

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

August 20, 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: Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel, Scott Anderson, Matt Perreault, and Teri Umbreit.

Board Members absent: Scott Tryon.

Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Jason Mielke, Elementary Principal; Lauren Frost, Business Manager; Lee Rood, Community Education and Activities Director

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #07715 by Nessel seconded by Anderson approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #07815 by Nessel seconded by Anderson approving the following Consent Agenda Items. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 16, 2015.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$908,325.01 for Rush City, and \$401,981.21 for SCRED

Personnel: Rush City

Michelle Kirby, Phy Ed/Health/DAPE Teacher - resignation effective August 7, 2015

Stephanie Hackel, Paraprofessional - resignation effective August 6, 2015

Employ Dawn Nelson, Bus Driver, beginning 2015-16 school year

Employ Tylor Sorgert, HS Math Teacher, beginning 2015-16 school year

* Employ Angela Sommer, Long Term Substitute (for Paul Kirby) for the 2015-16 school year

Personnel SCRED -

Employ Ellen Kramer, Collaborative Planner, for the 2015-16 school year

Identified

The board identifies Superintendent Teresa Dupre as the MDE Identified Official with Authority.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

None

Financial Information

Investments: Business Manager Frost reviewed the liquid asset quarterly investment report showing that the District had \$740,000 invested as of June 30, 2015. The average rate of the fixed investments was .83%.

Swimming Pool Trust Fund: Business Manager Frost reviewed the Swimming Pool Trust Fund quarterly report noting that the fund balance was \$513,747 as of June 30, 2015. Interest earnings since October 1, 2014 are \$2,747.

Adult Meal Prices of – Motion # 07915 by Umbreit and seconded by Anderson to approve the \$.05 increase in the price of an adult breakfast to \$1.70 each.

Communications

Back to School District Newsletter: Sent Wednesday August 19, via SchoolMessenger, posted today on the website, will be printed and sent to families Tuesday of next week.

School Benefits mailing to families: Due to importance will be sent as a separate flyer to all school families.

The state and federally funded **Educational Benefits** program provides the opportunity for all children to access school meals. It is focused on student well-being, nutrition and maximizing learning. Given the importance of this benefit for our students, we have taken the decision to send the application to families in a separate flyer calling specific attention to the information. Another reason for families to complete the form is state revenue could be positively impacted for our school.

Calendar: We will print a limited edition of a newly formatted school calendar highlighting student artwork. The calendar will be printed in black and white with “bookend” dates included. It is our goal to have them ready for distribution by the start of the school year. If they are extremely popular, we will take orders, and sell them for the base price. No activities will be listed in the printed calendar. All school activities will be included on the website. Athletics schedules and details can be found on the website as well in the Athletics Calendar

Use of School Messenger: SchoolMessenger will be used to send important school news directly to the email account we have on record. It is our belief that important information should be sent *to* you. While we encourage you to visit our website often (*please know we are in the process of updating the site*) we are committed to sending important *all school* communications directly to you.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

SchoolMessenger will be used and sent to ALL digital connections we have on record (text, phone, and email). At this time we have made the decision to NEVER send non-emergency information during the school day, nor will we send non-emergency information as a text.

New Teacher Orientation – Aug. 27, 2015

Welcome Celebration Assembly & Picnic – Aug. 31, 2015: School Board members are welcome to join the assembly and the picnic (*no school funds will be used to support the cost of the picnic*)

Reports - Summer School Summary:

Positive Notes from the staff:

Strong reading program and readers! Students really getting engaged and connected with books

Strong enrollment allowed for grouping younger students by single grade instead of mixed grade levels – which reduced the range of needs and increased opportunity to target efforts.

Pull out interventions for K to 6 special education were very successful and allowed for individualized targeted interventions

Truly enjoyed the experience and working with such enthusiastic learners!

Areas that need to be addressed:

Designated administrator

Contact person in the office for communication and safety

Seamless process from registration to start of program

Communication regarding staffing

80% pay needs to be clarified

Access to IEP information

Review the schedule – length of day and length of program

Updates

District Strategic Planning Process: Superintendent Dupre will be issuing an invitation to staff, students, school board members and community members to join the Strategic Action Planning Committee. Invitation will be included in her Community Connections Updates and posted on our website. The committee will meet in November and again in May. They will serve as an oversight committee to guide direction and progress of the Strategic Action Plan and annual goals.

Levy Hearing Date

Business Manager Frost noted that the public hearing regarding taxes payable in 2016 will be part of the regular school board meeting on December 17, 2015. Motion #08115 by Umbreit seconded by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

School Board officially approved and accepted Superintendent Dupre's goals for the 2015/2016 school year. Motion #08215 by Nessel and seconded by Perreault. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

High School/ Elementary School / Coaching and Transportation Handbooks

Elementary Principal Mielke summarized recommended changes to the Elementary School Staff Handbook and Elementary School Parent and Student Handbook for 2015-16. High School Principal noted there are very few recommended changes to the High School Staff Handbook and Student/Parent Handbook for 2015-16. Superintendent Dupre reported the Coaches handbook has very few changes at this time as Lee Rood will be working with a widespread group of athletes, coaches and parents to develop an Activities Purpose Statement, conduct student surveys and gather other pertinent information that will guide the changes and updates for a new Coaches Handbook. Mr. Rood will be sharing the updated handbook with the board in June of 2016 for their approval. No changes were made to the Transportation Handbook. Whereupon Motion #08315 by Perreault and seconded by Nessel approving these handbooks with minor changes noted during the discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Independent Contractor Activities: Lee Rood presented a process and form to allow sports clubs (comprised of Rush City School Students) such as our Bowling Club to apply as an independent contractor to qualify for an athletic letter. The application must be for a sport that is not sanctioned by the Minnesota State High School League. Motion #08015 by Perrault and seconded by Nessel fully support the concept. Lee will move ahead with the offer and add a few recommended changes such as adding a parent signature to the form and letter head.

Calendar

Regular Board Mtg.	Room 201, High School	9/17/15	7:00 p.m.
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Adjournment

Motion #08415 by Umbreit and seconded by Anderson adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 7:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Nessel
Clerk

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