

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

October 17, 2013

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, Carol Cook, Brian Anderson, Stefanie Folkema, Brenda Nessel, and Justin Wood. Board Members absent: None. Others in attendance: Vern Koepp, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Jeremy Albright; Matt Perreault; and a representative from the ECM Post Review.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #12713 by Anderson seconded by Wood approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #12813 by Anderson seconded by Nessel approving the following Consent Agenda Items:
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2013.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$686,983.33 for Rush City, and \$467,800.35 for SCRED

Rush City Personnel:

Employ Craig Mell, 7th Grade Girls Basketball

Authorize 1 more hour per week paraprofessional time for ECFE

SCRED Personnel:

Approve Melanie Hankins – FMLA leave request beginning 10-3-13 for one month

Individual Transportation Contract with Darren & Linda Sedler

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

In a first reading Board members reviewed Policy #413-Harrassment and Violence, and Policy #602-Organization of School Calendar and School Day.

After a second reading and final Board review of proposed changes, Motion #12913 by Cook seconded by Anderson approving the following policies: Policy #405-Veteran's Preference, Policy #406-Public and Private Personnel Data, and Policy #407-Employee Right to Know – Exposure to Hazardous Substances. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Information

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$2,194,692 invested as of 9/30/13.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reported that General Fund Expenditures to date are running slightly ahead of Revenue to date, but that the current Fund Balance has been helpful in maintaining good cash flow

Communications

Board members reviewed a Thank You Note from Friends of Minnesota Barns, thanking the school board for the use of a bus and complimenting the driver that took them on an East Central Minnesota tour of barns.

Reports

Positive Points

Superintendent Koepp shared the following positive points provided by Elementary Principal Tenhoff:

We are up and running with this year's Book Pizzazz program thanks to Stefanie Lofgren. This is a cooperative program where our local Creekside Pizza supplies a personal pan pizza for students who turn in their reading minutes. We thank both Mrs. Lofgren and Creekside for their efforts!

Mr. Henrich is implementing two programs this fall. Twice a week throughout the month of October, students in grades 4-6 are invited to participate in an Elementary Basketball program and students in the same grades are going to be challenged with a *Get Fit!* program. Both sound like a great way to get some good exercise and have fun!

A big congratulations to Kim Sarago who received the Education Support Staff Recognition this year. Mrs. Sarago was recognized by the staff for all her efforts in helping to keep everything organized. I was very pleased that all of her hard work over the years was recognized by all of those at school!

The Youth FIRST program is starting soon. This program is brought to us by the Community Partnership and it is a weekly after-school event with fun events that focus on helping students make good choices.

Superintendent Koepp shared the following positive points provided by High School Principal Stavig:

The band is amazing this year! Carvel is running an amazing band program. They look like a college band at our events!

We're finding ways to get more useful data in the hands of teachers. The AIR system gives us resources that can be used to assist in areas we struggle. (Thanks Sue)

Teachers are using the Chromebooks we've purchased. I'm hearing and observing great things; I think they were a great choice, thank you!

Rachel's Challenge will be back on the 24th of October to conduct a second year training for the FOR club members.

A current student was just accepted by Michigan Tech

Study halls are smaller, in classrooms, and both students and staff understand the rationale and are liking the change.

Homecoming week was great! Participation rates were much higher than last year for the dress up days. Football and Volleyball won their homecoming games. Both the HS and JR High dances were a success; the students had fun and there were no problems! The elementary came over for a pep-fest, Mr. Schlagel did his annual obstacle course, it was hilarious, and weather even held out for the parade!

King and Queen candidates were: Blake Cook, Chase Grant, Brandon Koehnle, Caleb Swanson, Matt Parker, Mason Ramberg, Hannah Emerson, Taylor Youngbloom, Alissa Mell, Sammi Oscarson, Alissa Kaltenhauser, and Emily James.

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Honor Court students were: Payton Ramberg, Braxton Wolf, Sydnie Sybrant, Isaiah Johnson, Chesney Grant, and Tyler Oscarson.

Updates

None

Meetings Attended

Board member Cook reported that the recent Board Advisory Meeting included a review of the district curriculum review cycle, review of the district testing plan, and updates from building principals regarding building safety and security and efforts to promote positive school climate.

Board member Cook reported on a recent TIES annual meeting which included school presentations related to their use of various resources provided by TIES.

Old Business

None

New Business

Fundraiser Request – Boys Basketball

Boys Basketball Coach, Jeremy Albright asked permission for the boys basketball teams to do a fall food fundraiser this year instead of a clothing sales fundraiser. Whereupon, Motion #13013 by Nessel seconded by Wood approving the fundraiser request. Motion carried unanimously.

Review District Mission Statement and Goals

Board members briefly reviewed the District Mission Statement and five main goals for the district. It was a consensus among board members to ask the Board Advisory Committee to review the Mission Statement and Goals, offer suggestions, and send it back to the board for further action.

St. Croix River Education District Issues

None

Calendar

Teamster Negotiations	High School Conf Rm	10/22/13	6:00 p.m.
Teamster Negotiations	High School Conf Rm	10/29/13	5:30 p.m.
Special Board Mtg.	High School Rm 201	11/5/13	8:30 p.m.
RCEA Negotiations	High School Conf Rm	11/7/13	6:00 p.m.
RCEA Negotiations	High School Conf Rm	11/19/13	6:00 p.m.
Regular Board Mtg.	High School Rm 201	11/21/13	7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #13113 by Cook seconded by Nessel adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Anderson
Clerk

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