MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting held at Administration Office Board Room Monday 11-14-11 7:00 p.m.

Members Present	Members Absent
A. Heinze, President	
A. Montgomery, Secretary	
T. Burd	
W. Curtis	
	M. Jorgensen
K. Rost	
A. Shaw	

1. Opening: The meeting was called to order by President Heinze at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is listed above. Others present: Administrators Brumm, Gonser, Superintendent Steel, Darryl Sydloski, and Supervisor Powers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited along with four students from the American Sign Language virtual class, signing the Pledge. Thank you Jenna Whitaker, MacKenzi Leinhart, Taylor Gorr, and McKenna Mater.

2. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Curtis and supported by Rost to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion included approval of the minutes of the October 17, 2011 special meeting; approval of General Fund bills paid October 28, 2011 in the amount of $131,674.16 and General Fund bills payable in the amount of $76,751.76; Athletic Fund bills paid October 28, 2011 in the amount of $2226.75 and Athletic Fund bills payable in the amount of $4901.18; Food Service bills paid October 28, 2011 in the amount of $31,252.63 and Food Service bills payable in the amount of $14,459.62; October 21, 2011 payroll in the amount of $275,092.18, and November 4, 2011 payroll in the amount of $251,368.59; ACH transactions for October 2011. Resignation of Andy Heyboer, high school teacher; and Tyson Vorce, custodian, accepted. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Communications:
Written
Donations – The Bignall family donated novels to a 7th grade classroom library.
Oral
Board – April Heinze encouraged everyone to please donate books and novels for Jr. High classrooms
Public

4. Reports: Jason Miller's written report gave details of the new school wide home/school reading challenge; MEAP testing is over, and the third grade classes took a field trip to Charlton Park. The 8th annual Turkey Bowl is on November 23rd. The Child Abuse and Prevention Council came to Fuller to put on their annual Bubbylonian Encounter play. Mrs. Donovan's class is collecting "Treats for Troops, and also recycling.

Athletic Director Duska Brumm reported that the Fall Sports Awards Banquet was held Thursday, November 10. KVA sponsored a leadership conference on November 11, Ms. Brumm took 10 students. The Spirit Club is off and running with some changes this year; the club has been split up into committees. The Spirit Club has new ideas for this year, and will be more visible. Maple Valley has been selected to host Girls Basketball Regionals, and Wrestling Team Districts.

Todd Gonser reported that the Veteran's Day assembly went very well. Staff professional development is scheduled for Wednesday the 16th in the afternoon. Exams and the end of trimester one is coming up fast. Donkey Basketball is scheduled for Thursday, December 1. Principal Gonser reported on some Alternative and Adult Education trainings coming up.

Business Manager Darryl Sydloski reported that the audit is nearly complete, and a Labor and Finance Committee meeting is set to meet on Monday, November 28th at 6:00 p.m. with the auditors to go over the audit and financials in detail. Darryl will present a summary to the full board at the regular meeting in December. Mr. Sydloski will also have a 2011-12 amended budget ready for the January Organizational meeting.

Pat Powers reported that he is working on a quote to help make the bleachers in the high school gymnasium more user friendly for seniors and others experiencing difficulty. Mr. Powers met with the Physical Facilities committee on November 10th to discuss updates on the district needs. A revised quote has been given to the PTN and Jason Miller for playground equipment at Fuller. All buildings and busses survived Halloween. Maplewood has been winterized. The bus drivers completed a required bus evacuation drill; the average evacuation time was 9 seconds!

Student Representative, Josh Burd reported the end of the semester is fast approaching. The Leadership students are involved in Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Peas in a Pod, and working with seniors at Thornapple Manor. The Leadership class assisted in the Veterans Day assembly, as well as an assembly that T.J. Duckett spoke to the entire student body regarding community service. A Coat and Food Drive is in progress. Ten Leadership Class students accompanied Ms. Brumm to the KVA Leadership Conference.

Supt. Steel reported on a recent physical facilities committee meeting where a proactive approach was taken to set priorities for facilities. The School Forest and the Kellogg Building sold at auction; both properties have been closed on, and monies deposited in the general fund. Ronna discussed current legislation as it pertains to even year elections to be held in November (M.V. currently on this platform) however, it has been recommended to discuss 6 year terms. Starting next week electronic surveys will be offered for our sports programs, to gain more consistent and productive feedback to improve our programming. The Maple Valley Schools NEOLA policy book will be adopted tonight, and in addition, some updates to that policy book. As part of the Labor and Finance Committee meeting to be held on Monday, November 28, at 6:00 p.m. a discussion needs to take place regarding an administrative contract issue. On Saturday, December 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon a board workshop will be held to work on strategic planning and superintendent goals, with Scott Morell from MASB. Supt. Steel has a book to share with the board entitled Understanding Common Core State Standards, please sign one out for your reading pleasure. Supt. Steel then gave a presentation to the board and audience outlining and explaining the new performance standards on Michigan's standardized tests set forth by the State Board of Education. The "cut score" has been raised by the State Board of Education for the MEAP and MME standardized tests. The new cut scores represent a significantly higher standard for student achievement. The preliminary impact on AYP shows that a projected 66% of schools would not make AYP under the new cut scores. The presentation showed the EISD as a whole in comparison with 2010-11 proficiency vs. the new cut scores in all categories of standardized testing, as well as Maple Valley as a separate entity.

5 Winter sports coaches: A motion was made by Burd and supported by Montgomery to approve the winter sports coaches recommended by Athletic Director Duska Brumm as presented.

Boys Varsity Basketball – Head Coach Chris Ewing
Asst. Eric Westendorp
Boys JV Basketball – Head Coach Steve Miller
Asst. Kelly Hasselback
Boys 8th Grade – Jeff Webb
Boys 7th Grade – Brian Lincoln
Girls Varsity Basketball – Head Coach Landon Wilkes
Asst. Paul Berkimer
Girls JV Basketball – Robb Rosin
Girls 8th Grade – Jeff Webb
Girls 7th Grade – Dawn Yager
Competitive Cheer – Varsity Donna Nisse
Asst. Amber Hamilton
Middle School – Sarah Huissen
Wrestling – Head Varsity Chris Ricketts
Asst. Tony Wawiernia

Motion carried 6-0.

6. Schools of Choice for second trimester: A motion was made by Montgomery and supported by Rost to continue to participate in Schools of Choice Section 105 and 105c for the second trimester, and the remainder of the 2011-12 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

7. EISD PAC parent representative: A motion was made by Montgomery and supported by Rost to approve Jenna Burns as the EISD PAC parent representative to attend monthly meetings at EISD. Tim Burd asked for clarification of what PAC means. PAC stands for "Parent Advisory Committee". Ms. Burns will act as a liaison for parents/guardians of special education students. Motion carried 6-0.

8. Maple Valley Schools Board of Education NEOLA Policy Book: A motion was made by Rost and supported by Burd to adopt the Maple Valley Schools Board of Education Policy Book as approved. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Maple Valley Schools Board of Education Policy changes – first reading: A motion was made by Montgomery and supported by Curtis to approve the first reading of revisions recommended by Supt. Steel to the Maple Valley Schools Board Policy handbook, as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Public comment: None

10. Closed session: Closed session under the provisions of Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a confidential attorney/client communication failed due to lack of support.

11. Closed session: A motion was made by Curtis and supported by Shaw to table the closed session under the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to conduct a mid-year progress review of the Superintendent until the December 3 work session. Motion carried 6-0.

Trustee Tony Shaw asked for an update to our technology issues. A short discussion ensued, with the board asking for an update from the EISD Technology Department for the December regular meeting.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Approved December 12, 2011

Andrea Montgomery, Secretary
Board of Education