

MINUTES

Regular Board of Education Meeting Wednesday, February 19, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Room at Durand Middle/High School

Board Members Present: Tammy Hoyt, Audrey Martin, Lori Myers, TJ Poeschel, Becky Richardson, Jason Weisenbeck, Bill Yingst

Administrative Staff Present: Gretchen Cipriano, Bill Clouse, Greg Doverspike, Erika Johnson, Michelle Zagozen

Meeting Called to Order

Board President, Mr. Yingst, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Mr. Doverspike stated that the meeting was properly noticed in all of the regular places per Board policy.

Consent Agenda

- a. Agenda
- b. Minutes of the regular meeting on January 15, 2020, and the special meeting on January 20, 2020.
- c. Treasurer's Report: As of January 31, 2020, the total balance of all district funds was \$3,585,095.88.
- d. Vouchers: Addendum to the January general fund voucher list including checks numbering 38400 to 38441 and ACH payments in the amount of \$458,969.08; and the February general fund voucher list including checks numbering 38442 to 38591 and ACH payments in the amount of \$557,973.35.

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Weisenbeck to approve the consent agenda items.
Motion carried.

Appearances Before the Board

- a. Student Council Representatives
No students were present at the meeting.

There were three appearances before the Board. Michelle Menting asked for collaboration between the city and the school to come up with a reasonable solution for the softball fields; Diane Mack requested the school's support for the swimming pool; and Brian Winnekins acknowledged Lori Snapp, food service director, for doing a great job.

Business

- a. CVTC Referendum Presentation
Bruce Barker, President of the Chippewa Valley Technical College, gave a presentation regarding CVTC's upcoming referendum on April 7. CVTC is requesting \$48.8 million to expand and upgrade facilities on CVTC campuses.
- b. 2nd Friday January Pupil Count
Our membership count is up 11 students from the September to January pupil count dates.
- c. 2020-2021 Projected Enrollment
Families moving in and out of the district can cause fluctuation in enrollment, but at this time projected enrollment for 2020-21 will be up 19 students.
- d. AGR End of Semester Report
Mrs. Johnson reported that good progress is being made in all areas to reach the reading and math goals set for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

- e. Softball Fields Options
Two preliminary layouts for softball fields at both Tarrant Park and in the Town of Waubeek were presented. The district's lease of the softball fields in Arkansas will expire after the 2021 softball season.
- f. 66.0301 Renewal with Cluster A for the 2020-2021 School Year
Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mr. Poeschel to approve the 66.0301 renewal with Cluster A for 2020-21. Motion carried.

Personnel

- a. Retirement
 - i. Elementary Teacher
Patti Gould, kindergarten teacher, submitted a letter of intent to retire at the end of the school year. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the retirement. Motion carried.
- b. Resignations
 - i. Middle/High School Secretary
 - ii. Elementary Special Education Teacher
Cindy Holmstadt, middle/high school secretary, and Jenna Beyer, elementary special education teacher, each submitted a letter of resignation. Motion made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Myers to accept the resignations. Motion carried.
- c. Hires
 - i. Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional
 - ii. Elementary Special Education Teacher Long-Term Substitute
Administration recommended hiring Taylor Prissel as a special education paraprofessional and Anastasiia Bundy as a special education teacher long-term substitute. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Myers to approve the hires. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

- a. Greg Doverspike, District Administrator
 - i. February 7th Cluster A Joint In-Service
Staff attended a joint in-service with other Cluster A schools at Osseo-Fairchild on February 7. Tom Murray was the keynote speaker and later staff broke out into smaller groups within their curriculum area.
 - ii. Joint PAC/Board of Education Meeting at CESA 11
The CESA 11 Joint PAC/Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1. Randy Fox will be the guest speaker. Board members wanting to attend should let Mrs. Komro know so that registrations can be made.
 - iii. Happiness Advantage
Shawn Achor, a Harvard researcher, believes that positive psychology can greatly increase productivity of employees, a concept adopted by many Fortune 500 companies. The concept was introduced to our staff at in-service on February 7 and they have been asked to take a 21-day positivity challenge.
 - iv. Summer Projects
Projects identified for this summer include crack filling parking lots, remodeling the family and consumer education classrooms, and adding a conference room in pupil services.
 - v. 2020-2021 Budget
A preliminary look at the 2020-2021 budget remains the same as last month with a projected deficit of \$212,404. Health insurance rates and staff changes are unknown variables that could affect the budget.
- b. Bill Clouse, Middle/High School Principal
National History Day was held February 11 and 28 seventh grade students will be advancing to regional competition.

- c. Erika Johnson, Elementary Principal
- d. Gretchen Cipriano, Director of Teaching and Learning
- e. Michelle Zagozen, Director of Pupil Services
- f. Royson Snyder, Building and Grounds Supervisor

Appearances Before the Board

Bill Berger stated that he wanted to see the city council and the school board work together on the softball field issue.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to convene into executive session in accordance with §19.85(1)(e). Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion made by Mrs. Myers and seconded by Ms. Martin to return to open session. Motion carried. Returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.

Take Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

No action was taken during executive session.

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mr. Poeschel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Secretary,



Linda Komro