

Platteville Monthly School Board Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.
OE Gray Professional Learning Center IMC

President Miesen called the school board meeting to order on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the IMC at the OE Gray Professional Learning Center.

Board members in attendance were Heather Connolly, Brian Miesen, Colleen McCabe, Arlene Siss, Nancy Bongers, Abulkhair Masoom and Steve Obershaw. Josh Grabandt and Eric Fatzinger were absent. Also in attendance was Superintendent Connie Valenza.

Superintendent Valenza noted that the meeting had been properly noticed.

A motion was made by Heather Connolly and seconded by Colleen McCabe to adopt the amended agenda as printed. Motion carried. 7-0 vote. A motion was made by Heather Connolly and seconded by Nancy Bongers to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 School Board Meeting. Motion carried. 7-0 vote. A motion was made by Colleen McCabe and seconded by Steve Obershaw to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2016 Special School Board Appeal Hearing. Motion carried. 7-0 vote. A motion was made by Steve Obershaw and seconded by Abulkhair Masoom to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2016 Expulsion Hearing. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Opportunity for Public Input.

Abulkhair Masoom attended the Science Olympiad Regional Competition in Madison this past weekend. Our students did extremely well and he wanted to thank all the parents for the phenomenal help that they give the students.

Brian Miesen reminded everyone of the PHS Scholarship Fund Auction that is taking place this weekend at UW-Platteville. Tickets are still available for this great cause.

Brian Miesen invited everyone to the FFA/FFA Alumni Pancake Supper on February 25th from 4-8 pm at the Platteville High School.

The Following Action Items Were Presented To The Board.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the January 2016 financial report and to pay the bills of the month as they are identified. Colleen McCabe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Abulkhair Masoom made a motion to accept Deborah Ellingson's retirement notice effective at the end of the current school year, provide the retirement benefits for which she is eligible and express our gratitude for her 27 years of service to the Platteville School District. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Nancy Bongers made a motion to accept Daniel Flesch's retirement notice effective at the end of the current school year, provide the retirement benefits for which he is eligible and express our gratitude for his 32 years of service to the Platteville School District. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to accept Randy Henderson's letter of resignation as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to approve hiring Stacy Eberle as a Speech/Language Pathologist at a Probationary MA/MS Step 2 with a base pay of \$42,073 prorated with the start date of March 7, 2016 and an additional contract with high needs bonus of \$5,000.00 for the 2016-17 school year, \$4,000.00 for the 2nd year, \$3,000.00 for the 3rd year, \$2,000.00 for the 4th year and \$1,000.00 for the 5th year as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve hiring Kia Gronski as a Speech/Language Pathologist for the 2016-17 school year at a Probationary MA/MS Step 2 with a base pay of not less than \$42,073 with an additional contract with high needs bonus of \$5,000.00 for the 2016-17 school year, \$4,000.00 for the 2nd year, \$3,000.00 for the 3rd year, \$2,000.00 for the 4th year and \$1,000.00 for the 5th year as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Nancy Bongers made a motion to approve hiring Joan Haas as a regular teacher assistant at Westview at a Class 4, Step A with an hourly rate of \$15.22 as presented. Colleen McCabe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve Bethany Fredericks assignment as PMS 8th Grade Girls' Track Coach for the 2015-16 season at a Class 6, Step 1 with a salary of \$1,950.00 as presented. Abulkhair Masoom seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to approve Rebecca Lowe's assignment as PHS Head Softball coach for the 2015-16 season at a Class 2, Step 1 with a salary of \$4,050.00 as presented. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Colleen McCabe made a motion to approve Stephanie Farrell's assignment at PMS 2nd semester Academic Coach/Homework Club Advisor for the 2015-16 season at a Class 8, Step 1 with a salary of \$750.00 as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve Sarah McCraw's assignment as Neal Wilkins 2nd Semester Afterschool Program Assistant for the 2015-16 season at a Class 4, Step 1 with a salary of \$700.00 as presented. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve Thomas Hill's assignment as PHS gymnastics Assistant Coach for the remainder of the 2015-16 season at a Class 4, Step 1 with a salary of \$2,100.00 as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Colleen McCabe made a motion to approve the Platteville School District 2016-17 Calendar which included having school on Martin Luther King Day and December 23, 2016 as a vacation day as presented. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion failed. 3-4-0 vote. Yes: Connolly, McCabe and Bongers. No: Siss, Miesen, Masoom and Obershaw.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve the Platteville School District 2016-17 Calendar which included Martin Luther King day as a holiday, Spring Break will be March 16 & 17, 2016 and December 23, 2016 as a vacation day as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5-2-0 vote. Yes: Obershaw, Masoom, Bongers, Siss and Miesen. No: Connolly and McCabe.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve a Special Board Meeting on February 29, 2016 at 6:30 pm for the purpose of discussing board operations and Employee Handbook/Budget as presented. Colleen McCabe seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Colleen McCabe made a motion to approve the new Policy 171.2 Agenda Preparation and Dissemination as presented for first reading. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to approve the removal of Policy BBA Notification of Board Meetings, BDDDB Agenda Format and BDDC Agenda Preparation & Dissemination as presented for first reading. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Colleen McCabe made a motion to approve the new policies: Policy 130 School Board Legal Status, Policy 132 Board Member Resignation, Policy 133 Filling Board Vacancies and Policy 144 Appointment of Board Member Representatives as presented for second and final reading. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Steve Obershaw made a motion to approve the removal of Policy BB School Board Legal Status, Policy BC Organization of the School Board, Policy BDD Internal Operation of the School Board, Policy BBB Board Elections, Policy BBC Board Member Resignation, Policy BBE-R Guidelines for Filling Board Vacancies and Policy BBE Unexpired Term Fulfillment as presented for second and final reading. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

Information/Discussion Items (no action will be taken on these items)

Art Beaulieu updated the board on the January Membership Count.

Art Beaulieu discussed a petition to alter school district boundaries that Platteville Schools received. This item will be reviewed and prepared for an action item at the February 22nd meeting.

Superintendent Valenza explained the statutory requirements related to the Platteville School District Educational Options.

School Board Convention reports were shared by Steve, Nancy, Arlene, Colleen, Brian, Heather and Superintendent Valenza.

Superintendent Valenza gave a facilities update to the board and shared an online aerial shot of Westview under construction.

Superintendent Valenza addressed the board regarding future board agenda items.

Adjourn to Executive Session

A motion was made by Steve Obershaw and seconded by Colleen McCabe to move to executive session at 9:21 pm as per State Statute 19.85 (c). On a roll call vote, motion carried 7-0. Discussion was held regarding individual employee performance and discipline. A motion was made by Colleen McCabe and seconded by Heather Connolly to reconvene to open session. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7-0.

Colleen McCabe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 pm. Motion was seconded by Heather Connolly. Motion carried. 7-0 vote.

President Miesen reviewed the upcoming meeting dates.

Recorded and Submitted
Lynne Tanner

Verified and Approved
Eric Fatzinger, Board Clerk