

**MARYSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
1111 DELAWARE  
MARYSVILLE, MICHIGAN 48040**

**HELD AT:  
ST. CLAIR COUNTY RESA  
499 RANGE ROAD  
MARYSVILLE MI 48040**

**BOARD WORKSHOP  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009 – 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER I The meeting was called to order by Janet Clayton, President at 6:00 pm
- ROLL CALL II The following Board Members were present: Archer, Eagen, Malone, Palmateer, Hondzinski, Clayton Absent: Socha
- Also Present: John Silveri, Superintendent of Schools, Patricia Speilburg, Executive Director of Finance & Operations
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE III Led by President Clayton
- CITIZENS IV None
- ACTION ITEM V-A  
UST REMOVAL BID  
V-A Moved by Malone, supported by Hondzinski, that the Board of Education accepts the low bid of S.A. Torello, Inc., for the removal of one underground storage tank each at Washington Elementary School and Marysville Middle School, at a cost of not to exceed \$49,150.00 per location, as presented per Exhibit A, August 10, 2009.
- Ayes: Malone, Hondzinski, Archer, Eagen, Palmateer, Clayton  
Nays: None Carried.
- BOARD WORKSHOP VI-A  
REVIEW OF DISTRICT  
VISION/MISSION/  
GUIDING PRINCIPLES  
VI-A Mr. Silveri led a discussion and distributed information regarding the District's current Vision/Mission/Guiding Principles. It was stated that these appear to be impacting the District in that people are thinking - focusing on "every student". No changes suggested.
- BOARD WORKSHOP VI-B  
REVIEW OF 2008-2009  
BOARD GOALS  
VI-B Mr. Silveri reviewed the 2008-2009 Board Goals. Discussion took place.
1. *Support the implementation of the Professional Learning Communities Process:*
    - ~Brief review of progress and activities
    - ~Book studies – learning by doing
    - ~Still have a long way to go, but have made great strides
    - ~How are new teachers oriented into PLC?

2. *Maintain our focus on increasing student achievement in K-12 writing literacy.*

- ~MEAP & MME scores distributed and briefly discussed
- ~Have made some gains, but still not where we want to be
- ~Need to do a better job of writing across the curriculum
- ~Fighting a new and different “culture” (texts, etc.)

3. *Continue to monitor facilities bond projects*

- ~Projects are on time and within budget
- ~No excuses accepted – new high school will open on time
- ~Letter requested to be shared with buildings from the Board regarding appreciation of their efforts

4. *Maintain responsible fiscal practices*

- ~Appreciation shared regarding Mrs. Speilburg’s efforts
- ~Stabilization and State Aid budget not yet finalized
- ~Discussion regarding use of fund equity. District plans to use approximately \$573,000 of fund equity this school year.
- ~Mr. Silveri will be sending a letter out to staff updating them on possible additional reductions and asking them to be more aware of cost saving opportunities.
- ~Difficult budget decisions may have to be made earlier than usual, throughout the school year.

***BREAK: 7:07 PM***  
***RETURN: 7:17 PM***

BOARD WORKSHOP  
ESTABLISH GOALS  
FOR 2009-2010  
VI-C

Mr. Silveri led a discussion to aid in the establishment of the Board’s goals for 2009-2010. Continued discussion will take place at the August 12 Informational Meeting and action taken at the August 20 Regular Meeting.

**Proposed 2009-10 Goals**

1. Reach all learners through the Professional Learning Communities process
2. Increase student achievement in K-12 writing literacy
3. Fulfill our shared responsibility to maximize scarce financial resources in the best interests of our students
4. Fully integrate available technology into the learning process

**Other:**

1. Lengthy discussion took place on the budget and use of technology within the District.
2. It was suggested to work more on engaging the community on financial challenges in new and different ways (i.e., State of District address).
3. Privatization – desperate situations call for desperate actions. Not advocating, but is an option. Shared services discussion.

4. Must find ways to address budget challenges while keeping District appealing to students and parents and retaining/attracting students.

BOARD  
DEVELOPMENT  
BOOK/JOURNAL/  
ARTICLE STUDY  
& WORKSHOPS  
BOARD GUIDING  
PRINCIPLES ARTICLE  
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Various forms of Board development options were shared and reviewed. Board concurred that a focus on the Andy Dillon health care proposal would be appropriate. More discussion in September with a planned workshop in October.

Discussion took place on the Board becoming better “lobbyists” and to try and get more MASB conferences and workshops to the thumb area.

Mr. Silveri added that it is important for the Board to set an example and show that they are willing to take the time and commitment to become better Board Members, adding that this sends a strong message to employees.

BOARD POLICY  
REVISION  
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Board agreed to look further into the Board Policy Review process and requested Mr. Silveri to gather information on cost, process, etc. and report back to them in September.

ELECTRONIC  
COMMUNICATION  
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER  
& PAPERLESS BOARD  
MEETINGS/UPDATES  
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Mr. Silveri updated the Board on the District newsletter which will become totally electronic after the August issue (with some copies being printed and distributed to local businesses and establishments).

Mr. Silveri was granted the okay to begin going paperless with the Friday Board Updates. Board Members all have their own District email addresses that updates will be sent to.

The Board was asked for the go ahead to go completely paperless with Board materials in the Fall of 2010. Board was enthusiastic and gave approval to proceed.

**OTHER TOPICS:**

1. U of M football outing with City Council
2. City tour of District facilities – tail gate – October
3. Tom Malone requested Board to read Code of Conduct recommendations prior to August 12 Informational Meeting

ADJOURNMENT  
VII

Moved by Eagen, supported by Malone, that the meeting adjourns at 9:11 pm.

Ayes: Eagen, Malone, Archer, Hondzinski, Palmateer, Clayton  
Nays: None Carried.

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Janet Clayton, President

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Nancy Archer, Secretary

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Julie Bixler, Recording Secretary