

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

June 15, 2017

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

Roll Call

Board Members present: Stefanie Folkema, Scott Anderson, Matt Meissner, Scott Tryon and Matt Perreault. Board Members absent: Teri Umbreit. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; and member of the press. Both principals were attending professional conferences.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #06117 by Perreault seconded by Tryon approving the Regular Board Meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #06217 by Anderson seconded by Tryon approving the following Consent Agenda Items: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 18, 2017.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$830,295.11 for Rush City, and \$498,820.83 for SCRED.

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139

Resignation of Keitha C. Brown, High School Paraprofessional, effective June 2, 2017
Resignation of Anita Larsen, Special Education Teacher, effective end of 2016-17
Resignation of Corinne McKenzie, Early Childhood Teacher, effective May 31, 2017
Resignation of Charlie Cook, Business Education Teacher, effective end of 2016-17
Resignation of David Voller, Phy Ed & Health Education Teacher, effective end of 2016-17
Employment of Eric Risland, High School Math/Phy Ed Teacher, effective start of 2017-18
Resignation of Mark Henrich, Elementary Phy Ed Teacher/Basketball Coach, effective end of 2016-17
Employment of Janet Wagener, High School Counselor, effective start of 2017-18

SCRED

Resignation of Julieanne Frawley, Secondary Math Services Coordinator, effective August 22, 2017
Employment of Joel Anderson, Special Services Supervisor, effective July 1, 2017
Employment of Bailey Decker, School Psychologist, effective July 1, 2017
Employment of Angela Schroer, School Psychologist, effective July 1, 2017
Employment of Anna Yakesh, School Psychologist, effective July 1, 2017
Resignation of Ann McCormick, Low Incidence Collaborative Planner, effective June 30, 2017

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

Recognition and best wishes to our student school board members Haley Van Dyke and Noah Griser. We wish them both all the best as they enter college and thank them for their time, leadership, and dedication to Rush City Schools.

School Board publically thanked Adam Archambault and all the local businesses that supported Adam's construction of the beautiful planters and benches at CE Jacobson. They are beautiful and very much appreciated.

First readings for policies:

Policy 429 – Co-curricular Assignment of Personnel (*Review*)
Policy 430 – Contract Releases After Resignation Deadline (*Review*)
Policy 440 – Civic Involvement by Employees (*Review*)
Policy 503 – Student Attendance (*Review*)
Policy 503.1 – Student Attendance – Age of Initial Entrance (*Review*)

Policy 505 – Distribution of Nonschool-Sponsored Materials on School Premises (*Review*)
Policy 507 – Corporal Punishment (*Review*)
Policy 508 – Extended School Year for Certain Students with Individualized Education Programs (*Review*)
Policy 509 - Enrollment of Nonresident Students (*Review*)
Policy 510 – School Activities (*Review*)
Policy 534 – Unpaid Meal Charges (*New*)

Financial Topics

Investments

Business Manager Frost reported the district has \$2,881,812 invested as of May 31, 2017.

Revenue/Expenditure Update

Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2016-17 Revenue/Expenditure Budget noting that General Fund revenues are running approximately \$880,000 more than expenditures to date.

Communications

Chisago County Parade is July 22. We will have a school bus with staff families to walk along. Board members and district families welcome as well!

An *Imagine If* postcard will be mailed to all Rush City School District tax payer households in early July.

Legislative Forum organized by SCRED to be held on Thursday October 5th, 5:00 p.m. at Chuckers Spare Room.

Reports

Positive Points

Superintendent Dupre shared the following positive points for Jacobson Elementary:

Priority Area 1: Academic Excellence

- Our building has made the decision to go with Math Expressions 2018 Edition for Grades 3-6 next year and will be looking at filling in the K-2 for the 2018-2019 school year. Onsite training will occur for 3-6th grade staff on August 29.
- Our 5th and 6th grade math teachers will be providing guided math instruction next year and we have started to focus in on the Daily 3 rotation model to individualize instruction.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- We have used the SAEBRS tool to individualize each student's educational journey. We are now tracking each student based on the interventions we are providing. Looking forward to sharing system in the future.
- Sam Hines and Principal Mielke are attending the 2-day *Check and Connect* training on June 15-16 in Duluth. This training is a solid Tier 2 intervention for our at-risk students to provide assistance as needed on a daily basis. This training was paid for through the PBIS cohort grant we currently have.
- Counselor Sam Hines worked with 91 individual students this year and provided a multitude of services weekly to meet their needs.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Our current kindergarten numbers for next year are at 54 and growing each week☺!

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- We have now added our PBIS documents to the school webpage for all to view and are currently designing signs for local businesses.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge:

- We are currently working through navigating the waters of a middle school schedule for the first time and will be spending lots of time and energy in June to make this happen.

Superintendent Dupre shared the following positive points for Rush City High School:

Priority Area 1: Academic Excellence

- Excellent science projects took place to include: dissection of pigs and the 7th graders teaching the kindergarteners about the life in our ponds.
- 2017-18 planning/continuous improvement will be the focus of the summer.
 - Hiring quality staff is a top priority.
 - Handbook revisions to include:
 - Attendance procedures.
 - Clarification of discipline procedures and impact on activities.
- Very productive end of the year meetings with teachers.

- Discussed teacher development and student growth goals, individual areas of need, and priorities for building wide growth/improvement.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- High School Food service subcommittee met and outlined specific recommendations to enhance the program.
- Senior pranks were not harmful or hurtful, the year ended with excellent behavior.
 - Seniors walked the halls of Jacobson following graduation practice.
 - Spring Fling was a full day, no opting out.
 - Einstein T-Shirts – Reward for testing efforts, each grade received a different color
 - H2O for Life – Patty Hall spoke to the High School about the program and the need for clean water in Africa. Then we did a walk for water. (Thank you Teresa)
 - Rock wall, yearbooks, tennis, softball, etc.
- Great day learning and building school pride.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Working to ensure we are as efficient as possible with staffing, instructional supplies, and equipment

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- Leo's Induction May 24th formally organizes our club.
- Senior Awards Night brought in many of our great local supporters. Successful night with refreshments provided by the Education Foundation (thank you).
- Sunday the 4th provided a beautiful day for graduation. Excellent ceremony and great performances by our concert band and choir. Special thanks to Stefanie Folkema and Scott Tryon for attending and assisting.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge

- Attracting and retaining high quality staff.
 - Ensure continuous improvement into 2017-18.

Updates: None

Meetings Attended: None

Q Comp 2016-17 Annual Report and Summary:

Mary Kurvers, Q-Comp Director provided a state mandated report and summary to the Board regarding the results of the 2016-2017 school year. This was the first year for Rush City teachers to be involved with Q Comp. Teachers are compensated through performance and achievement of building and student goals.

Elementary Extra Curricular Stipend Report: Superintendent Dupre provided an update to the School Board regarding the combining of community education offerings and after school activities into one initiative. The combination of these offerings will expand opportunities for after school activities at no or very little cost to families. Activities will be scheduled and communicated to elementary families throughout the school year from the Activities/Community Education Director.

Old Business

Snow Removal Quotes: This was tabled at the May meeting in order to receive more details from one of the quotes. Unfortunately, the information requested was not received by the district prior to the review at the June meeting. Motion #06317 by Tryon seconded by Anderson to award the quote to All Seasons. Rush City School District has received high quality service from All Seasons since 2009. Roll call vote results in support of the motion included Tryon, Meissner, Anderson and Folkema. Voting not in favor was Perrault.

TIES Agreement: At the May School Board meeting a resolution was passed to dissolve the agreement between TIES and Rush City Schools effective July 1, 2018. Since the submission of the resolution and notice of intent to dissolve membership, Superintendent Dupre was informed by TIES a large fee could be imposed on Rush City. However, the amount of the fee is unknown at this time. TIES have made the commitment to Rush City to inform us of the fees by September 2017. The School Board will need to examine the annual membership costs vs. the fees before making a final decision.

New Business

RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE TERMINATION OF THE "ST. CROIX RIVER EDUCATION DISTRICT AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE" IN ORDER TO ENTER A NEW AGREEMENT WHICH ELIMINATES THE FISCAL HOST REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, the St. Croix River Education District ("SCRED") is comprised of six member school districts subject to the terms of an Agreement to Cooperate, originally entered into on November 1, 1987 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement requires the SCRED Governing Board to appoint a member district to act as its Fiscal Host, a role currently filled by Rush City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board intends to eliminate the role of a member district Fiscal Host, and instead manage SCRED's fiscal affairs, including employment contracts, internally; and

WHEREAS, amending the Agreement to eliminate the Fiscal Host requirement is impractical, because amendment requires, pursuant to Paragraph 13 of the Agreement, a majority vote of the board of *each* member district, including the Fiscal Host district, which may present a conflict of interest; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Paragraph 12 of the Agreement, the Agreement may be terminated by a vote of the majority of the boards of the member districts; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement, termination of the Agreement will not result in the dissolution of SCRED, provided that a new Agreement is approved prior to the effective date of the termination; and

WHEREAS, the SCRED Superintendents Operating Committee has presented the member district school boards with a resolution terminating the current SCRED Agreement (attached).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Rush City School District, that:

1. The Board approves the resolution of the Superintendents Operating Committee terminating the current SCRED Agreement, effective June 30, 2018.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Board Member _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same: Tryon, Meissner, Anderson, Folkema and Perreault

Failed Resolution to terminate SCRED Agreement Motion #06417 by Tryon seconded by Meissner:

Resolution failed. Roll call vote not in favor of the resolution to dissolve the current SCRED agreement included: Tryon, Meissner, Anderson, Folkema and Perrault.

FY18 Preliminary Budget

Business Manager Frost reviewed enrollment projections, revenue, and expenditure proposals for FY18. General Fund is projected to deficit spend \$118,274 for FY18. The projected fund balance at the end of FY18 is \$857,898 or 9.3% of annual expenditures. This is .07% below the Board fund balance policy. However, it was noted that the current year FY17 budget is coming in favorable so when the beginning fund balance is updated the FY18 budget will be stronger than the Board policy of 10%. At the conclusion of the discussion, Motion #06517 by Perreault seconded by Meissner approving the FY18 Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Note: The following table represents the FY18 Preliminary Budget approved by the board.

RUSH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #139					
FY-18 PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY					JUNE 2017
A	B	C	D	E	F
FUND NAME	Estimated FUND BAL. 6/30/2017	2017-18 REVENUE BUDGET	2017-18 EXPENDITURE BUDGET	FY-18 BUDGET ONLY	Estimated FUND BAL. 6/30/2018
01-GENERAL	\$976,172.81	\$9,191,997.00	\$9,310,271.00	(\$118,274.00)	\$857,898.81
(Appropriated-incl.above)	\$4,500.00				\$1,500.00
02 FOOD SERVICE	\$95,617.44	\$416,200.00	\$421,375.00	(\$5,175.00)	\$90,442.44
04-COMMUNITY SERV	\$49,273.89	\$440,455.00	\$440,698.00	(\$243.00)	\$49,030.89
(Appropriated-incl.above)	\$9,200.00				\$9,200.00
06-BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	\$905,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,056,480.00	(\$1,052,980.00)	(\$147,980.00)
07-DEBT REDEMPTION	\$322,714.43	\$1,298,375.00	\$1,209,365.00	\$89,010.00	\$411,724.43
08-SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$159,185.62	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$0.00	\$159,185.62
10-TRUST FUND(aquatic)	\$514,371.64	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$516,371.64
TOTAL #139 FUNDS	\$3,022,335.83	\$11,373,027.00	\$12,458,689.00	(\$1,085,662.00)	\$1,936,673.83

Calendar

Budget Workshop	Conference Room	7/11/2017	5:00 p.m.
Teamster Negotiations	Conference Room	7/20/2017	3:30 p.m.
Regular Board Meeting	High School Room 201	7/20/2017	5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion #06617 by Perreault seconded by Anderson adjourning the Regular School Board meeting at 6:45 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.