

August 21, 2023

A regular board meeting of the Mid Peninsula School District Board of Education was called to order by President Bob VanDamme at 4:00 P.M.

Present:	Bob VanDamme, President	Absent:	Mandi Lippens, Trustee
	Delores Englund, Vice President		
	Cheryl Patrick, Secretary		
	Dale Schneider, Treasurer		
	Gary Kivioja, Trustee		
	John Albertson, Trustee		
	Eric VanDamme, Superintendent		

Public Comments

Andrea Nummilien asked the board look into her complaints that she emailed to them, as well as Lauren Marshalls.

Michael O'Neal praised the district's staff. He told a success story about the Superintendent and his interaction with the students.

Jennifer Wheeler thanked the board members for their service. She's been with the district for 26 years and feels the districts staff, as a whole, is the best it has ever been.

Sue Sicotte, Maple Ridge Township Clerk, commented on the following things she has seen within the school: Robotics running concessions for Wednesday night music nights-kindest students, a lot of people support the school, and a wide variety of people showed up for the election-18 year olds to Grandparents.

A motion was made by John Albertson, seconded by Dale Schneider to approve the agenda with the addition of Lauren Possi to item XI Correspondence and move item X. Board Member Comments to after item III Approval of Agenda. Motion carried 6-0

Board Member Comments

Dale Schneider complimented Sue Sicotte on a great job on the election.

Bob VanDamme said the board takes every allegation seriously. He talked to some of the support staff members recently and he heard no complaints. He is on the community foundation board and they use the district's backpack program as a model. He told about an article in the paper about test scores and truancy.

Gary Kivioja said it is nice to see everyone at the meeting and to hear all the positive comments.

Delores Englund said she called some of the staff after the last board meeting. She did not get any complaints from the staff she called. She also said she can't wait for the school year to start.

John Albertson said he will be a board member for 10 years in October. He appreciates all and every one of the staff.

A motion was made by Dale Schneider, seconded by Delores Englund to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 regular board meeting. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Gary Kivioja, seconded by Dale Schneider to approve the July 2023 bills. Motion carried. 6-0

Old Business-None

New Business

A motion was made by Gary Kivioja, seconded by Cheryl Patrick to accept with regret the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach resignation. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by John Albertson, seconded by Delores Englund to hire Niika McNutt as JV Volleyball Coach. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Dale Schneider, seconded by Cheryl Patrick to hire Sarah Latvala as JH Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by John Albertson, seconded by Gary Kivioja to adopt the School of Choice resolution. Motion carried. 6-0

A motion was made by Dale Schneider, seconded by Delores Englund to approve the student handbooks as presented. Motion carried. 6-0

A roll call vote was taken at 4:34 p.m. to go into closed session for attorney client privileged communication. Yes-Dale Schneider, Cheryl Patrick, Bob VanDamme, Gary Kivioja, Delores Englund, Delores Englund, John Albertson. No-none.

The open meeting reconvened at 4:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Dale Schneider, seconded by John Albertson in regard to the FOIA request the District provided all responsive documents, the records being requested simply do not exist anymore and were deleted before the FOIA request was received, we are therefore unable to grant the request, and the request must be denied. Board Policy 8310 states: The Superintendent is authorized to dispose of correspondence on a daily basis including those transmitted by means of voice mail or E-mail, providing the message does not alter existing District records. Motion carried. 6-0

Superintendent/Principal Report

The Superintendent reported on the following topics: Volleyball, Cross Country and Football have all started, student enrollment is currently at 214, Open House August 28th, August 30th is the first day of school, Truancy officer works with the district as needed, thank you to the community for the support in the sinking fund, and management firm for sinking fund projects.

It was board consensus to look into the track project utilizing the sinking fund or reserved fund balance.

Correspondence

Delores Englund read a statement from Lauren Possi in regard to her support of the district and being thankful for the district hiring her for the long term subbing position.

A motion was made by Gary Kivioja, seconded by Cheryl Patrick to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. Motion carried. 6-0

Cheryl Patrick, Secretary
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