

Muenster ISD Regular Board Meeting

April 9, 2014

1. Call to Order by Board President, Steve Trubenbach at 7:30 p.m.
2. Call roll and establish quorum:
Board members present: Steve Trubenbach, Mel Walterscheid, Kimberly Walterscheid, Ben Bindel, Richard Dangelmayr, Neal Flusche, and Doug Hermes
Others present: Clay Richerson, Lou Heers, Jason Atcheson, Mr. Casey and Nathan Vajdas
3. Opening Prayer by Kimberly Walterscheid
4. Comments/audience participation/recognitions None
5. Public Hearing on Muenster Wind Farm
 1. Public Hearing on the creation of the Muenster Wind Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.0025
Mr. Casey and Nathan Vajdas gave a presentation of the creation of the Muenster Wind Reinvestment Zone.
No comments.
 2. Public Hearing on the Application of Muenster Wind Farm, LLC for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, Pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
 - The Comptroller recommended the project to Mr. Richerson giving one job for every 15 turbines.
 - Benefits - \$20 million limitation on M & O Taxes, but do not have taxation on I & S purposes. Minus \$50,000 a year for 14 years with a net tax benefit of \$6.6 Million. Mr. Casey stated that this was a very solid project and without it Muenster ISD would have to pay more recapture dollars to the state.
6. Superintendent's Report
 - Mr. Richerson reported that enrollment dropped to 480 – two less than last month. The board reviewed the board calendar and will address board operating procedures, donation regulations, and administration procedures at the next meeting.
 - a. Elementary Principal's Report
 - Lou Heers reported on FLEX Day #4, MESC sponsored "Spring Fling" dance, Pre-K and KG registration for next year, STAAR Testing, TELPAS Testing, 8 students qualified for State TMSCA, & she reported on upcoming events.
 - b. High school Principal's Report
 - Jason Atcheson reported that HS UIL placed 2nd at district, FFA students are finishing their welding projects, STAAR Testing, HS OAP advanced to District, Prom, and the students are working on scholarships.
 - c. Technology Director's Report
 - Jeff Presnall reported that Nortex and Four Feathers are working on options to get the intercom/bell system to work in the New Elementary building. There will be two summer in-service technology workshops coming in June. Since the district's file server is reaching storage capacity, an upgrade has been recommended. Since Microsoft is ending support for Windows XP, those two servers will also need an operating system upgrade. Computerized scoring was used for District UIL, Prom audio/video equipment was setup, and online scoring of the Hornet Relays was provided by the MISD technology crew.
 - d. Athletic Director's Report
 - Brady Carney reported that boys baseball is 14-5, girls softball is 5-9, 8th grade boys track won all 5 track meets, 7th grade boys placed in the top three at all of their meets, both boys golf teams and one girls team qualified for regional, and District Tennis will be played at the Richland Tennis Center.

7. Reports
- a. Delinquent Tax Collection for March, 2014 - \$3,182.14
 - b. Finance Update presented by the Superintendent included the following:
 - (1) March, 2014 Cash Flow, Revenue and Expenditures
 - (2) Monthly operating expenses and accounts payable for March, 2014
 - (3) Investment Update-Activity Report
8. Consent items
- a. Minutes of March 19, 2014, Regular Meeting
Motion by Neal Flusche: "I move that the Board approve the Minutes of March 19, 2014, Regular Meeting as presented."
Second: Richard Dangelmayr
Motion Carried: 6-0-1 Steve Trubenbach - Abstained
 - b. Minutes of March 26, 2014, Called Meeting
Motion by Ben Bindel: "I move that the Board approve the Minutes of March 26, 2014, Called Meeting as presented."
Second: Kimberly Walterscheid
Motion Carried: 7-0
9. Old business
- a. Consider and approve the creation of the Muenster Wind Reinvestment Zone pursuant to Texas Tax Code §312.0025 – Nathan Vajdos The Board reviewed the map of the Wind Farm
Motion by Mel Walterscheid: "I move that the Board approve the creation of the Muenster Wind Reinvestment Zone Pursuant to Texas Code §312.0025."
Second: Ben Bindel
Motion Carried: 4-0-3 Neal Flusche, Doug Hermes and Richard Dangelmayr - Abstained
 - b. Consider and approve Findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Texas submitted by Muenster Wind Farm, LLC.
Motion by Ben Bindel: "I move that the Board approve Findings under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Texas submitted by Muenster Wind Farm, LLC."
Second: Kimberly Walterscheid
Motion Carried: 4-0-3 Neal Flusche, Doug Hermes, and Richard Dangelmayr - Abstained
 - c. Consider and approve the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Muenster Wind Farm LLC.
Motion by Kimberly Walterscheid: "I move that the Board approve the waiver of job creation requirement requested by Muenster Wind Farm LLC."
Second: Mel Walterscheid
Motion Carried: 4-0-3 Neal Flusche, Doug Hermes, and Richard Dangelmayr - Abstained
 - d. Consider and approve Agreement under Texas Economic Development Act on the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxed submitted by Muenster Wind Farm, LLC
Motion by Mel Walterscheid: "I move that the Board approve the Agreement under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Texas submitted by Muenster Wind Farm, LLC."
Second: Ben Bindel
Motion Carried: 4-0-3 Neal Flusche, Doug Hermes, and Richard Dangelmayr - Abstained

e. Discuss/Take Action on Recommendations regarding employment status professional staff

Motion by Steve Trubenbach: "I move that the Board accept the Superintendent's recommendation and to propose nonrenewal of Justin Bell's term contract due to a reduction in force and I move that the record of this action reflect the following:

- There is only one person affected by elimination of the high school band program;
- before voting on this Motion, the Board considered a draft of the Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal; and that by passage of this motion, the Board:
 - directs the Superintendent to prepare the Board's President's signature a final Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal for Justin Bell and ensure that the Notice is delivered to him not later than the 10th day before the last day of instruction in the current school year;
 - directs that the Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal include the time limitations and procedure for requesting a hearing before the Board;
 - agrees, if a hearing is timely requested, to engage an attorney to assist the Board in the conduct of the hearing on the Proposed Nonrenewal, including any pre-hearing matters necessary to ensure a fair, efficient, and expeditious hearing;
 - directs the Board President to notify Eichelbaum, Wardell, Hansen, Powell, & Mehl, P.C. of this action and request that office to contact and retain an attorney on behalf of the District, if the employee requests a hearing; and
 - authorize Eichelbaum, Wardell, Hansen, Powell, & Mehl, P.C. to consult with the Superintendent to approve the final Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal and to take whatever actions are necessary and proper to present the case in support of the Proposed Nonrenewal; and
 - directs that a copy of this Motion be attached to the minutes of this meeting and the final Notice of Proposed Nonrenewal sent to Justin Bell."

Second: Mel Walterscheid

Motion Carried: 7-0

Other Program Changes include outsourcing custodial services for a savings of \$85,000, reducing at will staff members in JH/HS and the Elementary schools, and to buy less computers for a savings of \$40,000.

10. New Business – Action Items

a. Discuss/Take Action on Attendance Waiver

Motion by Mel Walterscheid: "I move that the board approve the attendance waiver for 3 snow days."

Second: Neal Flusche

Motion Carried: 7-0

b. Discuss/Take Action on 2014/2-15 School Calendar **Tabled**

c. Discuss Campus/District Improvement Plan **Tabled**

d. Discuss/Take Action on Donation Regulation/Administrative Procedure **Tabled**

e. Discuss/Take Action on Term Contracts

Motion by Doug Hermes: "I move that the board approve a one year, 10 month Probationary Contract for Kara Richerson and Casey Singer as a Certified Teacher at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.

Second: Neal Flusche

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Kimberly Walterscheid: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 10 month Term Contract as a Certified Teacher at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year for the following Elementary teachers:

Kenet Richerson	Amy Huchton	Collin Walker	Jill Reiter	Beth Saucer
Kim Budish	Lisa Pagel	Amy Anderly	Dianne Endres	Deb Klement
Cheryl Presnall	Bernadette Otto	Deanna Hellman	Cicily Waneck	Dyan Huchton
Kay Hichey	Jennifer Walterscheid.”			

Second: Mel Walterscheid

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Ben Bindel: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 10 month-10 day Term Contract as the Certified Librarian at Muenster ISD for **Vicki Eldridge** for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Richard Dangelmayr

Motion Carried: 6-0-1 Mel Walterscheid – Abstained

Motion by Ben Bindel: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 11 month Dual Assignment Term Contract for **Debra Sicking** as the Certified IT Teacher/Webmaster at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Neal Flusche

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Doug Hermes: “I move that the Board approve one year, 10month-10 day Dual Assignment Term Contract for **J.B. Gray III** as a Certified Teacher/Coach at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Kimberly Walterscheid

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Kimberly Walterscheid: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 10 month Term Contract for **Marlene Fisher** as the Certified School Nurse at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Ben Bindel

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Kimberly Walterscheid: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 10 month Term Contract as a Certified Teacher at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year for the following JH/HS Teachers:

Rebecca Felderhoff	Carolyn Lutkenhaus	Michelle Stevens	Molly Sicking
Danna Hess	Gynell Opperman	Lisa Walterscheid	
Dana Klement	Carmen Reiter	Stephanie Krebs.”	

Second: Ben Bindel

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Mel Walterscheid: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 10 month Probationary Contract for **Afton Vieth** as a Certified Teacher at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Doug Hermes

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Doug Hermes: I move that the Board approve a one year, 11 month Dual Assignment Term Contract for **Amy Binder, Lynn Cook, Griffin Fields, Mark Stevens, and Jeff Smiley** as a Certified Teacher/Coach at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Mel Walterscheid

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Kimberly Walterscheid: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 11 month Term Contract for **Kristi Schneider** as a Certified Counselor at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Doug Hermes

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Ben Bindel: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 12 month Term Contract as a Certified Teacher for **David Skeans** and **Daniel Waneck.**”

Second: Richard Dangelmayr

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Ben Bindel: “I move that the Board approve a one year -12 month Multi Assignment Term Contract as Certified Teacher/Coach/Technology Coordinator for **Jeff Presnall** at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Mel Walterscheid

Motion Carried: 7-0

Motion by Kimberly Walterscheid: “I move that the Board approve a one year, 9 month Term Contract for retire/rehires **Martha Koesler** and **Joni Sturm** as a Certified Teacher at Muenster ISD for the 2014-2015 school year.”

Second: Steve Trubenbach

Motion Carried: 7-0

11. Information Items
 - a. Budget Workshop Date
The budget Workshop will be held at 6:30 on May 14, 2014, before the regular board meeting.
12. The Board entered Executive Session at 9:13 p.m.
13. Reconvene in open session and take action, if any at 9:30 p.m.
14. Adjourn
Steve Trubenbach adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

President

Secretary