

**Platteville Monthly School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 14, 2016 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**OE Gray Professional Learning Center IMC**

President Miesen called the school board meeting to order on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the IMC at the OE Gray Professional Learning Center.

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

Superintendent Valenza noted that the meeting had been properly noticed.

A motion was made by Josh Grabandt and seconded by Steve Obershaw to adopt the amended agenda with minor additions as presented. Motion carried. 9-0 vote. A motion was made by Colleen McCabe and seconded by Nancy Bongers to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2016 School Board Meeting. Motion carried. 9-0 vote. A motion was made by Heather Connolly and seconded by Steve Obershaw to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2015 Special School Board Retreat. Motion carried. 9-0 vote. A motion was made by Abulkhair Masoom and seconded by Colleen McCabe to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2016 Pupil Expulsion Hearing. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

**Opportunity for Public Input.**

Superintendent Valenza explained that the exterior lockdown that our schools experienced today was precautionary and at the recommendation of the Platteville Police Department. All students were kept safe and secure.

Superintendent Valenza presented School Board Member Nancy Bongers with a certificate and pin for achieving the WASB Level 2 award for her years of service as a school board member. Congratulations Nancy! She also congratulated School Board Member Eric Fatzinger for the newspaper articles covering his participation in the Mining & Rollo Jamison Museum “Community Collections” event. Congratulations to Kevyn Webb, Elementary Art Teacher for being recognized for an Early Career Educator Award by The Wisconsin Association of Colleges for Teacher Education. She was nominated by UW-Platteville.

Our sympathies go out to the family of Gary Wilkins, a former Platteville School Board Member.

Congratulations to Sumaia Masoom for her participation in the State Senate Scholar Program held in Madison at the state capitol.

Colleen McCabe thanked everyone involved with the recent middle school dance that was held on Friday. Kids were very excited and appreciative.

Brian Miesen commented that the FFA Pancake Supper was a success.

A community member shared some concerns with the school website not being updated.

A concerned person requested information on how to start up a booster club for Art/Fine Arts.

**The Following Action Items Were Presented To The Board.**

Heather Connolly made a motion to approve the February 2016 financial report and to pay the bills of the month as they are identified. Josh Grabandt seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Josh Grabandt made a motion to approve the hiring of Pam Greenhalgh as an administrative assistant for the 2016-17 school year at a Class 1B with an hourly salary of \$17.42 as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Arlene Siss made a motion to accept Jeff Henderson’s retirement notice effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year, provide the retirement benefits for which he is eligible and express our gratitude for his years of service to the Platteville School District. Heather Connolly seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Nancy Bongers made a motion to accept Kathleen Blum’s retirement notice effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year, provide the retirement benefits for which she is eligible and express our gratitude for her years of service to the Platteville School District. Steve Obershaw seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Abulkhair Masoom made a motion to accept Sally Woodworth’s retirement notice effective at the end of the 2015-16 school year, provide the retirement benefits for which she is eligible and express our gratitude for her years of service to the Platteville School District. Nancy Bongers seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Josh Grabandt made a motion to approve the Youth Options program requests for PHS students as presented. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

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

Marcy Russell and Amelia Armstrong gave a presentation on Music In Our Schools Month.

Amelia Armstrong presented a high school musical/play rotation proposal to the board.

Mr. Foley shared the high school non-athletic co-curricular participation numbers.

Superintendent Valenza discussed the 2016-17 Employee Handbook proposed changes with the board.

Superintendent Valenza summarized the recent special school board retreat where they discussed budget, handbook and committee structure.

Superintendent Valenza shared facilities updates of the past 30 days. (February 5-March 4, 2016).

Outdoor facility usage was discussed in regards to the snowmobile trail.

Future board agenda items were discussed.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

A motion was made by Steve Obershaw and seconded by Josh Grabandt to move to executive session at 9:25 pm as per State Statute 19.85 (c). On a roll call vote, motion carried 9-0. Discussion was held regarding administrative contract renewals and an unpaid leave request. A motion was made by Josh Grabandt and seconded by Colleen McCabe to reconvene to open session. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 9-0.

Josh Grabandt made a motion to approve the unpaid leave request. Arlene Siss seconded the motion. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Josh Grabandt made a motion to approve the administrative contract renewals for Connie Valenza, Timothy Engh and Kristoffer Brown as presented. Motion was seconded by Colleen McCabe. Motion carried. 9-0 vote.

Josh Grabandt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 pm. Motion was seconded by Heather Connolly. Motion carried. 9-0 vote. President Miesen reviewed the upcoming meeting dates.

Recorded and Submitted  
Lynne Tanner

Verified and Approved  
Eric Fatzinger, Board Clerk