

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

May 19, 2016

The Regular School Board Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Folkema at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 at the Rush City High School.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Stefanie Folkema, Teri Umbreit, Scott Tryon, Scott Anderson, and Matt Meissner. Board Members absent: Matt Perreault. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Jason Mielke, Jacobson Principal; Lee Rood, Activities Director; a representative from East Central Minnesota Post Review.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #05116 by Tryon seconded by Anderson approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #05216 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner approving the following Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 21.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling, \$675,883.31 for Rush City, and \$503,876.82 for SCRED.

Rush City Personnel:

Extracurricular assignments for 2016-17

Resignation of Hailey Luecken, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 4-29-16

Janice Neville, Elementary Paraprofessional, retirement effective end of the 2015-16 year

Judy Armstrong, Elementary Paraprofessional, resignation effective end of the 2015-16 year

Paraprofessional Seniority List Revision

Charlie Cook, HS Business Education Teacher, beginning 2016-17 school year

Amy Gustafson .6 FTE Title One Teacher beginning 2016-17 school year

Bethany Hauner, ADSIS Academic Coordinator, for the 2016-17 school year

Bethany Hauner, 1 year leave from Para Professional position

Approve Administrative Contract for Lee Rood, Activities/Community Ed Director for 2015-17

Resignation of Lee Rood, Teacher

Approve Custodial, Food Service, Para Professional Contract for 2015-16, 2016-17

Reduction in Force, Holly Paul, Elementary Para Professional, end of the 2015-16 school year

SCRED Personnel:

Jessica Laven, Blind and Visually Impaired Teacher, resignation end of the 2015-16 school year

Three (3) Unique Learner Mangers contracts for July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Policy Review

Congratulations to Lee Rood on the completion of his Community Education Director license and his new contract.

Financial Topics

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$1,505,182 invested as of 4/30/16.

Quarterly Investment Report: Frost reported that the district currently has \$740,000 invested in the Liquid Asset Fund Portfolio with an average interest rate of .84%.

Frost reviewed the quarterly report for the Pool Trust Fund, noting that the March 31 Fund Balance was \$512,957 and that the interest income earned for the 2015 Aquatic Center season was \$4,059 compared to \$3,158 the previous year.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2015-16 revenue and expenditure budget noting that the general fund revenues are running approximately \$473,000 more than expenditures to date.

Communications

There were no items for consideration.

Reports

Positive Points

High School Principal Stavig shared the following positive points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Visited the Life Work Center – our students are progressing and learning essential life skills.
- MCA testing – preliminary results look amazing in areas initiatives have been carried out with integrity.
- With your approval Charlie Cook will be hired for the business teaching position. Charlie has great plans for next year – to include Entrepreneurship and Work Link.
- Bethany Hauner accepted the ADSIS Academic Coordinator position. She will do great!
- English Language Arts has a plan for summer curriculum writing.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Conducted a Lockdown and Fire drill today. Evidence of continuous improvement – doors all close, all classrooms locked and windows covered. Teachers utilized their go kits and vests. Gathering areas were correct.
- Update on School Linked Mental Health – We are in year three of a five year grant. Still working out staffing details, however, program has been a great success.
- Tiger Café – tables and chairs have arrived, guidelines were discussed with students in the theater this morning. Thank you again to the anonymous donor for their generous donation and to our student council for purchasing the furniture.
- Prom was well attended and our students behaved exceptionally well. The venue was great and the students spoke highly of the food.
- Students of Excellence were recognized at a reception in St. Cloud. Sydnie Sybrant, Devan Larson, Britany Mollberg, and Lindsey Williams were recognized.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Teachers have been directed to begin the process of ordering supplies for next year.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- GPS 45:93 – we learned about a pilot program that provides a career counselor. I've expressed my interest.
- Met with Tim and Pam Hagen. We discussed mentorship and employment opportunities. Pam operates a local food shelf and is interested in assisting the school with student needs.

CE Jacobson Principal Jason Mielke shared the following positive points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Preliminary data shows our students have performed well on the MCA tests. More detailed results to follow after July 28th.
- Our Benchmark Literacy Materials have arrived and we are sorting through them, and getting them ready for our first training on June 9, 2016.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Our PBIS team is signed up and ready for the first MDE sponsored cohort in Duluth August 9 & 10, we will join 11 other North region schools in this 2 year cohort.
- We will be finishing up our Tiger Pride Friday series tomorrow with the seniors from the softball team coming over. They will talk about a safe and positive environment in our schools.
- Staff and students completed a very safe inside threat lockdown drill.
- We have been organizing and detailing what a high school to elementary student mentoring program will look like and putting the pieces in place to get this program running 2nd quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Our students have done a great job bringing in box-tops and raising funds for school supplies.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- We are partnering with the Rush City Public Library on presentations May 25th for their Summer Reading Program.
- We had many parents and community members attend our 1st-3rd and 4th-6th track and field days.
- Our music concert series ended last Thursday May 12th, and many parents/community members attended the first grade concert, it was a full auditorium.

Updates

Tiger Care

Unfortunately we did not receive enough registrations to be able to provide the program this summer; however, we will begin advertising now for a new before and afterschool program beginning in September. We are hopeful that will receive the 15 – 20 registrations needed in order to offer this service.

ESY and Targeted Summer School

We have almost 100 students attending summer school that will begin August 1st and run five days a week from 8:00 to 12:00 through August 19th. We are working with food service to pursue the option of providing a meal to all students daily. More information will be sent to the parents of students attending summer school regarding transportation, office contact information and food service.

Q Comp

CE Jacobson and Rush City High School teachers have submitted their joint application to the Minnesota Department of Education. We hope to learn from MDE before the June board meeting if their proposal was accepted. In the mean time, we will post the paid positions on a provisional basis.

School Board Advisory

Superintendent Dupre recognized the work of the Advisory Committee – thanking all members and especially our student members for their time and commitment. The committee has put forth recommendations for the school board and administration to consider as they

develop the 2016/2017 Strategic Action Plan. Recommendations from the committee are derived from the parent, staff and student survey results.

Meetings Attended

Scott Tryon attended the SCRED Governing Board meeting
Stef Folkema attended the School Board Advisory Committee meeting

Old Business

Operating Referendum Discussion included an update from Superintendent Dupre regarding her research findings. At the April meeting Dupre was directed to research the impact of an operating levy on the community and tax payers. Dupre reported the process will be time consuming and require several volunteers including a steering committee. Superintendent Dupre has met with and will continue to meet with community members to communicate why a levy is needed and to gather reactions to tax impacts. The board asked Dupre to continue this process and she will report further findings at the workshop session on Monday June 6 scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm. The school board will most likely make a decision about an operating levy at the June 16th regularly scheduled meeting. Community members are welcome to attend.

New Business

MSHSL 2016-17 Resolution for Membership was renewed on motion #05316 by Umbreit seconded by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Name Local Authorizer for MDE External Access System

Motion #05416 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit naming Superintendent Dupre as the Local Authorizer for MDE External Access System. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Levy Workshop	HS Conference Room	6/06/16	4:30 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg.	Room 201, High School	6/16/16	5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #05516 by Anderson seconded by Tryon adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Tryon
Clerk

Our mission is to provide each learner with appropriate educational opportunities to reach his or her potential.