

**Marquette Area Public Schools  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**Special Meeting  
Monday, May 18, 2009, 5:15 p.m.  
Marquette Senior High School Library  
1201 W. Fair Avenue**

**MINUTES**

- **Call to Order**

A special meeting of the Marquette Area Public Schools Board of Education was held Monday, May 18, in the Library of the Marquette Senior High School. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place in the Board Room but was moved to the Library, with signs posted to redirect attendees. The meeting was called to order by Board President **Kellie Holmstrom** at 5:19 p.m.

- **Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM	President
Mark Smith	Secretary-Treasurer
Norman Gruber	Trustee
Tony Retaskie	Trustee
Laura Songer	Trustee

**Members Absent**

Alan Hawker	Vice President
Scott Brogan	Trustee

**Central Administration Present**

Jon Hartwig	Superintendent
Deborah Veiht	Assistant Superintendent
Tim Yeadon	Assistant Superintendent for Finance
Jackie Winkowski	Administrative Assistant / Recording Secretary

**Others Present**

MAPS employees, parents / citizens, Mining Journal Reporter Miriam Moeller (about 30 people in total)

- **Approve Agenda**

**A motion was made by Laura Songer and seconded by Tony Retaskie to approve the Agenda with the following addition: As item #7, add “Review MARESA June 1 Biennial Election Resolution and Designate MAPS Representative and Alternate.” Motion carried, 5-0.**

- **Approve Minutes of May 12, 2009, Special Meeting**

**A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Norm Gruber to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009, special Board meeting as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.**

- **Award Bid for Exterior Door Project**

**A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Norm Gruber to award, as recommended by the Board Planning Committee, the MAPS door replacement project to A & F Construction Company, the low bidder, in the amount of \$94,842, to be paid from the 2009-10 General Fund capital outlay budget. Following discussion, the motion carried, 5-0.**

- **Board Work Session on 2009-10 Budget**

The Board of Education members and administrators participated in a work session on development of the 2009-10 budget. They reviewed a draft budget document and Power Point prepared and presented by Assistant Superintendent for Finance Tim Yeadon. It was reported that the proposed 2009-10 budget document is a result of the process which began several months ago; taken into account are recent Board actions on expenditure reductions.

Proposed 2009-10 budget assumptions and projected expenditures and revenues were presented. It was noted that the public hearing on the 2009-10 budget is set for Monday, June 22, at 6 p.m. in the MSHS Little Theatre, and that in the meantime, copies of the proposed budget are available for review in the Board of Education Office. A final draft document will be prepared and available in mid-June, prior to the public hearing.

Discussion / questions / answers followed Mr. Yeadon's presentation. Board members expressed concerns about declining enrollment resulting in lower revenue; the condition of the State's economy which impacts the school funding system; flat per-student funding over several years; and increasing costs, retirement and health care in particular.

- **Review MARESA June 1 Biennial Election Resolution and Designate MAPS Representative and Alternate**

The Board reviewed the MARESA June 1 Biennial Election Resolution, to be considered for adoption at a Board meeting prior to June 1. It was noted that the MAPS Board's next regular meeting is set for May 27 at 4 p.m.

**Following discussion, a motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Norm Gruber that Mark Smith be named in the proposed resolution as MAPS' representative to participate in MARESA's June 1 Biennial Election, and that Kellie Holmstrom be named as the alternate representative. Motion carried, 5-0.**

- **Comments from the Public**

**Name / topic**

**Matt Edgell**, MAEA President, suggested an early retirement incentive as a way to save money and retain newer teachers; he asked that the Board consider a "more palatable" ERI.

- **Board Members' Comments**

- After the 2009-10 budget has been adopted, the Board should consider how to study an ERI and determine if one could result in real savings.
- After the budget adoption, the Board should begin to look at additional reductions for 2010-11.
- The budget process has been time-consuming and challenging, involving 12 meetings of the Board and about 24 hours of each Board member's time. It would have been preferable to have a sense of accomplishment.

- **Board President's Comments**

**Kellie Holmstrom** expressed appreciation for input in the budget development process. She commented that a cost-saving request was presented to the MAEA on behalf of the Board, but the EA did not respond.

- **Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Tony Retaskie and seconded by Mark Smith to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried, 5-0; adjourned at 6:50 p.m.**

Kellie A. Holmstrom, DVM  
President

Mark Smith  
Secretary-Treasurer

Jackie Winkowski  
Recording Secretary