

**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: April 19, 2022

**7:00 Regular Board Meeting**

1. **Call to order**

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order by President Max McComb at 6:59 p.m. He welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. **Roll Call**

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

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 **Lamb**, seconded by **Henrichs**, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

5. **Consent Agenda Items**

President McComb asked the Board if they would like to see any changes to the consent agenda. Member Keefe asked to remove Personnel Changes and Lunch Fee increase for separate consideration.

- Minutes for the February 26, 2022 Special Meeting – Open Session & Closed Session
- Minutes for the February 28, 2022 Special Meeting – Open Session & Closed Session
- Minutes for the March 2, 2022 Special Meeting – Open Session & Closed Session
- Minutes for the March 5, 2022 Special Meeting – Open Session & Closed Session
- Minutes for the March 7, 2022 Study Session – Open Session & Closed Session
- Minutes for the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting – Open Session
- Minutes for the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting – Closed Session #1
- Minutes for the March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting – Closed Session #2
- Bills as presented
- Treasurer’s Report as presented
- 2021-2022 School Calendar – Final
- Food Service Survey
- 5th Grade Technology Fee Increase
- TEALS Student Entry & Exit Surveys
- Director of Student Support Services Contract
- HLS Amendments
- New High School Activity Fund Account
- MSHS Surplus Items – Library Weeding Log
- 2022-2023 IESA Membership Dues & IHSA Membership Renewal

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

### **Personnel Changes**

Member Keefe thinks that the personnel changes commit the District to an additional year of Health EOPs when he thinks the District should hire an additional nurse instead. The Board, Dr. Hall and Christine Northrup discussed the current structure of one Health EOP in each building and one District Nurse. Dr. Hall recommends the current structure. Member Keefe said his intent was to have an agenda item in the future to look at options.

**Motion** was made by **McMurry**, seconded by **Lamb**, to approve the Personnel Changes as presented. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 4-3. Members Hennesy, Schultz, and Keefe voted no. Motion carried.

### **Lunch Fee Increase**

CSBO Heather Smith shared that not all items are up for increase and it is typical for food service providers to ask for increases based on the CPI and minimum wage. If the fee increase is not approved, the District will absorb the cost.

**Motion** was made by **Lamb**, seconded by **Hennesy**, to approve the Lunch Fee Increase as proposed. Motion was not approved by a vote of 3-4. Members Schultz, Lamb, Keefe, and Hennesy voted no. Motion defeated.

### **New Teacher Introductions**

Dr. Rummel introduced Amy Roerhig, as the new Math Instructional Coach. Christine Northrup introduced Heather Lyons as the new Junior High COMPASS teacher, and Jen Isberg, as the new Speech & Language Pathologist at Lincoln Trail.

### **Special Recognitions**

The Board recognized and congratulated IHSA All State Academic team members Cece Abramson and, the Mahomet-Seymour State Champion Winter Guard, and the Mahomet-Seymour Wrestling team who placed third at the state meet. Kurtis Decker and Jonathan Breen, from The Music Shoppe, presented Dr. Lindsey Hall and all District Music Educators with the 2022 Best Communities for Music Education award.

## **6. Donations**

Dr. Lindsey Hall read the donation list:

<b><u>Name of Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Donation To</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>	<b><u>Value</u></b>
Grace Church Community Assistance Fund	High School	Cash for Mom’s Pantry	\$500.00
Paul & Sandra Yoo	High School	Cash for Drama Department	\$500.00
Anonymous	High School	Cash for Baseball Team	\$5000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$6,000.00</b>

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

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

**PTO:** no report

**MSEA:** no report

**MSEF:** Justin Lamb shared that the Bulldog Bash was a great success. He thanked everyone for attending and for all of the support.

**Visitors:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Topic</b>
Martha Mills	Protection of LGBTQIA+ students
Belena Hedin	Protection of LGBTQIA+ students
Lance Leonard	Protection of LGBTQIA+ students
Doug Higgins	Referendum
Erik Henriksen	Curriculum, Referendum
Mark Thompson	The Bible and Communism

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

**Justin Lamb** had no report.

**Meghan Hennessy** said that at the last meeting, she asked for two agenda items, and they are not on the agenda again. So, she asked again to add discussion about a diversity and inclusion committee, and a discussion about opening up comments on the YouTube feed.

**Dr. Colleen Schultz** had no report.

**Sunny McMurry** asked Mrs. Hennessy to consider asking Administration to talk to the Board about the Diversity and Inclusion Committees the District already has along with Bulldog Voices. She also thanked the teachers, bus drivers, secretaries, and custodians for taking the time to take care of other people’s children as if they were their own.

**Ken Keefe** had no report.

**Dr. Jeremy Henrichs** had no report.

**President McComb** said some have suggested he hasn’t done what is best for students. He may be guilty of not doing exactly what’s being asked of him, but he is here because he loves our community and everyone in the community. He appreciates all of our staff even if we don’t agree on everything.

**Financial Update**

Chief School Business Official, Heather Smith’s, report was included in the Board Packet. She provided a brief review of the report. There were no questions from the Board.

**Director of Student Support Services Report**

Christine Northrup’s report was included in the Board Packet. April is National Occupational Therapy Month. Mrs. Northrup recognized the fantastic job that the District Occupational Therapy Team does every day. The Team consists of Alisa Lamb, Ginger Hitchins, and Sandy Borrelli. The Board did not have any follow up questions.

**Assistant Superintendent Report**

Dr. Nicole Rummel’s report was included in the Board Packet. There were no follow up questions from the board.

**Superintendent’s Report**

Dr. Lindsey Hall highlighted two open houses being planned for the Junior High on May 14 from 9am-12pm, and May 17 from 5pm-8pm. The open houses will allow voters to learn more and get the facts about the referendum that will be on the ballot in June. There will be tours of the Junior High for those interested. The Board did not have any follow up questions.

**9. Regular Business**

**9. A. Unfinished Business**

**9. B. New Business**

**9.B.1. New Textbooks**

Dr. Nicole Rummel provided the Board with an explanation about the selection of CTE and Health textbooks. The textbooks will be available at the Mahomet Public Library until the next board meeting. The Board asked several follow up questions about the textbooks. The textbooks will be brought for approval next month.

### **9.B.2. Approve Chromebook Purchase**

Jared Lynn asked the Board to approve the Chromebook purchase which will provide Chromebooks for incoming freshmen and incoming 6th graders. The Board asked several follow up questions.

**Motion** was made by **Keefe**, seconded by **Hennesy**, to approve the purchase of student Chromebooks as presented. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

### **9.B.3. Action on Mat Room Bid**

CSBO Heather Smith and BLDD architect Damien Schlitt, explained the recommendation to reject the bids that were received for the mat room remodel. The costs came in much higher than originally thought and the lead time needed to get the materials for the project may mean the project might not be complete before school starts in August and with enough time to get the approvals needed from the ROE. The Board asked several follow up questions.

**Motion** was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Keefe**, to reject all bids for the Mat Room remodeling project at MSJH. Motion was approved by “yes” vote 7-0. Motion carried.

### **9.B.4. Action on Leasing of Portable**

CSBO Heather Smith asked the Board to approve the leasing of a portable classroom from Vesta including the site work that is needed to prepare the site. The Board asked several follow questions related to the proposed portable.

**Motion** was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Lamb**, to approve leasing a portable from Vesta for \$65,622 and approximate set up costs of \$83,500, plus IT and furniture costs. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

### **9.B.5. Approve Reduction in Force: Resolution Reference Decision to Discontinue Certain Extra-Curricular Assignments, Duties and Stipends**

Dr. Lindsey Hall explained that this is the annual reduction in force of employees who occupy extra-curricular assignments, duties, and stipend positions and who are not full time District employees. It is needed in order to accurately keep track of who is returning/not returning to certain extracurricular assignments, duties and stipends, as well as have these positions open to full time employees who might wish to apply and be considered.

**Motion** was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Lamb**, to approve the Resolution Reference Decision to Discontinue Certain Extra-Curricular Assignments, Duties, and Stipends. Motion was approved by “yes” vote, 5-1. Members Henrichs, McMurry, Lamb, Keefe, and McComb voted yes. Member Hennesy voted no. Member Schultz voted present. Motion carried.

### **9.B.6. Approve Additional Staff for 22-23 School Year**

Dr. Lindsey Hall asked the Board to approve an additional 4th grade teacher and an additional 8th grade teacher.

**Motion** was made by **Schultz**, seconded by **Hennesy** to add one FTE fourth grade teacher, one FTE 8th grade teacher, and additional interventionists at MPE for the next two years.

Dr. Hall indicated that her recommendation continues to be to hire one 4th grade teacher and one 8th grade teacher and to have more discussions about adding an additional interventionist. She explained that her recommendation came from discussion that the Administrative Team had to determine staffing needs. The positions she is recommending reflect the decision of the team as top priorities based on limited resources. The Board discussed the Board's role in the staff recommendation process and asked several follow up questions. President McComb called for a vote on the motion. Motion was not approved by a vote of 3-4. Members Lamb, McMurry, Henrichs, McComb voted no. Motion defeated.

**Motion** was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Hennesy** to approve one 4th grade and one 8th grade teacher. Motion was approved by "yes" vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

### **9.B.7. Future Land Update**

Ken Keefe asked the Board to consider choosing a land planning firm that night from among the three that were passed along to the Board for consideration. The Board discussed the request and the firms. CSBO Heather Smith and BLDD architect Damien Schlitt reminded the Board that there has to be a Request for Quote put out for this type of project before the Board can choose a firm. The Board agreed to begin the Request for Quote process.

### **10. 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. 2) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.*

**Motion** was made by **Henrichs**, seconded by **Schultz**, at 9:49 p.m. to go into closed session for the purposes stated by McComb. The motion was approved by "yes" vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

**Motion** was made by **Keefe**, seconded by **Lamb**, at 10:15 p.m. to return to open session. The motion was approved by "yes" vote, 7-0. Motion carried.

### **11. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, **motion** was made by **McMurry**, seconded by **Hennesy**, at 10:15 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Max McComb, President

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Ken Keefe, Secretary

Submitted by Dawn Quinley, Board Recorder