

# MADISON DISTRICT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board of Education Meeting

**Monday August 1, 2011**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Madison District Schools, Madison Heights, and County of Oakland, Michigan held at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R Road, Madison Heights, Michigan.

Regular Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, Mr. Al Morrison presiding.  
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Melvin Rose.

## **Roll Call**

**Present:** Burns, Hohner, Holder, Marr, Morrison, Pittman, Rose

**Absent:** None

## **Business Manager Report**

Mrs. Janis Gullen updated the Board of Education on summer custodial progress throughout the district. Arnold Supply in-service on the carpet cleaner. Copy machines replaced throughout the district. Madison High School wall in the gym has been completed. Audit preparation is being worked on.

## **REGULAR MEETING WORKING AGENDA**

### **4. Board of Education Action Items**

#### **A – Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Marr, supported by Hohner that the Board of Education approves the minutes of: Regular Meeting July 5, 2011 and Special Meeting July 18, 2011.

**Motion carried 7-0**

#### **B – District Calendar for 2011/2012**

Moved by Holder, supported by Hohner that the Board of Education approves the District Calendar for 2011/2012 as presented.

**Motion carried 7-0**

#### **C – District Policies**

The first reading presented to the Board of Education. No action needed

From time to time it is necessary to revise district policies to maintain compliance with newly enacted legislation and to meet the operational needs of the district. The district works with NEOLA to update its policies on a regular basis. Attached is a list of new policies in need of revision or replacement. The policy documents are being provided in a separate packet at the Board meeting. At the top of each policy, it is marked new policy, revised policy, or replacement policy. The portions in ***bold-face italic*** are the revisions NEOLA recommends or are required by law

## **5. Human Resources**

### **A – Personnel List – Resignation**

Moved by Holder, supported by Rose that the Board of Education approves the following resignation: Mr. Tony Morse Effective: July 22, 2011 – Wilkinson Principal

**Motion carried:** 7-0

## **6. Business Office – Mrs. Jan Gullen**

### **A – Check Register Approval for July 2011**

Moved by Marr, supported by Hohner that the Board of Education authorizes payment totaling: Four hundred and thirty-seven thousand, eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and twenty-eight cents for General Funds. (\$437,828.28)

**Motion carried:** 7-0

### **B – Operating Millage Renewal Proposal**

Proposal A changed the way Michigan public schools are financed. It dramatically shifted the burden from property taxes to the sales tax, but it did not eliminate property taxes a source of funding. When the Legislature adopted the foundation approach to funding education in December 1993, four important changes came about.

- 1) Property taxes for school purposes were substantially reduced.
- 2) Rather than millage rates being applied uniformly on all property, different rates were applied to homestead and non-homestead property. Owner-occupied primary residences were classified as “homestead” property and taxed at six mills. Non-homestead property generally includes, industrial, commercial, and second homes, and is taxed at 24 mills (six mills base plus 18 mills, which requires voter approval).
- 3) The maximum non-homestead property tax levy is 18 mills. However, to avoid the added cost and paperwork, districts may request Headlee overrides above the 18 mill limit and levy only 18 mills until the override expires.
- 4) The State levies a uniform rate of six mills on all property—both homestead and non-homestead. The proceeds are deposited in the State School Aid Fund and used as a part of State aid under the new foundation approach. Local districts are required to levy 18 mills, *with voter approval*, on all non-homestead property. These proceeds constitute the local district’s contribution under the foundation approach.

The State School Aid Fund guarantees a foundation allowance of \$6,873 (2011-12) for Madison District Public Schools, but that assumes that the district levies and collects the total available property tax millages, including the full 18 mill non-homestead property tax that must be approved by voters. The state makes up the difference between the local revenues that the district has the opportunity to collect, and the minimum foundation allowance. If the district does not collect all of the allowable tax at the full 18 mill rate, the state does not make up the difference.

Proposed ballot language is being presented for Board consideration at this time.

No action is required at this time. The final ballot language will be presented for Board action at a Special Board of Education meeting on August 15 which is within the legal deadline for filing a proposal that will appear on the November ballot.

**7. Board Items:**

A – Correspondence & Officer Reports – None at this time.

B – Committee Reports – Mr. Rose shared with the board information from his last Parks & Recreation Meeting with the City.

**8. Public Comments -**

Speaker: Mr. Ken Melchert

**10. Adjournment**

Regular Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

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**President's Signature**

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**Secretary's Signature**