MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting held at Administration Office Board Room Monday 03-12-12 7:00 p.m.

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

1. Opening: The meeting was called to order by President Heinze at 7:04 p.m., with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance is listed above. Others present: Superintendent Steel, and Darryl Sydloski, Director of Finance.

2. Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Rost and supported by Curtis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion included approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2012 regular meeting, the February 13, 2012 closed session expulsion hearing, the February 13, 2012 closed session, the February 27 special meeting, and the February 27 closed session; approval of General Fund bills paid February 29, 2012 in the amount of $197,398.51; General Fund bills payable in the amount of $88,603.18; Athletic Fund bills paid February 29, 2012 in the amount of $336.62; Athletic Fund bills payable in the amount of $808.74; Food Service bills paid February 29, 2012 in the amount of $21,615.00; Food Service bills payable $11,149.17; February 10, 2012 payroll in the amount of $246,544.86, February 24, 2012 payroll in the amount of $271,322.76, March 9, 2012 payroll in the amount of $252,167.46; and ACH transactions for February 2012. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Communications: Written communications – Letter from the Maple Valley Community Center of Hope in regards to the tutoring program. Andrea Montgomery assured the board that the tutoring program is very active, and any concerns have been addressed with the Community Center of Hope's governing board.

   a. Donations - none

   Oral communications

   a. Board – Public Hearing on proposed revisions to bullying policy 5517.01
   b. Public - none

4. Reports: Kevin Rost reported that the School and Community Committee continue to meet to work on a board procedure manual; with the next meeting scheduled for March 29th.

   Student Representative, Ms. Timara Burd, reported that the Jr. /Sr. High School students are performing the musical "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" this weekend. The "Jimmy V" fundraiser comes to a peak on Friday, March 16, with an ice cream party. Leadership bowling was held March 11, 2012. A blood drive and a lock-in at Fuller are being held in the near future. Jamie Curth was named the FFA Region 1 Vice President.

   Supt. Steel reported that a meeting is scheduled on March 14th with the teachers association to discuss a change in how we schedule plan-time. March 20, 2012 negotiations meetings will begin. Later in this meeting we will hold the second public hearing and reading of the Anti-Bullying policy. Request for Proposals are currently on-site for custodial/maintenance/snow removal/grounds; with transportation being complete in the next week or so. The Food Service RFP is currently being reviewed for approval by the Michigan Department of Education. The visit to Pittsford on February 21st went very well. Their school structure is different than our plans for the Academy. Our plan is unique to the state, and we look forward to a planning meeting to be held on March 23rd. The legislation on cyber schools is still pending, and Ronna would like to investigate the possibility of starting our own cyber school. The senior class has invited Supt. Steel to attend their senior trip to Washington D.C. Mr. Gonser has agreed to handle any emergencies in the district. However, this would mean that Ronna will not be able to attend the regular board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 16, 2012. Pat Powers obtained an inspection of the track, and the cost is very prohibitive. At this time, the cracks will be filled and repaired. MASB presented a strategic plan as requested by the board

after the last board meeting. Ronna drew attention to an article by Rich Bean, citing that the governor's increase is actually a decrease in funding. Supt. Steel recommended a book titled "Schools Cannot do it Alone", which she offered to board members to read and return. Ms. Steel shared a flyer from the National PTA, stressing how important it can be to become an official member.

April Heinze, School Board President, gave an endorsement for our local Parent/Teacher Network. . The PTN is continually supplying information through various media outlets, including social networking. Ms. Heinze was able to attend recent meeting, and has nothing but praise for the PTN. Keep up the good work, schools cannot function without community support.

Supt. Steel mentioned to the Board of Education that she has a sympathy card to present to Mrs. Carroll Wolff on their behalf.

5. Second reading – Maple Valley Schools Board of Education Policy changes – Bullying: A motion was made by Jorgensen and supported by Montgomery to approve the second and final reading of the current policy changes to the Maple Valley Board of Education Policy book as they pertain to bullying. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Spring Coaches: A motion was made by Jorgensen and supported by Rost to approve the spring sports coaches recommended by Athletic Director Duska Brumm as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Public comment: Mr. Jassen Dowling informed the board of two events on the horizon. "The Jimmy V Foundation" incorporated with "Hunting for a Cure" this year, to raise funds for cancer research. "Hunting for a Cure" t-shirts are on sale for $10.00 each, with $4.50 being donated to "Relay for Life" and $5.50 to "The Jimmy V Foundation". A 5K run/walk is planned this year for the Syrup Festival weekend. The event will start at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the head of the trail on Mason Road, and ending on Second Street. The 5K run/walk is sponsored by the boys' track team and the class of 2013; with proceeds being used to fund the post prom party from 1-4 a.m. at the Royal Scott Bowling Alley.

8. Closed session – Periodic personnel evaluation of the superintendent [Section 8(a) Open Meetings Act]: A motion was made by Montgomery and supported by Jorgensen to go into closed session under the provisions of Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the periodic personnel evaluation of the superintendent. Motion carried 7-0. Time: 7:43 p.m.

The Board resumed open session at 8:50 p.m., following a motion by Jorgensen, supported by Rost. All Ayes.

9. Discussion took place regarding the scheduled April 2012 board meeting. The April board meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, April 19, at 7:00 p.m.; due to Superintendent Steel being out of the district on Monday, April 16.

10. The Strategic Plan presented by MASB was discussed. The plan is quite costly, and no grants are available at this time to help with the expense. The board asked Supt. Steel to inquire whether EISD would be interested in helping spearhead the project.

11. A conversation took place regarding improvements to facilities in the near future. The number one priority is the roofs of the buildings. The board needs to come up with a plan, set aside funds, and commit to that number for the next few years. Technology upgrades will be essential in the very near future to meet state requirements.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by President April Heinze at 9:11 p.m.

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Approved April 19, 2012

Andrea Montgomery, Secretary
Board of Education

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