

**MSD of NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**  
**School Board Work Session Minutes**  
**July 19, 2017**

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**Those in Attendance:**

**Board Members**

Lynn Wilson  
Mark Parkman  
Vicki Hannon  
Karen Jedrysek  
Gurpreet Singh

**Staff**

Dr. Curtiss Strietelmeier

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**Call to Order**

Board President Lynn Wilson called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Roll call was taken by Board President Lynn Wilson with all members present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President Lynn Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:50 p.m. Mrs. Wilson welcomed patron Mr. Jeff Forrester to the work session.

**New Business**

**A. Facility Planning**

Superintendent Dr. Curtiss Strietelmeier reported he lowered some planning numbers including LED light bulbs and NIPSCO rebates. A question and answer period followed. Dr. Strietelmeier expects a nine (9) month return on the LED investment. He recently talked with facilities director Todd Ott regarding lighting, stating LED bulbs have a good return on investment lasting for 8-10 years. He reported the upstairs gym stage curtain, elementary playground, and exterior doors are priority items. He reported the middle school masonry sealant needs replacement. He reported they have discussed the sewage pipe beneath the building, determining it transitioned from cast iron to metal with corrosion. Discussion ensued regarding replacement of the sewage pipe with access through a manhole not underneath the building. Dr. Strietelmeier reported a 40,000 allocation for this part of the project. He reported the elementary carpeting needs replacement with furniture. He has received quotes for touch-screen computers, as well as, replacing lockers for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. He reported they have also discussed wireless microphones for choir and band concerts. He reported an option includes turnstile gate for the athletic fields. He reported the 2017 General Obligation Bond will give the school corporation approximately \$570,000 to spend on the building project. He reported the solar panel project includes removing several trees. A question and answer period followed regarding prioritizing projects for student and public safety. He reported if the School Board can prioritize the top four (4) projects, he will call for quotes. He suggested LED bulbs should be top priority for energy savings through longevity. Discussion ensued regarding sewage and sanitary drainage, standing water by the dumpster, and Blackhawk gym stair treads. Superintendent Dr. Strietelmeier reported the lease rental items includes fiber-optic cable to the baseball concession building for Internet ticket takers, softball and baseball field lights for sectional tournament night games. He reported increasing cafeteria size for smoother lunch procedures for all students. Board vice president Mark Parkman reported activities in the cafeteria can be completed without thirty (30) foot ceilings. Discussion ensued regarding activities scheduled in the cafeteria.

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Dr. Strietelmeier reported the lease rental bond includes the roof replacement and solar panels with quotes from Moisture Management and Korellis Roofing. A question and answer period followed regarding information gathering from Michigan City Area Schools and Tri-Creek business offices. Discussion ensued regarding solar panels at area schools. Dr. Strietelmeier reported Moisture Management and Korellis Roofing are working together for roof solutions with time restrictions. He reported more information will be available tomorrow morning after meeting with both companies. A question and answer period followed regarding financing through the lease rental process. Discussion ensued regarding projects to be completed by maintenance staff. Corporation treasurer Sherie Breitenbach explained the difference with the new accounting software operating fund and instructional fund.

### B. Strategic Planning

Superintendent Dr. Curtiss Strietelmeier stated he looked online for an exemplar of strategic planning. He stated his main objectives and goals are the following: 1) data/measurement items (he doesn't have original measurements); he will email the list to all Board members; 2) resources (can go under fund); 3) usable and easy to read. Board president Lynn Wilson stated board members are seeking direction and coaching from him. Dr. Strietelmeier reported he would like board member's input and help. Board president Lynn Wilson stated the school board would like critiquing help. Mrs. Wilson stated Ms. Tamara Kepshire, a former DOE employee, is offering help, but should be paid for mileage and meals. She reported Ms. Kepshire is an expert in this discussion. Discussion ensued regarding information needed to move the project forward. Mrs. Wilson stated another issue are school grades. She stated school assessments used should be evaluated. Dr. Strietelmeier reported school administrators are adjusting SLO's with new curriculum mapping. Mrs. Wilson reported Ms. Kepshire could be a coach for the curriculum mapping. Discussion ensued regarding state standards, curriculum mapping, and weekly and monthly teacher plans. Board deputy secretary Mrs. Karen Jedrysek reported La Porte Community school corporation has developed a coding class for all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade elementary students as a method of collaboration. Discussion ensued regarding curriculum mapping and state standards. Dr. Strietelmeier reported AdvancEd diagnostic testing results and parent surveys also provide good feedback. He suggested vertical alignment should be used as a tool. A question and answer period followed.

### C. Superintendent Committees

Superintendent Dr. Curtiss Strietelmeier reported committees will be formed for collaboration, curriculum mapping, state standards, teacher planning, and professional development. He asked for input and help from the school board, teaching staff, community members, and business leaders. A question and answer period followed.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

**Next Meeting Date:** **August 9, 2017**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**

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Vicki L. Hannon, Secretary

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Date