

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #139
February 15, 2018**

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, Teri Umbreit, Matt Meissner, Jennifer Widell, Becky LaMont, (student members) Dalton Ramberg. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Laureen Frost, Business Manager; Jason Mielke, Elementary Principal; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; a representative from the East Central Minnesota Post Review.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #02018 by Umbreit seconded by Tryon approving the Regular School Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #02118 by Tryon seconded by Meissner approving the following Consent Agenda items:

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 18, 2018.

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$769,838.17.48 for Rush City and \$497,243.65 for SCRED.

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139

SCRED

Resignation of Katie Goulet, School Psychologist, effective June 28, 2018

Resignation of Eric Kuehn, School Psychologist, effective June 22, 2018

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

Motion #02218 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner to approve a new fundraiser for the track team called Fancloth – sales of Rush City athletic wear. Motion carried unanimously

Recognition/Policy Review

Policy Review – First Reading

Policy #512– School-Sponsored Student Publications & Activities
Policy #532– Use of Peace Officers and Crisis Teams to Remove Students
Policy #601 – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
Policy #602 – Organization of School Calendar
Policy #603 – Curriculum Development
Policy #604 – Instructional Curriculum
Policy #605 – Alternative Programs
Policy #605.1 – Alternative Delivery of Instruction
Policy #606 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials
Policy #607 - Organization of Grade Levels
Policy #607.1 – Organization of Grade Levels–Class Size

Policy Review – Second Reading

Policy #510.1 – School Activities – Trophies/Awards
Policy #517 – Student Recruiting
Policy #518 – DNR-DNI Orders
Policy #519 – Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies
Policy #520 – Student Surveys
Policy #521 – Student Disability Nondiscrimination
Policy #523 – Policies Incorporated by Reference
Policy #525 – Violence Prevention (Applicable to Students and Staff)

Policy #526 – Hazing Prohibition
Policy #528 – Student Parental, Family, and Marital Status Nondiscrimination
Policy #529 – Staff Notification of Violent Behavior by Students
Policy #530 – Immunization Requirements
Policy #531 – The Pledge of Allegiance

Motion #02318 by Umbreit seconded by Widell approving the second reading of above policies. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial Information

1. Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2017-18 revenue and expenditure report noting that general fund revenues are approximately \$440,000 greater than expenditures to date.
2. Investments: Business Manager Frost reported that the district has \$2,068,311 invested as of January 31, 2018. Quarterly investment reports were reviewed as of the quarter ended December 31, 2017.
3. Quarterly Donations in the amount of \$18,699.23 for the quarter ended December 31, 2017 were accepted. Motion #02418 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit to approve acceptance of donations. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications

Reports

Positive Points - Elementary

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- We finished winter benchmarking and all seven grades achieved over 50% of students meeting growth in literacy, while five of the seven grades achieved over 50% growth in math.
- Based on data we have gathered, we are currently working as teams to gather new strategies for vocabulary acquisition and we are in the trial stage with some of the concepts.
- Early Childhood Coordinator Julie Thom is working to put together a schedule for all day pre-school two days per week. This will help us be competitive with area schools and promote a higher level of kindergarten readiness.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- We will be taking three employees down to the MN anti-bullying symposium on March 9, as we formulate a plan to align with MDE requirements.
- On March 2, all district staff will hear a trauma informed schools presentation from Dr. Mark Sander director of mental health for Hennepin County and Minneapolis public schools.
- On March 1, four members of our PBIS team will head to Bemidji and complete the final staff development training for our grant. At this meeting, we will formulate an action plan that will ensure continuation and improvement of the plan we have developed over the two years.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- We have our next box tops competition coming up the week of February 19.
- The current enrollment through February 5th is 476 in grades k-6

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- We had a great turnout again for our 1st and 2nd grade music concert in early February and continue to appreciate the support for our programs.
- We briefly tried the Weekly Round-up online, but have gone back to a paper edition to get the information in the hands of parents. The lack of traffic to our website is a concern.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge

Additional intervention support is needed in reading and math. We are trying to get to students the best we can, but continue to recognize a staffing deficit.

Positive Points – High School

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Rush City graduates need fewer remedial courses once in college as compared to the region.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- The Leo's, Student Council, and our Entrepreneurship classes joined forces to put on Snow Week.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Mr. Olson received a Briggs and Stratton engine and several repair manuals. He receives these donations for attending their training and incorporating the technology into his small engines class.
- Mrs. Keegan and Mrs. Wagener secured a \$1000 grant for the business program. (They'd like to open a school store)

- Met with Senator Wiger about school funding.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- The meeting regarding the clinic was in our theater. Information regarding school funding was on display for the community.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge

Updates

None

Meetings Attended

Scott Tryon and Becky LaMont attended SCRED

Teri Umbreit, Stef Folkema and Becky LaMont attended School Board Advisory Committee

Old Business

Posting and notices for superintendent search were shared.

New Business

Motion #02518 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit to approve a five-year copy contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #02618 by Umbreit seconded by LaMont to increase bus driver sub pay. All other sub pay is now correlated to contract steps (teachers, food service, custodian and para professionals). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #02718 by Meissner seconded by LaMont to amend the resolution discontinuing and reducing educational programs and positions by striking the psychologist from the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion #02818 by Meissner seconded by LaMont to approve the updated resolution discontinuing and reducing educational positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #02918 by Umbreit seconded by LaMont to approved the recommended budget reductions list with the exception of the psychologist reduction. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #021018 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit to approve the resolution relating to termination and non-renewal of Hannah Rodenbaugh (SCRED). Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Budget Workshop	HS Conference Room	3/1/18	4:30 pm
Special Session-Superintendent Search	High School Room 201	3/1/18	5:30 pm
Special Session-Superintendent Search	High School Media Center	3/2/18	5:00 pm
Special Session-Superintendent Search	High School Media Center	3/3/18	8:30 am
Special Session-Superintendent Search	High School Media Center	3/6/18	5:00 pm
Special Session-Superintendent Search	High School Media Center	3/7/18	5:00 pm
Special Session-Superintendent Search	High School Media Center	3/8/18	5:00 pm <i>(tentative)</i>
Regular Board Meeting (CHANGE)	High School Room 201	3/19/18	5:30 pm

Adjournment

Motion #021118 by Umbreit seconded by Tryon adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 7:20 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.