curriculum and curriculum revisions will not be adopted at the Board meeting at which they are first introduced. Further Board consideration will be given at a subsequent meeting(s) and after opportunity for community input. In order to provide the opportunity for community input, the superintendent or his/her designee will notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of any proposed curriculum/curriculum revisions, including providing public access to such proposed curriculum/curriculum revisions (pushed out electronically), a minimum of 21 days before a final vote will be taken by the Board.” And, 6:210 be updated to read, “Textbooks and instructional materials and textbook/instructional material revisions will not be adopted at the Board meeting at which they are first introduced. Further Board consideration will be given at a subsequent meeting(s) and after opportunity for community input. In order to provide the opportunity for community input, the superintendent or his/her designee will notify parent(s)/guardian(s) of any proposed new or revised textbooks or instructional materials, including providing public access to such proposed materials (pushed out electronically when possible), a minimum of 21 days before a final vote will be taken on these materials by the Board.” The motion was approved by “yes” vote, 6-1. Member McMurry voted no. Motion carried.

9.B.5. Policies 6:260 & 7:15

Dr. Jeremy Henrichs presented proposed changes to these policies. He proposed a change to policy 6:260 that would allow a substitute course that has similar content when parents or students object to a course and its curriculum. Substitutes would need to be approved and the student must obtain a passing grade in order to receive credit. The proposal recommends that students be allowed to do this for up to 2 credits.

He proposed changes to policy 7:15 which would require all surveys and research to be approved by the Superintendent as directed by the School Board. His proposal also outlines procedures for submission of research projects and surveys, and outlines the types of requests that will not be approved. The proposed

changes for both policies were included in the Board Packet. The Board discussed the proposal and asked several follow up questions. The policies will come back to the Board for a vote in September.

9.B.6. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Lindsey Hall was asked where the District stands with an e-learning program if the District needs to make some different choices. Dr. Hall said that there is an e-learning plan in place for weather which is only a temporary solution, a long term plan would take longer to turn around and the goal right now is to keep kids in school. An e-learning plan for students who are quarantined will be rolled out and discussed with teachers tomorrow.

President McComb said that some questions have been asked about using the University of Illinois Shield testing program. Dr. Hall said that she has heard there are some delays with Shield Illinois. The District has had good results with Binax testing since late December/early January. Procedures are already in place, and her recommendation would be to stick with Binax testing because our human resources are limited. There was discussion about adding a discussion about Shield Testing to the next agenda and whether quarantine policies were going to be updated. The Board asked several questions about and discussed the pros and cons of making a switch to Shield Illinois, and Dr. Hall said the website has already been updated with information about quarantine policies and the test-to-stay program.

10. Public Comment

Name	Topic
Marcy Hall on behalf of Lindsey Greenlee	Masks & COVID-19
Kim Greenlee	Masks
Jeff King	Masks
Nikki Gallier	Masks
Gloria Cherry	Curriculum Concerns
Steven Greenlee	Masks
Camden Wood	Masks
Jeremy Hale	Masks in Athletics
Erica Kennedy	Masks

11. Closed Session

McComb stated it was necessary to go into Closed Session for the purpose of: *1) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.*

Motion was made by **Keefe**, seconded by **Henrichs**, at 9:22 p.m. to go into closed session for the purpose stated by McComb. The motion passed.

Motion was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Schultz**, at 10:05 p.m. to return to open session. The motion passed.

Dr. Schultz asked what the plan is for enforcing the mask requirement. Dr. Hall said that the District would never expel students because that is against the law. There would be a series of progressive conversations that use the natural consequences and outcomes that result from not being in class.

11. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Max McComb, President

Ken Keefe, Secretary

Submitted by Dawn Quinley, Board Recorder