

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

April 20, 2017

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: Stefanie Folkema, Teri Umbreit, Scott Tryon, Scott Anderson, Matt Perreault, Matt Meissner. Board Members absent: Student board members Noah Griser and Haley VanDyke. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Jason Mielke, Jacobson Elementary Principal; Lee Rood, Activities Director; a representative of the East Central Post Review, and other interested persons.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #04117 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner approving the Regular Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #04217 by Tryon seconded by Anderson approving the following Consent Agenda items:

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

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$751,738.72 for Rush City, and \$436,208.80 for SCRED

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139 Personnel

Resignation of Joe Lattimore, JV Basketball Coach, effective March 20, 2017

Employment of Joe Lattimore, Assistant Baseball Coach, effective 2016-17 Season

Employment of Melissa Johnson, Food Service, effective April 3, 2017

Employment of Kirstin Bjork, Junior High Track Coach, effective 2016-17 Season

SCRED

Resignation of Jennifer Eldred, School Psychologist, effective June 8, 2017

FMLA Request for Nicole Woodward, effective approximately August 22 – November 16, 2017

Caitlin Schmidt, Physical Therapist, effective 2017-2018 school year

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

After a second reading and final Board review, Motion #04317 by Tryon seconded by Anderson approving Policy #514-Bullying Prohibition. Motion carried unanimously.

First readings occurred for Policies #533-Wellness and #1000-Position Summaries (B23-E91).

Financial Information

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the current 2016-17 revenue and expenditure budget, noting that General Fund revenues were running approximately \$625,000 more than expenditures to date.

Investments: Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$2,023,732 invested as of March 30, 2017.

Communications

Postcards about Rush City Schools have been mailed to all registered voters of Rush City School District.

A 2017-2018 community calendar, in limited quantities, will be printed and provided at no cost to district residents upon request.

We will not be issuing the Food Service Products bid as we will be following the state agreed upon bid with Indianhead Foodservice.

Reports

Staffing: In place of positive points the principals provided the following staffing update:

Rush City School District to create a curriculum coordinator position for the 2017-18 school year in conjunction with a grade 4 teaching position (.33 teaching literacy and .66 curriculum). We are able to create this position due to the low numbers of students that will be in grade 4 next year. The Curriculum position will be K - 12.

The other staffing change requesting approval from the board involves a change in FTE allocation at the high school from PE to another subject area (which in all likelihood could include math).

Motion #04417 by Perreault seconded by Tryon to approve the staffing changes (no new FTE were added). Motion passed unanimously.

New HS Activity: Activities Director Rood shared with the School Board that we have 10 students currently participating in the newly formed Trap Shooting team. The team practices off campus and competes with other school teams.

Meetings Attended: Board Member Folkema attended the April School Board Advisory Committee Meeting. Member Meissner attended the ECMECC Board Meeting.

Old Business

Superintendent Dupre shared the feedback Rush City received from MDE about the 2015-16 Worlds Best Workforce Summary. We were cited on three items that have been corrected. Two were a misunderstanding and one included not being able to find the correct information on our website.

New Business

Motion #04517 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit to accept the required and recommended food service meal price increases for the 2017-18 school year.

Adult meal prices for 2016-17 are \$1.70/breakfast and \$3.75/lunch

2017-18: \$2.25/breakfast and \$3.85/lunch

Student meal prices for 2016-17 are \$2.55 @ Elementary and \$2.70 @ High School

2017-18: \$2.65 @ Elementary and \$2.80 @ High School

Motion carried unanimously.

Activities and Community Education Director Rood presented the proposed budget for the Aquatic Center for 2017-18. Motion #04617 by Meissner seconded by Perreault to accept the budget proposal. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Participants for Graduation: Chair Stefanie Folkema will participate as the School Board Member at the 2017 Graduation Ceremony on June 4, 2017.

Upon the Superintendents request Motion #04717 by Tryon seconded by Anderson authorizing the district to solicit quotes and bids for milk, fuel, and snow removal for the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Note previously approved: Going with the state agreed upon bid for food service products from Indianhead Food Service for the 2017-18 school year.

Motion # 04817 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit to approve the Collaborative Agreement and Bylaws of the Chisago County Interagency Children's Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dupre provided the new fee structure from TIES. Given the significant increase in fees and the fact we do not use many of the services TIES provides, the Board is considering changing the level of participation from "owner" to "customer". A decision needs to be provided to TIES in writing by July 1, 2017.

Rush City School District is one of six member districts of St. Croix Regional Education District (SCRED). The SCRED building is located in Rush City. SCRED has grown in size from about 7 employees, 20 plus years ago, to now almost 70 employees. The executive director of SCRED has recommended they become an independent organization. Currently Rush City is the fiscal host for SCRED and oversees the contracts. Further discussion about this change will occur with Superintendents of the six member districts, as well as at the SCRED Governing Board. No decision has been made at this time.

Calendar

Regular Board Meeting

Room 201, High School

6/15/17

5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #04917 by Tryon seconded by Perreault adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 6:53 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.