

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

October 27, 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: Scott Tryon, Stefanie Folkema, Matt Meissner, Scott Anderson, Matt Perreault and Teri Umbreit. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Jason Mielke, CE Jacobson Principal; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Lee Rood, Activities and Community Ed Director; and other interested community members.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #10116 by Umbreit seconded by Tryon approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #10216 by Tryon seconded by Anderson approving the following Consent Agenda Items:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 15, 2016.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$762,118.62 for Rush City, and \$523,674.73 for SCRED.

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139

FMLA request Julie Wilcox, Elementary Custodian, effective 11-21-16 to 12-2-16
Julie Wilcox, continue as leave of absence, effective 12-5-16 to 12-30-16
Brody Bakken, employ as Head Baseball Coach to begin 2016-17 Season
Gage Keegan, employ as Head Wrestling Coach to begin 2016-17 Season
Cindy Sybrant, employ as HS Special Ed Paraprofessional, effective 10-3-16
Katherine Koffler, employ as Elementary Special Ed Paraprofessional, effective 9-21-16
Brittany Saumer, employ as Tiger Care Coordinator – 3.25 hrs/day, effective 9-6-16
Brittania Sorgdrager, employ as Tiger Care Assistant – 1.25 hrs/day, effective 9-6-16

SCRED

Employ Kathy Horbacz, Adult Basic Education Instructor, effective 10-3-16
Employ Kelly Christensen, Administrative Assistant, effective 9-20-16

Approve Individual Transportation Contract with Jessica Shoaff.

Approve Junior High Gymnastics Coach position on a one-year contract for 2016-17.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

Second Reading

Policy 707 – Transportation of Public School Students. Specific walk zone parameters were established and included in policy. Motion #10316 by Perreault seconded by Meissner. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Information

1. Revenue/Expenditure Update - The General Fund Revenue is about \$74,000 greater than General Fund Expenditures to date. Revenue budget is in at 19% and the expenditures in at 18%.
2. Investments - The district has \$2,614,684 invested as of 9/30/16.

Communications

Superintendent Dupre shared articles with the school board members that had appeared recently in the Post Review highlighting information about the referendum and the November 9th Veterans Day Celebration. Business Manager Frost also updated the board on the benefits of the MASA P-card participation.

Reports

Positive Points

High School

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- October is college knowledge month. Heidi and Melissa have utilized advisory period to bring in speakers from two year, four year, technical colleges, and the military. By the end of the month all seniors will have applied to at least one college.
- Utilized the October 19th staff development day to finalize academic goals and train staff in identifying and addressing health concerns.
- Fall assessments are complete. Useful reports have been given to our teachers who are analyzing the data and using it to guide their instruction.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Successful fire drill – teams and radios being utilized effectively and naturally at this point.
- Met with security camera vendor. We learned how to get better quality video and of a few advanced features.
- Developed a new committee that's charged with ensuring we're prepared to properly respond to crisis situations, chemical dependency, and mental health needs. (CCMH)
- Attended the Support Staff of Excellence banquet with our honorees and administrative team. Honorees from the High School were KC Brown and Michael Ramstad.
- Attended the Leadership in Educational Excellence banquet with our honorees and administrative team. Honorees were Deb Meissner, Charlotte Thill, Heidi Larson, and Wendy Schmidt.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- We are utilizing the study center to reduce sub expenses – going well.
- Have been working to ensure people are informed about the upcoming referendum.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- Met with law enforcement to discuss community trends and how we can assist each other.
- Twitter – tweeting daily activities and events. Join and follow me to stay up to date.

Elementary

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Our grade level teams completed their third and fourth Benchmark Literacy trainings, and started full implementation with the curriculum on October 17th.
- With the title one teacher we have part-time this year through title funding, we have thoroughly researched and identified students below the 30th percentile and have a strong intervention plan in place.
- We have gained the guided reading levels for all students and they have been placed into small groups accordingly in each class.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- We have completed our first two Tiger Pride Friday's with our high school football team, and volleyball team.
- Students have completed three fire drills and a lockdown drill very successfully.
- We have the training manuals and power points in place for our new elementary mentoring program. High school students have been suggested and have applied. The training will take place at the end of quarter 1.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- The MDE award for the Support our Students grant to hire a School Counselor for CE Jacobson. The grant total was roughly \$152,000 for multiple years.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- Tiger Care is up and running smoothly with 22 kids showing up after school most days and a varied number in the morning.
- Youth First has started their annual program on Wednesday nights.
- Our students are currently making cards and participating in a writing contest for the Veteran's Day Program.

Old Business

None

New Business

Motion # 10416 by Anderson and seconded by Perreault to approve the new Community Education Classes and sponsored events parameters including the new pay structure. Motion carried unanimously

Motion # 10516 by Tryon and seconded by Umbreit to accept the School Support Grant and approve expenditure for new Elementary School Counselor. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Board Advisory Committee will be held in the High School Media Center on 11/14/16 starting at 6:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting will be held at the High School, Room 201 on 11/17/16 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #10616 by Perreault seconded by Anderson adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 6:35 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously.

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