

Board Notes for Minutes: Maroa-Forsyth School Board Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2021

Roll call: Absent: Darin Duzan

Attach Agenda

Meeting called to order at: Lindsey Wise 6:33

Citizens wishing to address the board:

1. Name: James Fickes\_

Topic: Son attending HS as a Junior, against mask mandates, enjoy seeing faces, seeing smiles, children should be awarded same right\_\_\_\_\_

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2. Name: Krissie Garcia

Topic: 3 boys coming into School; masks optional; leave medical decision to parents; ISBE does not have power over schools to require masks, laws have not changed, data does not support masks, numerous schools have already voted no masks; asking Board to make masks optional.

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3. Name: Tori Lum

Topic: 3 children, homeschooled last year because of mask mandate, asking Board

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4. Jamie Wrigley

Topic: Against masks and no science that shows that children should wear masks.

If more space is needed please complete on separate sheet of paper.

Dr. Kahler stated that our meeting is planned for later this week and plan to get information out as fast as we can. Hope to have presentation to the board on Friday and then out to the parents.

**Learning & Discussion** (please add any notes next to topic)

Topics:

1. Building project update – Dr. Kahler stated good portion of intermediate school is already down. Still have something in gym and have to tear around it and then use excavator to remove. Fire pump is completed.

2. GS Roof Update – met Ameresco; preparing RFP; roof is in worse shape than we thought, as they were tearing into it the wood has been saturated and started to swell; will be working on what possible solutions could be; preparing to have bids in by August 12<sup>th</sup>, benefit to get materials ordered and get approved but with the difficulty of getting contractors, there are two areas that are concerned.

3. Insurance Committee – 2 board members; Matt Crawford & Lindsey Wise will be on the committee;

4. PTAB Update – Leo stated we have five appeals still outstanding; 3 have come back with counter offers; board has already approved to allow intervention; counter offers are not that far from normal but still negotiating with them and only returned one response so far; Magna Trust and Hickory Point Mall; Magna is trying to rezone the land to agriculture which would significantly reduce the taxes; Hickory Point Realty countered at 1.2M, offer on table right now is 2.1M, even if we split the difference we would maybe be seeing a loss in revenue around \$150K or so, We do have an appraiser on our side with Hickory Point Realty

Another resolution for next month, part of the Magna Trust and we can still be able to intervene on the next school board, August 9

5. Committee Reports

A. Transportation – Dr Kahler provided new set of recommendations.

B. Policy – both of the policies will be put into press; Susie asked Dr. Kahler to discuss homeschool policy; looking at other school districts for guidance; wanting to make sure that it is a policy that is good for the district, wants to take our time to do it right and do it once.

Susie stated she wanted to make sure that curriculum is a rigorous as ours. Issac asked if we talked about trying out and not guaranteed language, ex. Students would be able to try out and not just participate

Mr. Applebee stated that school districts are not obligated to do anything for students who choose to homeschool. ROE has that American schools is the only one that is accredited. Want to make sure what is being taught at home matches with what we teach at Maroa-Forsyth. Mr. Applebee stated that we also have to look at IHSA requirements.

C. Facility and Finance – no updates

D. DDEL – Team had a meeting this month, met two weeks ago, an email was shared with the board and the team will be at the August board meeting to discuss and present to board

E. Back-to-School – meet Thursday; Dr. Kahler wants to get as much information out as we can and will send continuous emails until all things are completed.

F. Negotiation – bargaining training is next week, the 28<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m. in the Library

G. Foundation – have a meeting tomorrow evening, Lindsey Wise will be attending.

6. Other/Consent agenda – no other items

**Action Items**

Consent Agenda:

Dr. Kahler suggested amendments

minutes page 2, original change order for track was \$5095 it was actually \$2547

10% should be \$10,000

Policy should be reflected as Policy 5.3.3.5

Items removed: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Matt \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Wissam \_\_\_\_\_

Motion failed

Motion to approve with Amended

Motion: Matt \_\_\_\_\_ Second: Wissam \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Passes

Transportation Recommendations:

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Wissam \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Lori \_\_\_\_\_

Yea: \_\_\_\_\_ Nay: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain: \_\_\_\_\_

All in favor – motion passes

Change Order Approval Authorization:

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Matt \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Lori \_\_\_\_\_

Motion passes

Policy Committee Recommendations:

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Matt \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Lindsey \_\_\_\_\_

Motion Passes

Approval to Enter Closed Session:

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel Report \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ 7:03 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ Matt \_\_\_\_\_ Second: \_\_\_\_\_ Lindsey \_\_\_\_\_

All in favor – motion passes

Tomorrow and Erin Atherton – taking 6 or 7 kids; going to Springfield as Maroa-Forsyth won the United Citizens Bank; based on how we performed in our athletics

Re-enter Open Session:

Topic: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: 7:56

Motion: Matt Second: Lindsey

Motion Passes

Personnel Report (must be read): Dr. Kahler presented

Motion: Matt Second: Isaac

Motion Passes

Motion to approve volunteer coaches.

Motion: Matt Second: Lindsey

Motion passes.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Matt Second: Isaac

All in favor --- Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Secretary: Lori Willoughby

Attest: 