

April 21, 2015

The regular meeting of the Montgomery Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Montgomery Area School District Administrative Board Room on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, with Mrs. Jody Budman, Board Vice President, presiding.

A Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was then led by the Board Vice President.

ROLL CALL

The following members being present at the time of roll call: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

Also present were: Mrs. Daphne L. Bowers, District Superintendent
Mr. Grant S. Evangelisti, Secretary/Business Manager
Mr. Joseph G. Stoudt, Director of Curriculum, Inst. & Technology
Mr. Michael L. Prowant, Junior/Senior High School Principal
Mr. Jason M. Rupert, Athletic Director
Mrs. Karen S. Snyder, Elementary Principal
Mr. Levi I. Woodward, Substitute District Solicitor

And 17 interested citizens.

Mrs. Budman announced that the Board held an Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Stryker, seconded by Mr. Blasi, approving the minutes of the March 17, 2015 Regular Meeting, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Spizzirri, to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2015, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Stryker, seconded by Mr. Blasi, approving the Profit and Loss Report from Nutrition, Inc. for the month of February, as per attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Board Secretary, a resolution was offered by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Blasi, approving the Bills Payable list for the month of March 2015, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Mr. Allen Horn, District OM Advisor, updated the Board on the District OM teams that participated at the State competition and that will be traveling to Michigan for the World competition.

REPORTS

None at this time.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Eric Brown and Mr. Kevin Rank did a presentation for the Board on the new STEM course that will be introduced next school year.

Mr. Jeremy Stetler and Mr. Jeremey Rhoades did a presentation for the Board regarding the Library remodeling to take place this summer.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Evangelisti reminded the Board that their Financial Disclosure Statements are due in his office before May 1, 2015.

ITEMS FOR BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION

FINANCE

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Yocum, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the proposal for food services with The Nutrition Group for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, contingent on approval of PDE.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve PlanCon, Part K, as per attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the agreement between the Montgomery Area School District and BLaST IU# 17 for Special Education Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the agreement between the Montgomery Area School District and BLaST IU# 17 for IDEA Services for the 2015-2016 school year.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr.

Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

No items for Board action at this time.

TRANSPORTATION

No items for Board action at this time.

POLICY

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of Policy 239: Foreign Exchange Programs, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr.
Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of Policy 307: Student Teachers/Interns, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr.
Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of Policy 314: Physical Examination, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the first reading of Policy 609: Investment of District Funds, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Rev. Baker, seconded by Mr. Stryker, to approve the updated job description for Custodial/Maintenance employees.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

CURRICULUM

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Stryker, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve the Montgomery Area School District Special Education Plan for July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018, as presented.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR

No items for Board action at this time.

ATHLETICS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Blasi, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the appointment of Mr. Colton Harer as a Volunteer Track Coach, pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

PERSONNEL

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve the Sign Language Interpreter Agreement between the Montgomery Area School District and Mrs. Michele Zaludek, effective May 1, 2015, as attached.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve an intermittent FMLA, beginning March 1, 2015 and to continue until the release by the physician for Professional Employee #379.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to regretfully accept the resignation of Mrs. Brooke Rowles, as a Secondary English Teacher, effective June 5, 2015.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve the following additions to the 2014-2015 Guest Teacher List: Andrea Campbell, Raelee Taylor and Jewel LaBelle.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve an FMLA, beginning April 6, 2015 and to continue until April 20, 2015, pending the release by the physician for Classified Employee #378.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to regretfully accept the Letter of Intent to Retire, and the Memorandum of Understanding, effective September 25, 2015, from Mr. Alfred Stola, Secondary Art Teacher.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve an FMLA, beginning April 16, 2015 and to continue until May 17, 2015, pending the release by the physician for Classified Employee #409.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a resolution was offered by Mr. Spizzirri, seconded by Mr. Blasi, to approve the addition of Ms. Kathryn Meyer to the 2014-2015 Substitute Teacher List (Elementary PK-4), pending the receipt of the necessary Act 168 Disclosure form.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **OLD BUSINESS**

None at this time.

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None at this time.

INFORMATION ITEMS

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION & TECHNOLOGY INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mr. Stoudt updated the Board on ongoing events in the District.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mr. Prowant updated the Board on ongoing events in the Junior/Senior High School.

ATHLETIC INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Mr. Rupert updated the Board on ongoing athletic events within the district.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION ITEMS:

None at this time.

DISTRICT INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mrs. Bowers updated the Board on ongoing events within the district.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

None at this time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 19, 2015 7:00 p.m. Montgomery Administrative Board Room
Regular Board Meeting
All Board Members
All Administration
The Public

Upon the recommendation of the Board President, a resolution was offered by Mr. Stryker, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: Rev. Baker, Mr. Blasi, Mr. Dieffenderfer, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Spizzirri, Mr. Stryker, Mr. Yocum and Mrs. Budman.

NAYES: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Diggan.

ABSTAINED: None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Grant S. Evangelisti, Board Secretary