Minutes of Board Retreat

The Board of Education
Muskegon Area ISD
November 13, 2017

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Muskegon Area ISD was held on Monday, November 13, 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

1) The meeting was called to order by President, William Loxterman at 5:30 p.m.

2) Pledge of Allegiance

3) Roll Call showed the following board members were present: Mr. William Loxterman, Ms. Lisa Tyler, Mr. Kevin Donovan, Mr. Dwight Vines, and Ms. Wanda Lee Suits.

4) Registration of Guests – None.

5) Approval of Agenda with Additional Items and Order of Priority – It was moved by Ms. Tyler and supported by Mr. Donovan to approve the agenda as presented. All Ayes (5) Nays (0) Motion carried.

6) Public Participation in the MAISD Board of Education Meeting – None.

7) Old Business – None

8) New Business

   a) Data Review – Facilitated by John Severson

      1) THRIVE Booklet – Dr. Severson reviewed the THRIVE booklet with the board members. He stated that THRIVE's mission is to establish clear educational focus areas for our community, leading to successful graduates who contribute to a thriving economy and a vibrant culture in Muskegon County. The focus areas discussed include:

         - Goal 1 – All children ready for kindergarten
         - Goal 2 – All students proficient in reading and math by 3rd grade
         - Goal 3A – All students career aware by 9th grade
         - Goal 3B – All students able to access college

2) Key Service Cards – Kristin Tank shared the key service cards which provide the variety of services the MAISD provides to each of our districts.

3) 16-17 Professional Learning Activities – Randy Lindquist reviewed the professional learning activities that were attended in 2016-17. The list provides the title of the activity, dates, and number of hours attended from each district.

4) 16-17 Professional Learning Activities by District – Randy Lindquist reviewed the professional learning activities by district which provides attendance by district work, professional development, and totals for instructional services and special education.

5) Reading Corp – Board members were provided district assessment data for four-year olds that included June 2017 assessments from the Orchard View Head Start/Reading Corps site.

6) Kindergarten Readiness – Board members were provided Head Start & GSRP kindergarten readiness assessment data of four-year olds at the end of the 2016/17 school year. This data shows the percent of children "K-ready" in total child development domains. They also received data on the percent of children "K-ready" in each of six early childhood development domains (social & emotional, physical, language, cognitive, early literacy, early math).

7) M-STEP – Randy Lindquist shared the M-STEP Comprehensive Change Report, Spring 2017 – 3rd grade – English language arts, showing comparisons from spring 2016 to spring 2017, and the percent of change.

b) Strategic Plan Review - Facilitated by Members of the Cabinet

Dr. Severson, along with the Administrative Cabinet members, reviewed each of the goal areas of the MAISD Strategic Plan, along with the objectives of each, and what we are doing as an ISD in each of these goal areas.

Goal 1 – Positively impact the achievement and success of all students in the MAISD service area.

- Objective A – Increase the number of students proficient in reading and math by 3rd grade.

- Objective B – All children ready for Kindergarten (academically and with good health).

Goal 2 – Enhance understanding of and support for public education

- Objective – Increase legislative connections and support of public education in Muskegon County.

Goal 3 – Maintain a dynamic staff that is characterized by a commitment to continuous learning.

- Objective – Enhance the culture and work environment for MAISD employees.

Goal 4 – Leverage the capacity of educators by collaborating on initiatives that are beneficial to all students and staff.

- Objective A – Increase the number of students who are career aware and college ready through countywide initiatives
- Objective B – Improve student wellness and focus on the whole child.

Goal 5 – Deliver innovative professional development programming related to student instruction, the use of technology, and the enhancement of administrative capacity.

- Objective – Enhance professional development and administrative collaboration in innovative ways.

c) Wesley School & Transition Center Visioning – Facilitated by John Severson

Dr. Severson discussed a vision to move the Transition Campus back to the Wesley campus in the space currently occupied by the North East Education Center. They also discussed possible renovations to the existing playground, and additional outdoor space being developed to be utilized by the older students.

d) Board Focus/Goals – Facilitated by Bill Loxterman

1) Professional Development Discussion – Mr. Loxterman discussed options and/or interests of board professional development. Board members will explore opportunities at the state and national level if interested.

2) Political Impact – Mr. Loxterman expressed his desire for board members to continue to advocate on legislation that may have an effect on public education.

3) December 14 Inservice – Mr. Loxterman reminded board members of the Muskegon County School Boards Alliance dinner meeting on December 14, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lake House Waterfront Grille.

9) Other – None.

10) Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Signed _____
Kevin Donovan, Secretary

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William Loxterman, President

Date Approved: