

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

March 16, 2017

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

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Matt Perreault, Matt Meissner, Teri Umbreit. Board Members absent: Stefanie Folkema and Scott Anderson. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Jeanne Korf, Facilities Manager; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; a representative from the East Central Post Review, Mike Remington from Inspect, and other interested persons.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #03117 by Umbreit seconded by Perreault approving the Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #03217 by Umbreit seconded by Perreault approving the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 16, 2017.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$763,628.32 for Rush City, and \$436,436.30 for SCRED

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139 Personnel

Resignation of Jason McGraw, Special Education Teacher, effective February 21, 2017
Employ Christopher Tou, Long Term Sub, to cover Charlotte Thill FMLA
Retirement of Linda Lindeman, Special Education Teacher, effective June 2, 2017
Resignation of Cindy Sybrant, HS Special Education Para, effective March 3, 2017
Employ Amy Ramstad, HS Special Education Para, effective March 2, 2017
Employ Michelle Lamere, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective February 28, 2017
Discontinuation of Employment of Kathy Koeffler, Elementary Para, effective March 8, 2017
Employ Angela Sommer, JH Softball Coach, effective March 13, 2017
Resignation of Jeremy Albright, Assistant Football Coach, effective March 13, 2017
Addition of 12 contract days for Sam Hines, Elementary Counselor
Employ Britt Sorgdrager, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective March 20, 2017

SCRED

Employ Jennifer Eldred, Special Services Supervisor, effective July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018
New Position Appointed to Sandra Benson, Outcomes Coordinator, effective July 1, 2017
Retirement of Karen Wolner, EC Collaborative Planner, effective June 30, 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

The Board recognized Eric Telander for his outstanding service to Rush City Schools, and students, as a Minnesota Teacher of the Year Candidate.

In a first reading the Board discussed Policy #514 - Bullying Prohibition.

In a second reading and final Board review, motion #03317 by Perreault seconded by Meissner approving Policy #1000 – Position Summaries (up to job bandings B22) and Policy #533 - Wellness.

Financial Information

1. Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the current 2016-17 revenue and expenditure budget, noting that General Fund revenues were running approximately \$360,000 more than expenditures to date.
2. Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$1,825,491 invested as of February 28, 2017.

3. Capital Accounts: The Board also reviewed in more detail the capital account and projected balance for the next two years.

Communication

Spring Newsletter was sent to all 55069 residents in hard copy as well as to all parents online. Postcards to increase data base for communications as well as the first send to all district residents are in the process of being made at Rush City Printing. We hope to begin distribution before the end of March.

Reports

Positive Points

High School Principal Stavig shared the following positive points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Spring conferences
 - Just over 10% of families attended
- New MTSS forms have helped create greater consistency with helping struggling learners
- New opportunities we can make available to our students through PTCC.
 - Online manufacturing certificate
 - Concurrent enrollment classes in CTE areas
 - Expansion of concurrent enrollment
- New law allows MCA scores to be used to demonstrate college readiness for MnSCU schools.
- Chris Tou is off to great start as LTS for Mrs. Thill

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Senior high lunch has transitioned to a closed campus.
- Met with students regarding the creation of a HS subcommittee to the School Board advisory food service taskforce.
- See something Say something Tiger – Signage around the school, communicated with students in student/principal meetings. Received one submission in error.
- Assessing and building capacity to implement PBIS

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- New opportunities with PTCC

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- Career Fair was held March 6th from 2:15 to 5:00
 - 30 organizations setup tables
 - Many Sophomores and all Juniors and Seniors attended
 - Some community members attended, however, could expand in the future
 - Feedback was very positive, overall a great success
 - Special thanks to Teresa and Melissa for all their help
- Mr. Olson and I chaperoned a trip to Construct Tomorrow.
 - We met U.S. Representative Rick Nolan.
 - Students had great interest in opportunities
 - One student to test into electrical union

Elementary Principal Mielke sent the following positive points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Three of our teachers attended two-day guided math training through Q-Comp staff development. They learned many new strategies to start differentiating math to meet all different ability levels.
- A new-guided reading level form was sent home with parents at conferences, in working through this form we have witnessed tremendous progress getting students at grade level proficiency.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Four members of our PBIS team attended a two-day conference in Bemidji as part of our grant to continue progress with Positive Behavior initiatives.
- We have completed two more lock-downs and a fire drill in the last month, which were done very successfully with all students and staff maintaining a very secure environment.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Our current enrollment is at 480, which is down six students from where we started the year at 486. The majority of the moves recently have been parents moving out of state for new jobs.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- We had great attendance at spring parent-teacher conferences. Many teachers had full participation by all parents and we were pleased with the outcome.
- At conferences we were able to run a very effective Scholastic book fair for our students and children in the community. We raised \$2200 in free books we can now purchase for our leveled library room and the media center.

Updates

None

Old Business

Motion #03417 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner to accept McPhillips Brothers Roofing Bid of \$656,000.00 for the CE Jacobson roof project. Motion passed unanimously .

Motion #03517 by Meissner seconded by Perreault to accept New Look Contracting, Inc. Bid of \$472,500.00 for pavement reconstruction (track, east parking lot and completion of Tiger Trail walking path). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #03617 by Perreault seconded by Meissner to accept Allied Blacktop Company Bid of \$66,740.00 for pavement seal coating projects

Video Intercom Systems

At this time we remain hopeful the current equipment budget will allow for the purchase of security cameras, communication, and buzzer systems at the front entrance of each building. Equipment needs (possible pool needs) that occur this spring may impact our ability to purchase the additional security equipment. An update will be provided to the board in May or early June.

New Business

Health Insurance: Motion #03717 by Meissner seconded by Umbreit to authorize Business Manager Frost to award health insurance bids on or before the May 15, 2017 deadline. Motion passed unanimously.

Bus Purchase: Motion #03817 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner to approve the purchase of a school bus included in the 2017/2018 budget assumptions. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolutions for Unrequested Leaves:

Motion #03917 for the adoption of proposal to place Tiffany Goodchild on unrequested leave was made by Umbreit and seconded by Perreault. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #031017 for the adoption of proposal to place Kindle Perkins Kabat on unrequested leave was made by Meissner and seconded by Perreault. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion # 031117 for the adoption of proposal to place Amanda Grell on unrequested leave was made by Perreault and seconded by Meissner. Motion passed unanimously.

Calendar

Regular Board Meeting	Room 201, High School	4/20/17	5:30 p.m.
School Board Budget Workshop	DO Conference Room	5/15/17	5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #031217 by Umbreit seconded by Perreault adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 6:40 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.