The Board of Education of the Muscatine Community School District, in the County of Muscatine, State of Iowa, met in regular session on Monday, July 8, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Administration Center. President Mary Wildermuth called the meeting to order. Directors Tammi Drawbaugh, Clyde Evans, Brenda Garcia-Van Auken, and Nathan Mather were present. Director Tim Bower was present via conference phone as he was en route between Des Moines and Iowa City due to a family emergency. Director Dennis Fox was present via conference phone as he was in Tennessee on business. Also present was Superintendent Jerry Riibe and Director of Finance Jean Garner.

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Wildermuth welcomed visitors and media representatives.

Janet Clark, 2704 Becky Thatcher Road, invited the board and the community to the Drum Corps performance this Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the high school stadium. Tickets are available at the door for $15/$20/$25 depending on the seats chosen.

The board conducted its Annual Meeting for the 2013-14 school year.

A motion was made by Director Bower and seconded by Director Fox to approve the following:

1. Appoint Lisa Mosier as Board Secretary.
2. Appoint Jean Garner as Board Treasurer.
3. Designate the First National Bank, Central State Bank, and Community Bank, all of Muscatine, as official depositories of district funds in the amount of $15 million each.
4. Appoint Duane Goedken, Stanley, Lande, and Hunter, and Ahlers Law Firm as counsels to represent the school district in legal matters on a time basis.
5. Designate the Muscatine Journal as publication of record.
6. Designate Nolte, Cornman, & Johnson P.C. of Newton, Iowa as auditor of record
8. The Statement of Board’s Review and Support of the following:
   i. Discipline Policies
   ii. Co-curricular and extra-curricular programs

Discussion was held regarding the Audit Committee and whether or not they had input on determining the auditor of record. It was explained that they did not as the district is in the last year of a three-year contract with the current auditor.

All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Fox and seconded by Director Mather to approve the following consent agenda items: the minutes of the June 10, 2013 Regular meeting and the minutes of the
June 18, 2013 special meeting; bills and claims dated June 30, 2013 and July 8, 2013; the FFA field trip to the Nursery Landscape/Floral Career Development Event in St. Louis, Missouri on July 11, 2013; and the following personnel recommendations:

**Resignations:** Amber Wetzel – Special Ed teacher at Grant, Rochelle Turnacliff – Elementary ESL teacher, and Kathy Adams – Special Ed Teacher at MHS.

**Schedule C Resignations:** Nick Mussehl – Middle School Football Coach.


**New Hires – Administration:** Jessica Freers – Early Childhood Coordinator, Ryan Castle – Colorado Elementary Principal.

**Other Requests:** An additional special education teaching position is requested at MHS due to an increase in special education student weighting.

All ayes; motion carried.

The new district administrators were introduced to the public. They are Ryan Castle, Colorado Elementary Principal, and Jessie Freers, Early Childhood Coordinator.

A motion was made by Director Evans and seconded by Director Drawbaugh to approve the following policies:

506.16 International Exchange Students  
601.05 Middle School Curriculum  
601.15 Electronic Resources  
701.02 Preparation of the Budget Document  
701.09 Financial Accounting System  
702.04 Sale of Bonds  
702.05 Investments  
702.07 Depository of Funds  
703.05 Unpaid Warrants  
706.03 Fidelity Coverage

A question was asked regarding the curriculum review cycle. The current cycle will be shared with board members; however, it will be revised as curriculum is going through a rigorous design process as the district moves towards a standards-based environment. The rigorous design process will allow for curricular review to occur on a regular basis.

All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Drawbaugh and seconded by Director Garcia-Van Auken to approve the following Preschool Alliance Contracts:

A Child’s Place Preschool  
Guardian Angel Preschool  
Happy Time Preschool
Head Start Preschool
Wonder Years Preschool

All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Evans and seconded by Director Mather to approve the Lease Agreement with Flickinger Learning Center. All ayes; motion carried.

A motion was made by Director Bower and seconded by Director Fox to approve the request to transfer $617,966.72 from the PPEL fund to the Debt Service fund for the payment of the Apple Capital Lease. All ayes; motion carried.

Krista Regennitter provided a report on the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program.

Tyler Riley of FEH Architects updated the Board on the Jefferson Elementary project. This was the board’s first time viewing a very preliminary schematic design.

Mr. Riley then reviewed Phase II of the high school construction project. The board will be taking action on this phase at its August 12th meeting. He shared that the anticipated completion date is June 1. After completion, renovation will then begin on the old weight room as that will be made into classrooms.

The Equity Report will be postponed until a later meeting as Mr. Fowler was not able to attend the board meeting due to a death in the family.

The board received information on the renewal of the Muscatine Physical Therapy service agreement. It was reported that there is an increasing need of physical therapy due to athletic needs. The board will be acting on this at its next meeting in August.

The board received a report on Competency-Based Education from teachers Andrea Stewart, Chandra Hassett, and Christina Walker. A powerpoint was shared highlighting the principles of CBE, dispelling myths of this type of learning, and providing a recap of the 2012-13 school year. Mrs. Hassett and Mrs. Walker shared their classroom experiences. The board watched a video of students sharing their personal experiences as well.

Board members noted that they would like to see progress reports as they are developed as well as having disaggregated data of students participating in CBE classes.

President Wildermuth provided announcements noting that the filing deadline for school board candidates is August 1 at 5 p.m. at the Administration Center. Future board meetings are August 12 and September 16 both at 7 p.m. and both at City Hall. The September 16 meeting is the board’s reorganizational meeting.

A motion was made by Director Evans and seconded by Director Drawbaugh to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; motion carried. Time: 8:38 p.m.

Mary Wildermuth, President
Lisa Mosier, Secretary