

**MAHTOMEDI CITY COUNCIL/MAHTOMEDI SCHOOL
BOARD JOINT WORKSHOP MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2020**

School Board Chair Lucy Payne convened the Joint City Council/School Board Workshop meeting at 7:00 p.m. with School Board members Judith Schwartz, Mike Chevalier, Stacey Stout, Julie McGraw, and Kevin Donovan in attendance. Mayor Jud Marshall, City Council members Jeff Ledermann and Jane Schneeweis were also in attendance. City Council member Steve Wolgamot was absent with prior notice. City Administrator Scott Neilson, City Engineer John Sachi, Public Works Director Bob Goebel, Mahtomedi School Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, Mahtomedi Community Education Director Cathy Wyland, Mahtomedi Schools Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Julie Osterbauer and City Clerk Jerene Rogers were also in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

School Board Chair Payne called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

School Board member Donovan moved, and School Board member Chevalier seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Youth Vaping Awareness - There was discussion regarding youth vaping awareness. Two students presented information regarding this item. They said the numbers of students using these products at school has declined recently due to more education being available. They indicated that educating students about vaping should begin in the middle school.

School Board member McGraw said Federal legislation was passed changing the minimum age to buy these products to 21. She said the State of Minnesota will hear legislation on this topic during their 2020 session.

Safe Routes to School – Cathy Wyland overviewed the Safe Routes to School Grant the School District applied for in 2015/2016. City Engineer John Sachi reviewed the process to apply for the grant this year. He said the deadline to apply for the grant April 13, 2020. He stated the next available grants will be for federal fiscal year 2024. He stated that WSB has proposed to prepare the grant application for a fee of \$7,877.00 that the City Council is willing to pay. City Engineer Sachi said if the grant is awarded the engineering costs associated with this project are not grant eligible. He indicated the engineering costs could be \$105,000-\$120,000. The School Board and the City Council have to discuss participation regarding the non-eligible costs.

City and School Partnerships – Julie Osterbauer and Cathy Wyland explained the working relationship between the City and the School District. Ms. Wyland explained the financial support the City provides to the School District and Ms. Osterbauer reviewed the partnership

with the Public Works Department. Ms. Osterbauer said she is very pleased with how the public works staff and the school district staff work together.

Budget Assumptions and Student Enrollment – Director of Finance and Operations Jeff Priess overviewed the revenue and expenditure assumptions for the 2020-2021 school year. He stated the General Fund budget for the 2020-2021 school year is \$42,562,359. Of this budget 77% is used for staff and personnel costs. Non-staff expenditures makes up the additional 23%. He said the preliminary General Fund budget shows a surplus of \$215,850 for this school year.

ADJOURNMENT

Superintendent Duffrin and the School Board members thanked the City Council for attending this meeting.

The workshop was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTESTED:

APPROVED:



**JERENE ROGERS,
ACCOUNT CLERK**



**JUD MARSHALL,
MAYOR**