

BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 29, 2007

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Metamora Twp. High School was called to order on this date at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Malone	Whittington
Grebner	
Curtis	
Christ	
Doty	
Winkler	

Motion by Doty, seconded by Christ:

Resolve that we approve the minutes of the October 18, 2007, meeting as amended.

VOTE: All voting yea; resolution adopted.

A letter from the Washington High School Board of Education congratulating Metamora High School and the Metamora Football team on winning the State championship was read.

President Winkler mentioned other fall sports that have been doing quite well this season.

At 7:07 p.m., the Tax Levy Hearing commenced. Superintendent Maurer briefly discussed factors to consider in deciding on the Levy, including pending legislation in Springfield and the EAV. He recommended either Option 1 or 2. Option 4 would not allow for any growth whatsoever and, should the legislation not be passed, the district would possibly have to cut back.

The importance of replacing two buses was discussed, and a usage study was again requested by a board member.

Board members were individually polled about their preferences. A variation of Option 1 was suggested with no new buses being purchased. Option 1, in its original form, was selected with the caveat that bus usage would be studied before any funds were spent on purchases.

The Levy Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

Dale Whittington joined the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Motion by Doty, seconded by Grebner:

Resolve that we approve the Levy in the amount of \$6,770,460.

VOTE:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Whittington	
Malone	
Curtis	
Grebner	
Christ	
Doty	
Winkler	

President Winkler appointed an ad hoc committee to study bus ridership, with said committee to consist of Dale Whittington as Chair, Gary Grebner and Kent Malone. The term of the committee would be for as long as necessary to complete the usage study. The committee will recommend to the Board whether the District should purchase one or both buses.

The architects presented possible modifications to the bleacher replacement plan and answered questions from the Board. Aside from base bid, the alternate bids of the ornamental railings and non-skid surface were discussed; however, the alternates can be decided on up to sixty days later.

Motion by Doty, seconded by Malone:

Resolve that we award the bid for the bleachers in the amount of \$865,952.00 to R. K. Sports Seating. The Board would appreciate R. K. Sports Seating considering adding the rounded seat option at no additional cost.

VOTE:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Christ	
Malone	
Whittington	
Curtis	
Grebner	
Doty	
Winkler	

Motion by Doty, seconded by Curtis:

Resolve that we approve the bills in the amount of \$239,933.60 as presented.

VOTE:

<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Malone	
Whittington	
Curtis	
Grebner	
Christ	
Doty	
Winkler	

Extended discussion concerning the Teacher Evaluation Instrument was held. One board member objected to the goal in the new document of establishing a process for the teacher, rather than focusing on how the teacher could help the students to improve. He also felt there was no provision for a plan for the teacher. Superintendent Maurer told the Board that some modifications might need to be made to meet the State Board standards. President Winkler expressed the opinion that it would not be possible to approve the instrument at this time. A board member felt that the evaluation should be used more as an opportunity for dialogue with the teacher and less merely as a rating tool by the administration. Superintendent Maurer said that all teachers have a plan and goals through the certification process. At the time the laws changed in regard to certification, the evaluation also changed, as it was felt to be redundant with certification.

As much more evaluation and discussion were deemed necessary before any decision or changes could be made, President Winkler tabled further discussion of the Teacher Evaluation Instrument at this time.

Other items on the agenda were discussed at length.

Motion by Curtis; seconded by Malone:

Resolve that we adjourn at 11:59 p.m.

VOTE: All voting yea; resolution adopted.

President

Secretary

Next meeting on December 20, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.