

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR APRIL MEETING OF THE BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF MILFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT #124
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17th, 2024**

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Milford Area Public Schools District #124, Iroquois County, Illinois were held at the District Office on Wednesday, April 17th, 2024. President Mary Ronna called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Darren Bakken, Donna Hiltz, Justin Lavicka, Jeff Mabbitt, Mary Ronna, Jodie Havens
Absent: Josh Harris (arrived @ 8:30 p.m.)
Personnel: Supt. Dr. Michele Lindenmeyer, Principal Michelle Sobkoviak,
Principal Stephen Totheroh and Rec. Secretary Jennifer VanHoveln
Guests: Tami Harwood, Jill Brown, Colin Flaherty, John and Whitley Klabor

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Havens, seconded by Bakken, to approve the consent agenda; minutes of the special board meetings of March 16th, March 18th, March 19th, April 2nd, April 5th, 2024 and the Regular Board Meeting of March 20th, 2024, financial report for March 2024, payroll and April vendor bills in the amount of \$815,093.77, and correspondences that include letters of recognition from Mitzi Fox (yearbook), Tami Harwood (teacher mentor) and Michelle Sobkoviak (MGS Principal). Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

AUDIENCE TO PERSONS SCHEDULED IN ADVANCE

None.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORTS

High School - Mr. Totheroh thanked the Board members who volunteered to participate at graduation. He informed the Board that 10:00 a.m. is the time set for graduation practice. He suggested double checking that the softball game against Oakwood is still on due to the weather. The Juvenile Justice Council team won an award for their public service announcement. They were the only team in our county to win an award. The Nutrition and Culinary Arts I class competed on Friday, April 12th, in Champaign in a culinary competition and won a 'Best Taste' award. Mr. Totheroh provided a prom announcement to please correspond regarding reserving a meal. Lastly, he informed the Board about the order placement of fifty new chairs and desks for the High School.

Grade School - Mrs. Sobkoviak announced the winner of the rock-paper-scissors competition. Mrs. Carson was the winner for the third year in a row. Mrs. Sobkoviak gave a shout out to Reagan Hanson who was the long term substitute for Mrs. Rush's maternity leave. She said she did a great job and she was so thankful for her.

MAPS#124 - Dr. Lindenmeyer -

- 1) Dr. Lindenmeyer shared the Building and Grounds update with the Board. The Sheldon campus has been getting cleaned out in preparation for the new MENTA program. The two SALT program rooms were moved to the central wing and are being painted as well as the gym lobby hallway. The fencing south of the District Office has been moved alongside Hickory Street. An open house is set for April 30th, 2024 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new addition beginning at 7:00 p.m. Veregy is bringing the tape, seven pairs of scissors and one big pair of scissors for Dr. Lindenmeyer. Multiple events are scheduled for that evening amongst both schools so the event should be well attended.
- 2) Dr. Lindenmeyer updated the Board on the FY24 Budget and shared that as of March 31st, 2024, the District is at 75% of the FY passed. 68.72% of the budget has been Spent from all nine funds. She also stated that at this time, she didn't see that any amendments will need to be made to the FY24 budget in June.
- 3) Dr. Lindenmeyer gave the Board information regarding the 2024-2025 insurance package renewal. She explained that it's a renewal year with all current insurance carriers. The renewal package from Bushue HR will be discussed and reviewed at the June board meeting.
- 4) The Menta program approval is on the Illinois State Board of Education agenda for next month. The existing programs were on the agenda for April 17th, 2024. This is the last step in finalizing the availability of this program starting in August of 2024.

OLD BUSINESS

GRADING SCALE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Hiltz, seconded by Lavicka, to approve the 90, 80, 70, 60 grading scale effective for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Havens, Bakken, Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt
Absent: Harris
Nay: Ronna. Motion declared carried.

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET AUTHORIZATION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Ronna, to authorize and direct the Superintendent to prepare the FY25 budget. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

AUDITING FIRM APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bakken, seconded by Havens, to approve the engagement letter, retaining Russell Leigh and Associates as the District auditing firm for the FY24 audit. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

MHS HANDBOOK READING APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Bakken, to approve the first reading on the proposed MHS handbook changes as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

FENCING APPROVAL

A motion was made by Hiltz, seconded by Havens, to approve the fencing around the south HVAC unit and between the District Office and the new addition to be paid for in FY25. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

WELLNESS PLAN APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Ronna, to approve the updated Wellness Plan as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken, Hiltz
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

TRACK OVERNIGHT TRIP APPROVAL

A motion was made by Hiltz, seconded by Bakken, to approve the potential overnight trips for IHSA Girls State Track Finals and Boys State Track Finals in Charleston on May 15th and 16th and May 23rd and 24th as presented, contingent on students qualifying for the events. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

BOARD POLICY READING APPROVAL

A motion was made by Havens, seconded by Bakken, to approve the reading of potential Board Policy 6:125, Students with Disabilities: Recording of meetings, as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

PRESS POLICY READING APPROVAL

A motion was made by Bakken, seconded by Ronna, to approve the first reading on PRESS Policy Issue 114 as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: Harris
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

COMMUNITY FORUM

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Bakken, to enter into closed session at 8:34 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Hiltz, Bakken
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION RECONVENE

A consensus of the Board was reached to leave the Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. per voice vote.

MGS YEARBOOK RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Havens, to accept resignation of Mitzi Fox as MGS yearbook sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

MGS TEACHER MENTOR RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Havens, to accept resignation of Tami Harwood as MGS teacher mentor for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Hiltz, Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

MGS PRINCIPAL RESIGNATION

A motion was made by Bakken, seconded by Hiltz, to accept the resignation of Michelle Sobkoviak as Milford Grade School Principal effective July 1st, 2024. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

MHS ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH HIRE

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lavicka, to approve hire of Chase Clutteur as MHS Assistant Football Coach for 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Hiltz, Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

MAPS COACHING/EXTRA CURRICULAR LISTING APPROVAL

A motion was made by Mabbitt, seconded by Bakken, to approve the MHS and MGS coaching and extra-curricular listing for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens, Bakken, Hiltz
Absent: None.
Nay: Harris, Lavicka. Motion declared carried.

NON-CERTIFIED WAGE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Ronna, seconded by Lavicka, to approve the non-certified wages for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Havens, Bakken, Hiltz, Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT APPROVAL

A motion was made by Harris, seconded by Lavicka, to approve the three year Superintendent contract for John Klaber to begin July 1st, 2024 as presented. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Aye: Bakken, Hiltz, Harris, Lavicka, Mabbitt, Ronna, Havens
Absent: None.
Nay: None. Motion declared carried.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Ronna, seconded by Mabbitt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 p.m. per voice vote.

Mary A. Ronna

President

Ronna Heltz

Secretary