

MCSO School Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Raena Woods, Katie Cloud, Kirsten Ironside, and Scott McClung (via phone)

Principal/Superintendent in Attendance: Justin Roberson

Minutes Taken By: Kayla Besler

1. Call to Order
 - a. Scott McClung calls to order at 5:30 and passes the meeting on to Kirsten Ironside to lead the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - a. Katie Cloud makes the first motion, Raena Woods makes the second motion. 4-0. Motion passes.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Moment of Silence
5. Board Meeting minutes not previously approved
 - a. Minutes: October 11, 18
 - i. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud 4-0
 - b. Governing board members
 - i. Scott McClung states that education is being brought into the spotlight all through the United States at this time. He states that he agrees education should be looked at.
 - c. Superintendent report
 - i. Justin Roberson states his report is as presented
 1. Kirsten Ironside asks the question on page 3 under accomplishments. She asks for the 9th bullet point to be more explained.
 - a. Justin Roberson states that IXL was a program that the school provided. The name changed under funding to “disrupted learning”. He states that this is a supplemental program for students in and out of the classroom.
 2. Kirsten Ironside asks more about the professional group consulting.
 - a. Justin Roberson states that when talking with Caroline in the consulting group, this should be concluded by January 18th before contacts are up. Concerns are the salary of certified and classified staff. Justin Roberson states that with a base pay of \$38,000, the school may want to have something more competitive since there will be more vacancies coming up in the future. Right now we have a “step-less salary scale”, that there are staff members that earn double the base pay. There were no job descriptions in place for positions. It is hard to advertise for a job when

there are no descriptions of what the job is requiring.
What are ways to make our positions more desirable.

3. Kirsten Ironside asks for more information about the challenges section of the Superintendent report.
 - a. Justin Roberson states that there was an online component of Ampliy, the school's curriculum, that were not known to staff. There are parts of Amplify that help teachers connect specific Arizona State Standards to their curriculum.
 - b. Kirsten Ironside has concerns in the math curriculum, in the higher grades. Ironside believes that we can do a better job "in house" for getting students ready for high school. She states that she would like to work with the board in how they can all makes this better for the students to meet standards.
 - i. Katie Cloud states that the board is moving farther out from what is stated in the superintendent's report, and asks that the board move back into what is in the report.
 4. Kirsten Ironside asks what the scale is on the scores under the Comprehensive Needs Assessment School Year 21-22
 - a. Justin Roberson states that the scale is out of 5.
6. Call to the public
- a. Bill Townsend
 - i. Bill Townsend states that he just took over the 4H group in Parks. He is wondering if the board is interested in the group taking over the garden. He states that he can provide documentation that is needed by the board.
 - b. Kay Peterson
 - i. Kay Peterson has volunteered to be the leader for gardening in the 4H program.
7. Parent/Teacher Organization Update
- a. Kayla Besler thanks community members, staff, and board members who participated in last month's Trunk-or-Treat event. She also speaks about their Freddy's Reading Program and that 15 reports were returned and students have already begun asking for another month. PTO is working on making a December Reading Program.
8. Information and discussion items (No Action Taken)
- a. The Trust Premise Inspection: Music Room Structure
 - i. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud makes the second motion. 3-0 motion passes (Scott McClung was having a hard time hearing over the phone).

- ii. Justin Roberson states that the Trusts findings are that the music room should not be occupied when there is wind more than 35mph or if there is more than 6 inches of snow on the ground. He has spoken with classes that attend in the music room, and they are to move locations. Justin Roberson states that this is a claim through the Trust, once the claim has been processed, it then goes to the school facility board, and then to find the funding for this.
 - 1. Raena Woods asks who is covering the weather patterns to keep student out of the building, should students not be in the building.
 - a. Justin Roberson states that there are limited spaces outside of this classroom.
 - i. Raena Woods ask for some creative thinking on finding space for these classes.
 - 2. Kirsten Ironside asks if this is considered a historical building
 - a. Justin Roberson states that he does not know that information.
 - 3. Raena Woods asks if Ms. Cauthen has any ideas on where she could her classes.
 - a. Justin Roberson states that they have spoken about making space in the Mary Beam Building, but if they want to continue the curriculum, they would have to make adjustments since they are a bit noisy
 - i. Raena Woods asks if there has been talk of renting a portable building.
 - 1. Justin Roberson also stated that one idea she had was bringing her classes to the student's original classroom, but this would limit her curriculum.
 - ii. Katie Cloud states that she believes that she agrees with Raena Woods, at least until there is a second inspection into the building.
 - iii. Mrs. Velazco states that they have not spoken at length into purchasing a portable.
 - iv. The board members in attendance fully agree that this needs to be looked into.
 - v. Byron Peterson states that maybe the school should contact NOAH to see if they have portable equipment.
 - 1. Raena Woods states that 35mph and 6 inches of snow is not much weather seen in Parks.
- b. Preschool, Kindergarten, grades 1-8 student count and capacity
 - i. Raena Woods makes the first motion, and Katie Cloud makes the second motion. 3-0.

- ii. Justin Roberson states that he has included the minutes from the meeting from the initial meeting. Justin Roberson states that speaking between Preschool and Kindergarten teachers there will be a presentation to the board in February on this topic. He states that many things of what happen in Kindergarten starts in Preschool. Justin Roberson states that when speaking to the board president, the idea of speaking with the upcoming middle schoolers, what they would like to see in a middle school to keep them here since there is a steeper drop of students from 5th grade into 6th grade.
 - 1. Raena Woods asks if there have been any exit interviews done for families who have left.
 - a. Justin Roberson states that is a good idea. There are employee exit interviews, he will work on a student exit interview.
 - c. Free and reduced application and count: impact on ESSER III and other federal funds
 - i. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud makes the second motion. 3-0
 - ii. Justin Roberson states that the board has the information in their packet. He reminds the board that a lot of these counts are taken from the free/reduced lunches.
 - 1. Katie Cloud asks if there is a deadline to get the free/reduced lunch paperwork back to the school
 - a. Justin Roberson states that there is not one. This is a constant movement.
 - 2. Kirsten Ironside asks if we can put reminders on the Facebook pages to get the forms back
 - d. Final mile project: broadband, dependable internet to each student
 - i. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud makes the second motion. 3-0
 - ii. The Final Mile Project was brought to Justin Roberson's attention. They received more funding than they anticipated so they opened enrollment. Justin Roberson states that \$10 internet high speed internet to students and their families. There would also be a commodity internet that can be purchased by others without students in the area. For the tower and hardware it would all be grant funded.
 - 1. Kirsten Ironside asks that more information be provided for those who are concerned with the implications of 5g.
9. Action items:
- a. Consent agendas: (Ms. Velazco)
 - i. Katie Cloud makes the first motion and Raena Woods makes the second motion. 4-0
 - ii. Payroll vouchers: 7, 8
 - iii. Expense vouchers: 2207, 2208

- iv. Expenditure report
- v. Student activity, auxiliary, insurance, revolving
- b. Specific items of district business
 - i. Consideration and approvals of student of out of country travel through Explorica: March 11-19, 2023
 - 1. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud makes the second motion. 4-0.
 - ii. Consideration and possible action regarding community garden volunteer of outside organization: insurance purposes
 - 1. Katie Cloud makes the first motion to discuss, Reana Woods makes the second motion.
 - a. Raena Woods asks if 4H has their own insurance.
 - i. Bill Townsend states that the 4H company can provide this, they are currently on campus so they have a contact and insurance provided to the school already. Bill Townsend states that any money raised goes towards those children who are in the program.
 - ii. Kirsten Ironside states that she would like to taken off of this vote since she wants to partake in activates within 4H.
 - iii. Katie Cloud asks what is needed to make this happen.
 - iv. Justin Roberson states that what he is aware of, that the board was looking for in past they need a contact, insurance, and that the garden will benefit children.
 - v. Raena Woods would like to make a motion for the community 4H to run the garden.
 - 1. Katie Cloud seconds this. 3-0. Motion carries.
 - iii. Consideration and first reading of board policy JJJ, extracurricular activity eligibility, with revision
 - 1. Katie Cloud makes the first motion to discuss, Raena Woods makes the second motion.
 - 2. Justin Roberson states that it was asked for him to add foreign language class to the policy. Legal states that medical and liability insurance will be needed from the homeschool families.
 - a. Scott McClung states that legal and the trust have both stated that they do not recommend this. He states that he personally believes that homeschool students are still our students.
 - b. Kirsten Ironside states that her concern is how to provide resources without any reimbursement. She likes that

students can be involved in extracurricular sports. She asks how many students would be involved with this.

i. The board speaks amongst themselves, they determined they

3. Justin Roberson states that this is just a first reading and board members are to just look at the verbiage of the policy and not to currently vote.

iv. Consideration and approval (second reading) GBEF, staff use of digital communications and electronic devices

1. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud makes the second motion.

2. Katie Cloud makes the motion to adopt, Raena Woods makes the second motion. 4-0 motion carries.

v. Consideration and approval (second reading) board policy services advisory

1. Raena Woods makes the first motion, Katie Cloud makes the second motion to discuss.

a. Kirsten Ironside states that she was excited when legislature added this policy when it was added, and now that it's being redacted, she would like to keep verbiage as is.

b. Katie Cloud asks that this be tabled. She makes a motion to table this. Raena Woods seconds this. 4-0 motion passes.

10. Requests for future agenda items

a. Kirsten Ironside asks that The Parks Community Center be able to give monthly updates to the board as the Parent/Teacher Organization does.

11. Comments

a. Kay Peterson states that she would like the community garden back on the agenda for next month. She would like to propose something else. She states that this has nothing to do with what has been spoken about in tonight's meeting.

b. Brienne McDowell asks for the older grades to be looked at. She asks if the school is losing students to other middle schools, or have they always been lower classes? She also states that the homes are still paying property taxes, the homes of those who are being homeschooled are still sending their taxes to the school. She also asks if there is any idea on the cost of liability insurance of home-schooled students who want to come to the school.

c. Kay Peterson would like to make a comment on the Costa Rica trip. She states that she has a daughter who struggled to get home due to covid tests not being recorded. She asks for the school to look into what would happen to students who are detained.

12. Adjournments

a. Katie Cloud makes the first motion, Raena Woods makes the second motion. 4-0.