

**MSAD #8 School Board Special District Meeting**  
**August 15, 2018**  
**School Library**  
**6:15-6:30 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Renee Jones, Virginia Wadleigh, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes

1. Call to order by Superintendent Crawford at 6:15
2. Election of District Meeting Moderator: Motion R. Noyes/second R. Jones to appoint K. Young as moderator. (4-0-1)
3. Motion to authorize to expend \$9,800 from Minor Capital Reserves to assess the conditions of the school roofs, to plan for long term repairs and replacements, and for needed current repairs, (NOTE: The total cost of this project is \$12,800, \$3,000 of which is in the approved budget.); and \$10,500 from Minor Capital Reserves for the second phase of the exterior painting project. (Note:) \$37,500 was previously approved, but \$48,000 was the total contracted for the project in 2016. **Motion R. Jones/second R. Noyes (5-0)**
4. Adjournment at 6:17

**MSAD #8 School Board Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2018**  
**Middle School Science Room**  
**Regular Meeting 6:30 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Renee Jones, Virginia Wadleigh, Laura Lazaro, Kathi Young, Rachel Noyes

**Administration Present:** Superintendent Roy Crawford, Principal Ann Kirkpatrick

1. Call to order by R. Jones and Pledge to the Flag at 6:30 PM
2. Action on the following minutes of July 25, 2018 regular meeting: **Motion K. Young/second R. Noyes to approve (5-0)**
3. Communications: none
4. Approval of the agenda: **Motion K. Young/second R. Noyes to approve the agenda. (5-0)**
5. **Motion R. Noyes/second L. Lazaro to approve the minutes of the May 16 District Budget Meeting (5-0)**
6. Questions and comments from the public: None
7. Principal's Report by Ann Kirkpatrick:
  - Stated the philosophy to "take care of self first, then others, then our space" clarifying that one must take care of oneself before one is in a position to care for others. She is going to make this philosophy a focus this year.
  - Took a course in Mindfulness and is working with Kelly Richards on how to best bring mindful practices to our students.

8. New Business

A. **On behalf of the playground committee**, Jess Farley provided the following information:

- The inclusive process used to select the final design by Gametime.
- The high degree of cooperation offered by Travis, the Gametime representative and designer
- \$40,000 has been fundraised for the project.
- At the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration, committee members received very positive feedback about the design and the project as a whole.
- Community members are expressing a weariness at being asked for funds through our fundraising efforts as the same people are repeatedly participating in the efforts
- Grants are very difficult to get because they favor economically disadvantaged communities and communities with high minority and underserved populations.
- Several additional grants are being pursued.

Superintendent Crawford presented the following worksheet detailing the cost of the project and possible funding sources, including the carryover funds from the current school building project that were originally targeted for playground construction.

<b>Playground Budget August 16, 2018</b>			
	<b>W/Court</b>	<b>W/O Court</b>	
Site Work	\$31,260	\$31,260	Local Quote: need to publish RFP which has been written
Concrete Sidewalk	\$18,375	\$18,375	Local Quote: need to publish RFP which has been written
Concrete BB court	\$22,278	\$0	Local Quote: need to publish RFP which has been written
Fencing			Separate funding
Contingency	\$4,000	\$4,000	
<b>Subtotal Site</b>	<b>\$75,913</b>	<b>\$53,635</b>	
<b>Game time equipment</b>	<b>\$179,000</b>	<b>\$179,000</b>	<b>Equip/chips/trash/benches</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$254,913</b>	<b>\$232,635</b>	Total project cost
<b>Less</b>			
<b>Additional Cap Reserve</b>	-\$73,334	-\$73,334	Formerly "Building Project"
<b>Fundraising</b>	-\$40,000	-\$40,000	To date by Playground Comm
<b>To be funded</b>	<b>\$141,579</b>	<b>\$119,301</b>	Voter approved full amt or voter approved loan

<b>\$142,000 3.4 = 31,000/year 5 years</b>
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In summary, if the Board committed the carryover construction amount of \$73,334 to the project, \$141,579 would remain to be funded. Camden Bank has offered a three year financing rate of 3.4%

Roy also indicated that \$13,543 remains in the capital reserve fund from a voter approved initiative to repair/replace a roof section at the old VS.

Comments from Board members included:

- Commit the \$13,543 to roof repairs needed on our current building since the voters had approved that amount for that purpose on the old building.
- To include the new basketball court in the project so the existing court can be used exclusively by younger children as a play area.
- Thanked the playground committee for their committed work on this project.
- Noted that the total cost of the project has been reduced dramatically from that brought to the voters during the winter of 2017.
- **Noted that the Board promised the public that no public funds would be committed to the project without a public vote.**
- Noted that there is most likely a public expectation that the \$73,334 would be used toward the project.
- Noted that in 2017 the voters were asked for finance approximately \$77,000 for 7 years. The taxpayer cost for the current plan would be \$31,000 for 5 years: quite a dramatic reeducation in request.

Roy advised the Board that he would need to do further research, but that in order to be on the November ballot for a public vote on the project, the Board would need to meet in early September to approved a warrant for a District Meeting to be held in late September. The purpose of this meeting would be to commit the \$73,334 to the project. If this amount were to be approved, the school could then make the necessary arrangement to be on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

There was Board consensus to move forward with this plan, pending further research by Roy.

B. Principal Kirkpatrick presented the following information regarding the Student Handbook:

- As the Board discussed on July 25, Senior Privileges will only be permitted during period 1 and period 7 **IF** there are no other school activities planned during those periods. Ann reviewed the language she had drafted.
- The Board Cell phone policy is included and will be a point of emphasis with staff and students.
- Student/athletes are expected to be in school a minimum of three hours on game days as per policy.
- Page numbers are now on the document.
- Ann will do final edits and formatting for publication on the first day of school

**Motion R. Jones/second L. Lazaro to approve as “a work in progress” (5-0)**

**Motion R. Jones/second L. Lazaro to approve as a first reading Ann’s recommended change in policy JEA (5-0)** The change clarifies the procedure to be followed when students will be out of school for more than 5 days for planned family trips.

9. Superintendent Report:

- Leadership Team met for 5 hours today to plan for the opening of school
- Roy will meet tomorrow with Ann and our co-SPED directors to plan our re-structured program
- ACEs training for two days next week

10. Personnel matters: None

11. Set date for September regular meeting: September 12 at 6:30. If needed, a District meeting on September 26.

12. Executive session for information about a personnel matter:

**Motion R. Jones/second K. Young to enter at 7:52. (5-0)**

**Motion K. Young/second R. Jones to exit at 8:02 (5-0)**

13. Adjournment: at 8:03