

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

**September 15, 2016**

The Regular/Organizational School Board Meeting was called to order by Clerk Tryon at 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center at the Rush City High School.

**Roll Call**

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Matt Meissner, Scott Anderson, Matt Perreault, Teri Umbreit. Apologies: Stefanie Folkema. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Jason Mielke, CE Jacobson Principal; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Gary Olsen and Andrea Uhl from Ehlers; and other interested persons.

**Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda**

Motion **#09116** by Umbreit seconded by Perreault approving the Regular School Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

Motion **#09216** by Umbreit seconded by Perreault approving the following Consent Agenda Items:

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139

Employ David Voller, HS PhyEd Teacher, effective 8/29/16  
Employ Therese Fealy, Elementary Media Paraprofessional, effective 9/6/16  
Employ Brittany Saumer, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 9/6/16  
Employ Richard Johnson, Bus Driver, effective 9/6/16  
Resignation of Whitney Hout, HS PhyEd Teacher, effective 8/2016

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Resignation of Amber Andrews, Data Coordinator, effective 8/9/16  
\*FMLA Tiffany Goodchild, Program Director Chisago Lakes Education Center, effective 9/30/16-7/1/17

Approved Individual Transportation Contract with Maureen Kavanagh

**Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda**

None

**Recognition/Policy Review**

First Reading

Policy 707 – Transportation of Public School Students. Specific boundaries for Rush City walk zone will now be added to Policy 707.

**Financial Information**

1. **Proposed Levy Pay 2017:** Business Manager Frost reviewed components of the school levy for property taxes payable 2017, producing a preliminary decrease of 3.04%. The Minnesota Department of Education may make changes to these numbers through the end of September so it is advised to certify maximum rather than a dollar amount for the proposed levy. Upon recommendation of Frost, motion **#09316** was made by Meissner seconded by Anderson to adopt proposed 2017 levy at maximum allowed. A portion of December 22, 2016 meeting will be set aside for a review of the levy, public input regarding the levy, and final levy payable 2017 certification.
2. **Final FY16 Enrollments and Fund Balance:** Business Manager Frost provided an enrollment summary for the 2015-16 school year. The student membership came in approximately 9.72 WADMs stronger than budget. Frost reviewed the Rush City School District audited fund balance as of June 30, 2016. General fund revenues came in \$68,361 more than budget and expenditures came in \$220,858 less than budget thus resulting in \$289,219 more in fund balance than projected.

## RUSH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #139, June 30, 2016

FUND NAME	ACTUAL FUND BALANCE 6/30/2015	ACTUAL FUND BALANCE 6/30/2016	DIFFERENCE FUND BALANCE
01-GENERAL	\$828,086.06	<b>\$945,234.81</b>	\$117,148.75
02 FOOD SERVICE	\$106,490.55	<b>\$103,113.44</b>	(\$3,377.11)
04-COMMUNITY SERV	\$59,772.07	<b>\$69,050.89</b>	\$9,278.82
07-DEBT REDEMPTION	\$307,266.59	<b>\$300,647.43</b>	(\$6,619.16)
08SCHOLARSHIPS	\$157,835.87	<b>\$159,185.62</b>	\$1,349.75
10-TRUST/SWIM POOL	\$513,100.26	<b>\$512,371.64</b>	(\$728.62)
TOTAL #139 FUNDS	\$1,972,551.40	<b>\$2,089,603.83</b>	\$117,052.43

3. **Current FY17 Student Enrollment:** Business Manager Frost reviewed enrollment figures noting that at the conclusion of the 2015-16 school year the average daily membership was 858 students and that as of September 14, 2016 the average daily membership was approximately 869 students. An increase of 11 students. Frost also reminded the Board that the FY17 budget was built on 866 students.

4. **Current Financial Information**

- Investments: Business Manager Frost reported that the district has \$2,554,553 invested as of August 31, 2016.
- Revenue/Expenditures Update: As of August 31, 2016 general fund revenues are in at 14% of annual budget compared to expenditure budget in at 11%.

### Communications

School calendars featuring the beautiful artwork created by Rush City High School students are available for community members in our High School and District Office. We apologize for the errors on the December page and have inserts available in our offices. As mentioned in the Elementary Positive Points, Rush City is now operating a before and after school care program. Interested parents can obtain information on our website or contact the CE Jacobson Office. Given the budget cuts that reduced the HS staff by two teachers, some class sizes at the HS are over 30 students with one as high as 37 students. Information about the operating referendum can be found on the school website under the School Board tab.

The school board accepted, with sincere appreciation, a generous donation from Jim and Virginia Thorn, in honor of their son James, dedicated to the summer recreation program and from Donald and Sandra Vaughn dedicated to resurfacing of the pool slide.

### Reports

#### **Positive Points**

Elementary

#### **Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence**

- Grade level teams completed their second Benchmark Literacy training on August 29, and have started the first 30 days of new rituals and routines in the classroom.
- Teachers are working diligently in new PLC teams to help brainstorm goals for student achievement for the upcoming school year.
- We are currently using the NWEA MAP tests with our 2-6<sup>th</sup> graders, and the FAST test with K-1, to examine current instructional levels. These assessments will help us place students at current reading levels in the Benchmark curriculum.

#### **Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment**

- Full implementation of PBIS went into place this Fall. Hear our ROAR!
- We will be starting our prek-2<sup>nd</sup> Tiger Pride Friday series tomorrow with some of the seniors from the football team. They will talk about a safe and positive environment in our schools.
- Students / Staff will complete their first fire drill on Friday.
- We continue to organize and detail what a high school to elementary student mentoring program will look like. We plan to get this program running 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2016-2017 school year.

#### **Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission**

- Our current enrollment is 486 students, up from 464 where the 2015-2016 school year ended. Eighty-one kindergarteners, seventy-eight 5<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### **Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships**

- The Weekly Round-up will again go home this year the last day of each week. Look for multiple measures ratings (MMR) from MDE detailed this week as a Title One Program requirement.
- Tiger Care has begun which is a great community program. We currently have 11 students enrolled after school, and 7 students enrolled in the morning sessions.

#### **High School**

##### **Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence**

- PLC and MTSS processes have been enhanced by the Q-Comp process.
- Principal address to the student body regarding academic performance, congratulated them on their science scores, and encouraged them to take pride in their accomplishments and keep pushing forward.

##### **Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment**

- We've been focused on students who are new to our school, ensuring they feel welcome and are supported.
- All committees have met and are fully functioning/prepared.
- We have several foreign exchange students attending our school this year.

##### **Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission**

- The HS staff has done a great job finding ways to do more with less. We've significantly cut the supply budgets once again; however, the teachers are finding unique ways to ensure the students do not suffer.
- The school has accepted six students from Hinckley into Jim Monson's College level ITV class.

##### **Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships**

- GPS 45:93 – Strong interest exists in developing a youth apprenticeship program. Federal grants may be able to provide a career counselor and/or other resources.
- Community/team message at 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation.

#### **Updates**

Principals shared the MCA III 2016 results. Great gains have occurred in our High School science scores, grades 4 and 6 were above state averages in reading, and grades 3, 4 and 8 were above state averages in math. While we have made significant progress in reducing the achievement gap for our students, there are still a few key areas in need of improvement that include math scores in grades 5 – 7.

The 2016/2017 Strategic Action Plan DRAFT has been developed and more details will be added from the School Board Advisory Committee. The DRAFT can be found on the school website under the School Board tab.

Superintendent Dupre presented her 2016/2017 goals to the School Board that are directly aligned to the Strategic Action Plan. Her goals, which remain in progress until mid-October can be found on the school website under the School Board tab.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Operating Referendum – 6:30 Ehlers tax impact presentation/Q & A

#### **Calendar**

Regular Board Meeting will be held in the HS Media Center on 10/27/15 starting at 5:30 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion **#09416** by Tryon seconded by Meissner adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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