

Regular Board Meeting
October 23, 2017

Prior to the start of the regular meeting, the second grade team of Sarah Cherne and Randene Orr updated the board on the grade-a-like center realignment.

The Board held the hearing for an early start date for the 2018-2019 school year. Following discussion, the Board authorized the submission of a request to begin our 2018-2019 school year as early as allowed by law.

The regular meeting of the Maquoketa Valley Board of Education was called to order by President John Zietlow at 6:20 p.m. at Johnston Elementary in Hopkinton, Iowa. All motions carried unanimously unless otherwise noted. Five board members were present. There were eight staff members present and two visitors. The agenda and consent items were approved.

One open enrollment request out and three open enrollment requests in were approved.

The following personnel recommendations were approved:

Brandy Whittenbaugh – employed as Delhi Associate

Linda Thomason – employed as Earlville Associate

Barb Hollinrake – employed as shared High School Counselor with Midland CSD

Mrs. Norton shared the district 2016-2017 Progress Report to the Community and took a few minutes to review this information. This report will be available to the public on our website. The 2016-2017 Progress Report to the Community was approved.

Language changes to board policy 502.020 Student Suspensions, 502.030 Student Expulsions and 502.070 Weapons were reviewed. The Board approved to waive the second reading and adopt these policies on the first official reading.

Representative Hein, Mckeen and Zumbach along with Senator Zumbach have accepted our invitation to attend a legislative round-table discussion on November 27th after our regular board meeting. Our regular board meeting will be held in the high school conference room beginning at 5:00. Beginning at 6:30, the legislators will meet with us along with boards from Midland and Monticello to conduct a question, answer session regarding the upcoming legislative session.

A tentative open house has been scheduled during parent teacher conference on November 7th and 9th to allow public a chance to tour our newly renovated high school areas.

The district certified enrollment data on October 15th. The district reported a decrease of 28 students for the 2017-2018 school year.

Supt. Tuetken will bring an updated Early Separation Package to the board in November for approval.

The Girls Basketball team will hold a can drive on November 5th in order to raise money for their program.

Board policy 200 series will be reviewed in November and the series 300 and 400 will be reviewed in December and January.

Supt. Tuetken took a few minutes to update the board on information from the Education Superintendent Advisory Council meeting that he attended on September 20th.

Supt. Tuetken took a few minutes to discuss the initial comments from the FY17 district audit which was completed in October.

The December board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20th beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.