

MENARD ISD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2013
7:00 P.M.

I. Call Meeting to Order and Establish Quorum

II. Public Participation

No participation shall exceed five minutes. Delegates of more than five persons shall appoint one person to present their views before the board. The board may not take action unless item is listed as an agenda item. Board members are obligated only to listen; they are not required to respond unless they so choose.

III. Consider/Approval of Consent Items

- A. Approval of minutes of prior meetings
- B. Acceptance of bills paid

IV. Presentation/Discussion regarding Information Items

- A. Kayla Wagner with M.C.A.D. update on Property Value.
- B. School Funding Lawsuit
- C. Student Safety/ Policy changes regarding handguns and armed guards

V. Presentation/Discussion regarding Action Items

A. Consider/Approve Correction of Board Minutes

Information: At our January 9, 2013, meeting, the board voted to offer a one year contract to Wynn Simon. Actually, Ms. Simon's contract is for 5 months (the remainder of the 2012-13 school year). Ms. Simon agreed to sign a contract for January through May, 2013.

Recommendation: I recommend you rescind the offer for a one year contract, and approve a 5 month contract for Wynn Simon.

B. Consider/Approve Plan to Enclose Walkway at Elementary/Jr. High Campus

Information: After talking with Harry Hill and Tommy Hough about doing the work at Elementary/Jr. High, I will have a plan for your consideration.

Recommendation: I will make my recommendation following our discussion.

C. Consider/Approve Resolution Opposing Vouchers, Taxpayer Savings Grants, Tax Credits, etc.

Information: In an attempt to reject all attempts to divert public dollars away from public schools in the form of vouchers, taxpayer savings grants, tax credits, or any other mechanisms that have the effect of reducing funding to public schools, we will need to make our feelings known to the Texas Legislature in the form of a resolution.

Recommendation: I recommend that you approve the resolution as presented.

Exhibit 1

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D. Consider/Approve Resolution to Suspend Portions of EI (Local), EIA (Local), and EIC (Local).

Information: On November 30, Commissioner of Education Michael L. Williams announced that, for the 2012-2013 school year, districts may defer implementation of the statutory provision that requires performance of an end-of-course assessment to count as 15 percent of a student's final course grade. A board resolution is required for this action.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve the resolution to defer the 15% rule for the 2012-13 school year as presented.

Exhibit 2

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E. Consider/Approve 2013-2014 School Calendar

Information: Campus site base committees have worked to create a school calendar for the next school year.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve the calendar as presented.

Exhibit 3

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F. Consider/Approve Calling Board Election for May 11, 2013, for SMD 4 and 6.

Information: Single Member District 4 (Virginia Hill) and Single Member District 6 (Novice Kniffen) are up for election on May 11, 2013.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve calling the Menard I.S.D. Board of Trustees Election on May 11, 2013.

G. Consider/Approve Joint Election Agreement with the City of Menard.

Information: We are required to annually adopt a joint election agreement with the City of Menard.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve the joint election resolution with the City of Menard and that you authorize me to negotiate all documents necessary to accomplish the joint election.

H. Consider/Approve Election Judge

Information: An election judge and an alternate judge for the election day voting on May 11, must be named.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve Janis Hardesty as election judge and Pat Fortenberry as alternate judge.

I. Consider/Approve Resolution for Election Day Equipment

Information: We are required to utilize a voting machine on Election Day as per state and federal law to conduct the trustee elections.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve the resolution for Election Day Equipment.

J. Consider/Approve Stipend Schedule

Information: I am not recommending any changes or additions to the stipend schedule.

Recommendation: I recommend you approve the stipend schedule as presented.

K. Consideration/Approval entering into Executive Session

The board may, during the course of this meeting, may elect to enter into a closed or executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. All final votes or decisions shall be made in Open Session.

L. Consider/Approve Personnel-(but not limited to renewals, reassignments, retirements, resignations or employment)

Information: Lee Ann Holt, MSEC Director and Cordelia Kothmann, Elementary/Jr. High Campus Administrator have completed their evaluations satisfactorily.

Recommendation: I recommend contract extensions for Cordelia Kothmann and Lee Ann Holt.

VI. Budget Amendments

VII. Administrative Reports

- A. Cordelia Kothmann-Elem/Jr. High** facilities, academics, attendance.
- B. Amy Bannowsky-High School** facilities, academics, attendance.
- C. Martha Ellis-District** facilities, academics, attendance.

VIII. Date of Next Meeting (April 11 conflicts with the Area Track Meet Menard is Hosting in Harper)

IX. Adjourn

This notice was posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Law, March, 2013.

Addendum added 2/11/2013

Consider/Approve Staff Development Waiver and Reading/English Language Art; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development Wavier.

Information: Pursuant to TEC25.081, this waiver allow the district or charter school to conduct additional staff training for reading/English Language arts, mathematics, science, or social studies strategies aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in lieu of a maximum of two days of student instruction.

Pursuant to Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.081, this waiver allows the district or charter school to train staff on various educational strategies designed to improve student performance in lieu of a maximum of three days of student instruction. **These are two separate waivers but can be made in one motion. Example: “I _____ approve Staff Development Waiver and Reading/English Language Arts; Mathematics; Science; and/or Social Studies Staff Development wavier’s.**