

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**October 18, 2007**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Metamora Twp. High School was called to order on this date at 7:01 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

Claudia Christ was appointed secretary for this meeting.

Motion by Grebner; seconded by Curtis:

Resolve that we approve the minutes of the September 20, 2007 meeting as presented.

**VOTE:** All voting yea; resolution adopted.

It was noted that our band joined a composer consortium led by Illinois State University bands with four other high schools and six university band programs. A composer based in Ohio completed a new work, *The Heart of God*, which is being showcased by our Wind Ensemble sometime this spring or next year.

Superintendent Maurer received a letter of commendation regarding our Parade and Band Day from one of the schools involved.

Motion by Malone; seconded by Grebner:

Resolve that we approve the bills in the amount of \$140,188.67 as presented.

**VOTE:**

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

Motion by Christ; seconded by Malone:

Resolve that we employ Todd Marsden to assist in the Boys Basketball Program for the school year 2007-08.

**VOTE:**

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

A lengthy and informative discussion was held regarding the Teacher Evaluation Instrument. Two teachers were present and added the teachers' perspective to the discussion. Superintendent Maurer recommended that the instrument, which had been created by a committee of teachers, administrators and members of the Board of Education over a two year period and approved by the SEA, be approved. Members of the Board were not ready to adopt the instrument for various reasons, one of which was the absence of two Board members and the Board felt they should all be present if possible. Much of the discussion regarded various and differing philosophies on the purpose and expected outcome of the instrument. The decision was tabled until the next meeting. If members have any input on changes they feel are necessary to adopt the evaluation instrument, they should inform Superintendent Maurer of these issues before the next meeting,

Motion by Grebner; seconded by Malone:

Be it resolved by the Board of Education of Metamora Township High School District #122 that the educational support employee (laundry employee position) set forth in this resolution shall be terminated effective October 18, 2007 and the employment with the District of such employee shall cease immediately.

**VOTE:**

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

Discussion was held on the Budget. It is very preliminary at this time. The preliminary budget is necessary to determine the levy to be approved at the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. Superintendent Maurer handed out the FY2008 General State Aid Comparison. If BIMP is not passed, we will get less State Aid. If BIMP is passed, we will get an increase in State Aid. We could be down \$348,000 if the BIMP is not passed. The 08-09 budget is not balanced yet. If BIMP is passed, it will be balanced; if not, we will have to make cuts. The budget has to be balanced.

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A discussion was held regarding the 2007 Levy. Woodford County has a new assessor. We hope we will have a new assessed valuation before we pass the levy. The Board requested several new levy scenarios.

The audit report was handed out. Members are to go over the audit. The Finance Committee would like to meet with the Auditor.

Motion by Curtis : seconded by Grebner:  
Resolve that we adjourn at 10:17 P.M.

**VOTE:** All voting yea; resolution adopted.

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President

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Secretary