

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #139**

May 21, 2015

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Folkema at 7:00 p.m. in Room 201 at the Rush City High School.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel, Scott Anderson (arrived 7:17pm), Matt Perreault, Teri Umbreit. Board Members absent: None. Others in attendance: Vern Koepp, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Lee Rood, Activities Director; a representative from East Central Minnesota Post Review; and other interested persons.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #03715 by Nessel seconded by Tryon approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda with the following additions: Consent Agenda, Resignation by Javan Parker and Resignation by Kim Gibbons. Old Business: Technology Lease Authorization. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Board Chair Folkema wished to remove Extracurricular assignments from the Consent Agenda. Whereupon

Motion #03815 by Tryon seconded by Perreault approving the following Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 16, 2015 and Special Board Meeting of April 20, 2015.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling, \$716,878.11 for Rush City, and \$493,176.16 for SCRED.

Rush City Personnel:

Resolution to Terminate/Nonrenew Rachel Nelson, 4 Elementary teacher

Ashley Lakeberg, Teacher, FMLA leave from 8-31-15 through 10-14-15

Ashley Lakeberg, Teacher, Reassign as full-time ADSIS teacher beginning of 2015-16

Employ Jessica Jurek, Elementary Teacher beginning with 2015-16 school year

Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal, Request to extend medical leave through June 5, 2015

Melody Tenhoff, Elementary Principal, Resignation/retirement effective June 30, 2015

Javan Parker, Custodian, Resignation effective June 3, 2015

SCRED Personnel:

Employ Robert Benner, Early Childhood Collaborative Planner, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Ann McCormick-Low Incidence Collab. Planner, extend medical leave through 2015-16 school year

Employ Kalie VanMeveren, School Psychologist, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Employ Kyra Halverson, School Psychologist, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Employ Eric Kuehn, School Psychologist, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Employ Raycheal Murphy, School Psychologist, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Employ Nicolaas van Oss, School Psychologist, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Employ Caitylyn Knudson, School Psychologist, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Employ Christina Cariveau, Deaf Hard of Hearing Teacher, beginning with 2015-16 school year

Jessica Laven, Vision Teacher/OHD Consultant, increase days from 187 to 190 for 2015-16

Amber Haluska, School Psychologist/Pathway to Change Director, resignation effective 6-12-15

Kim Gibbons, Executive Director, resignation effective June 30, 2015

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

Extracurricular assignments for 2015-16

Motion #03915 by Tryon seconded by Nessel to approve the Extracurricular Assignments as recommended by the Activities Director for 2015-16. Voting in favor: Nessel and Tryon. Voting against: Perreault, Umbreit, and Folkema. Motion #04015 by Perreault seconded by Umbreit approving the extracurricular assignments for 2015-16 as recommended by the Activities Director minus the Head Football Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Policy Review

In a first reading the Board discussed the following policies: Policy #413 – Harassment and Violence, and Policy #427 – Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers.

After a second reading and final board review of proposed changes Motion #04115 by Umbreit seconded by Perreault approving the following policies: Policy #406 – Public and Private Personnel Data and Policy #410 – Family and Medical Leave Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Topics

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$1,781,949 invested as of 4/30/15.

Quarterly Investment Report: Frost reported that the district currently has \$739,000 invested currently in the Liquid Asset Fund Portfolio with an average interest rate of .82%.

Frost reviewed the quarterly report for the Pool Trust Fund, noting that the March 31 Fund Balance was \$512,906.09 and that the interest income earned for the 2014 Aquatic Center season was \$3,158 compared to \$3,712 the previous year.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2014-15 revenue and expenditure budget noting that the general fund revenues are running approximately \$400,000 more than expenditures to date.

Communications

There were no items for consideration.

Reports

Positive Points

High School Principal Stavig shared the following positive points:

Blood Drive – Friday, May 22 @ Rush City High School – Saving Lives Scholarship Program

Community Service Awards – Given to 37 seniors out of 68 who accumulated 30 hours or more during their senior year

Scholarship Night held on Monday, May 18th - \$40,000+ of local scholarships awards to the senior class

Track: 4x800 Meter Relay Team broke school record from 1991 (Elena Herberg, Jamie Guptill, Kaylyn Bowen, Kayla Nelson)

4x100 Meter Relay Team broke school record from 1978 (Crystal Schwartz, Sydney Manske, Bailey Murawski, Keanna Belau)

Bailey Murawski set new school record on Pole Vault (8 ft. 8 in.)

Art Department went on field trip to Minneapolis Art Institute on Thursday, May 21st

Spanish & Art Department went to Festival of Nations on May 1st

Band held their senior high pops concert on Friday, May 15th. Great performances!

Choir concert was held on May 21st. Great performances!

Varsity Softball team continues play in section playoffs. They are Great River Conference Champions and Sub Section 5A Champions. They play again tonight, May 26th in St. Cloud at Whitney Field in the Section Semi Finals! Go Tigers!

Prom was well attended and the evening was a huge success.

Held a Parent/Principals night, however, no parents attended. I will improve advertising these in the future. Annual Student

Recognition Dinner was a great evening honoring our top four students academically: Bailey Murawski, Kyle Nelson, Keanna Belau, and Shayla McKinney-Buck.

Superintendent Koepp shared the following Elementary positive points:

Students had a chance recently to demonstrate community support. Kendyl Rustad was in an accident at home and students helped with donations towards her medical costs. The Make a Difference Jars collection total was \$608.56.

Nine Gr. 6 Students went to Science Rocks at St. Cloud State University on May 11 with Ms. Nelson. The students went to four sessions throughout the day. Students could be veterinarians, diagnose a problem with a dog, and then actually perform the surgery using pig intestines. Some students went on a scavenger hunt for mammals. Some students became city engineers and built roads with Jello bases. Some of the students became city administrators and addressed a problem with tainted city water. All of the students were treated to a program put on by the Audubon Society called, "Raptors".

Gr. 5-8 Choir Concert on May 11th. It was great to watch individual students and groups of 2-3 students perform songs for the audience. It is challenging for students to step up a microphone and perform and they did so without hesitation!

Students in Gr. 2 & 3 participated in the Academic Triathlon last week. 21 Students participated in 6 events over the two-day activity. They competed in trivia challenges, a science experiment where they built boats, mind sprints, and created a digital story.

Updates

None

Meetings Attended

Board member Umbreit reported that the recent Board Advisory Meeting was cancelled.

Old Business

Technology Lease Authorization: Board member reviewed a Technology Lease Authorization form with CSI Leasing, Inc. Whereupon Motion #04215 by Umbreit seconded by Perreault approving the lease with CSI Leasing, Inc. and authorizing Business Manager Frost and Superintendent Koepp to represent the district. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Review 5 Year Capital Expenditure Plan

Superintendent Koepp and Board Members reviewed an updated 5 Year Capital Expenditure Plan taking note of revisions to the plan categories and any significant changes to the plan. It was a consensus among board member to accept the Capital Expenditure Plan as presented with the understanding that this plan is a working document and that it changes as circumstances change.

Authorize quotes for van

Superintendent Koepp requested permission to get quotes for a vehicle to transport students and get more miles per gallon. Whereupon Motion #04315 by Tryon seconded by Anderson authorizing quotes for a fuel efficient van. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Health Insurance Carrier Quote

Business Manager Frost provided a summary of health insurance bids that opened on April 24, 2015. The Benovate bid was received after the deadline and the PEIP and Blue Cross Blue Shield direct bid did not meet bid specifications. A bid from Blue Cross Shield through Resource Training and Solutions met all specifications. Whereupon Motion #04415 by Umpreit seconded by Anderson accepting the bid from Blue Cross Blue Shield through Resource Training and Solutions. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: This bid represents a 9.9% increase for the October 1, 2015 renewal and a guarantee of no more than a 9% increase for the renewal on October 1, 2016.

Approve Vision Insurance Carrier Quote

Business Manager Frost provided a summary of quotes for Vision Insurance and recommended switching to EyeMed as the insurance carrier beginning with the October 1, 2015 renewal. Whereupon Motion #04515 by Tryon seconded by Perreault to approve the quote from EyeMed. Motion carried unanimously.

Name Local Authorizer for MDE External Access System

Motion #04615 by Nessel seconded by Umbreit naming Superintendent Koepp as the Local Authorizer for MED External Access System. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Regular Board Mtg.

Room 201, High School

6/18/15

7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #04715 by Perreault seconded by Umbreit adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Nessel
Clerk

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