

Mound City R-2 April Board Meeting April 18, 2024 7:00pm. Board Room

Board Members Present: Robert Gibson, Jeff Holstine, Chad Derr, Dylan Rosier, Steven Edwards, and Sheri Meadows

Others Present: Mrs. Emily Petersen, Mr. Jake Shipman, Mrs. Lisa Loucks and Mr. Korey Miles

President Robert Gibson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Mrs. Loucks – Swearing in of Board members (Oath of Office) Dylan Rosier and Steven Edwards

Reorganization of the Board – The Board voted to keep the offices the same for the upcoming year.

Communication/Recognition:

Junior Vincent Baker presented on behalf of the FFA organization. There are currently 74 members this year. Kenzie Brown is the Area I Reporter while Avery McDonald will take on that role next year. We have 4 individuals receiving their American Degree and 3 receiving their State Degree this year. The Soils team will compete at state on Thursday, April 18th while there are 5 members that will compete at State Trap Shoot. The FFA Banquet is on May 7th.

Mr. Alan Ottman presented to the board information regarding his MS Science Classes. Currently the 5th grade is studying Systems of the Earth along with preparing for MAP Testing. 6th grade students are learning about Potential and Kinetic Energy. 7th grade Life Science is learning about Biomes, while 8th grade is learning about the Weather and MAP Prep.

Mr. Shipman presented the ACT Test 275 Conference comparison to the board. Due to more students taking the Accuplacer the board has requested next year to include the number of students taking it as well.

Mr. Shipman presented Activity Participation Rates.

Mr. Miles presented the Facilities and Safety Needs Assessment (9 Year Plan) to the board. Upcoming facility upgrades include: Preschool window trim, painting classrooms, bathroom partition and wall upgrades, concrete needs, handrail replacement outside main gym, and Mini-split (A/C / Heating Unit) upgrades.

Mr. Miles read a card to the board from Susan Miller thanking them for their support for the Middle School Play.

The Consent Agenda was approved:

Approve Board Meeting Minutes (March 19, 2024)

Financial Report

Board Meeting Summer Schedule (May 22, 2024 @ 8:00 pm)

Item VII: The Mound City R-2 School Board approved the installation of Carpet in the Library and Entryways this summer. Vote: 6-0

Item VIII: The Mound City R-2 School Board approved Paula Chambers to continue as the ACES Cooperative Director for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year. Vote: 6-0

Item IX: Extracurricular Discussion: Mr. Miles discussed the following topics with the school board.

- a. Coaches Summer Pay – this was a topic of discussion last Spring while the school board opted to increase the Extra Duty Schedule presented by Mr. Miles that increased Extra Duty pay and included another column. After discussion, Mr. Miles and Mr. Shipman will meet with the coaches and come up with a couple options to propose to the board in May.
- b. JH Cross Country – the school board discussed the option of adding Cross Country to our list of athletics offered next year. There are JH Cross Country meets that currently take place at some of the events we attend for High School. Students could also wear the JH Track Uniforms. The main concern with JH Cross Country would be if we allow dual participation (Football and XC or Volleyball and XC). This item will be voted on in May.
- c. High School Wrestling – the school board listened to information presented by Mr. Shipman regarding the topic. High School students conducted a survey of interest and calculated potential costs of the program. The School Board has concerns with sustainability due to low numbers of athletes coming up through Middle School (which is why we allowed 6th grade students starting next year).
- d. Assistant JH Football Coach – The addition of this position was discussed due to the safety concern with 1 coach and having the addition of 6th grade students participating starting this year. Mr. Miles will be adding this to the May board meeting for approval along with adding it to the Extra Duty Schedule.

Item VII: Items for Information:

Mrs. Petersen presented the following:

- Preschool screening took place March 25-28 with 32 children screened. We are projecting another full class of four year olds next year.
- PK and Kindergarten Roundup will be held April 19th from 10-12. We are projecting Kindergarten enrollment to be around 22 students next year.
- Map Testing is getting amped up and will take place until May 2nd. MS Teachers and Parent Volunteers are organizing home cooked breakfasts for all MS Students the week of MAP. 3rd and 4th grade students will be served breakfast and snacks from the cafeteria each day they test.
- Many upcoming events and field trips until the end of school.

Mr. Shipman presented the following to the School Board:

- 9th Grade class visited NCMC in Trenton on April 10th while the 11th grade class visited Rosecrans for National Guard Career Day on April 16th.
- Spring Music Concert will be on Monday, April 22nd at 6:30 along with the Art Show.

-The HS Scholar Bowl team finished 2nd in the 275 Conference and 1st in District. They will compete in Sectionals at MC on Tuesday, April 23rd.

-Mrs. Hux took a Kenzie Brown and Lilli Barnes to State FBLA this week, while Mr. Dignan took a group of 8 students to State FFA.

-EOC Testing is coming up soon so teachers are preparing students.

-HS Students are very busy with end of the year events and competitions.

Mr. Miles presented the following to the School Board:

-Heartland Seating has the new bleacher seats installed and now working on replacing the motors and hand rails.

-Mr. Miles reported on concerns with SB 727. It looks good on the outside with great items for Education, but it is detrimental to funding due to Vouchers and Charter school expansion that would take money from the formula before it gets out to public schools.

-Mr. Miles also presented information regarding Base Salary, Budget, Non-Certified positions, and Salary Schedule. He normally approves the salary schedule this month but is waiting until May due to concerns with tax cuts that may come up in the Legislature.

Meeting Adjourned for Closed Session at 8:11 pm

Closed Session

Resignation

Personnel – Food Service Director

Personnel – Extra Duty Agreements

Returned to Open Session at 9:01 pm

School Board made a motion and approved the resignation letter of Mrs. Cammy Ungles effective the end of the 2023-2024 School Year. Vote: 6-0

School Board made a motion to hire Melissa Livengood as Food Service Director for the upcoming 2024-2025 School Year. Vote: 6-0

School Board made a motion to approve the slate of Contracts for Extracurricular Duties:

Taylor Standerford: HS Head Football Coach

McKinsie Radley: 2 Weeks Counseling, Assistant HS Volleyball Split, HS Student Council, Testing Coordinator, and A+ Coordinator Split

Tiffany Roup: HS Cheerleading Split

Shawna Farr: JH Girls Volleyball, FCCLA Advisor, Assistant HS Volleyball Split, HS Cheerleading Split

Ryan Osburn: HS Head Girls Basketball Coach and JH Head Girls Basketball Coach

Alan Ottman: HS Boys Basketball Head Coach

Chandler Wilson: HS Boys Basketball Asst. Coach and JH Head Football Coach

Drew Bruner: HS Girls Golf Coach, JH Scholar Bowl Coach

Jason Tenney: HS Scholar Bowl, Football Field Marking, and Asst. Football Game Nights

Jake Shipman: Athletic/Activities Director and A+ Coordinator Split

Connor Dignan: FFA Advisor

Nichole Hux: FBLA Advisor, Yearbook, and Split Concession Stand

Sarah Osburn: HS Head Volleyball Coach
Korey Miles: JH Head Boys Basketball Coach
Will Haer: HS Cross Country Split
Lane Zembles: HS Cross Country Split
Trey Gaudet: Assistant HS Football
Prent Eaton: HS Assistant Girls Basketball
Emily Petersen: Special Education Director
Taylor Bruner: MS Student Council
Jacqueline Rother: Elementary Student Council
Jessica Reeder: Parents As Teachers
Vote: 6-0

Spring Sports will be voted upon in the May meeting.

School Board made a motion to approve Gage Rosier as the Summer Weights Coach for the 2024-2025 School Year. Vote: 5-0 (Dylan Rosier Abstained)

School Board made a motion to approve Carly Edwards as JH Cheer Coach, High School Cheer Coach, and Concession Stand Sponsor for the 2024-2025 School Year. Vote: 5-0 (Steven Edwards Abstained)

Sheri Meadows made a motion and Jeff Holstine second to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 6-0

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 pm.