

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION

The School Board of Independent School District #2215 held its Regular Board meeting on Monday, March 18, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in Twin Valley, MN.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Opsahl.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Stene, Sather, Kjono, Douville, Nelson, Opsahl.

Also present: Superintendent Rob Nudell, Principal Cassandra Hoseth, Elementary Dean of Students Dustin Flaten, Athletic Director Brad Dunham, Lauren Sather, LaVon Olson, Mari jo Vik, and also in attendance were 27 community members.

Motion by Douville second by Kjono to approved the amended agenda with additions of items (A1.) Achievement and Integration Grant (A2.) Volunteer Track Coach and (A3.) Choir Trip

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Opsahl welcomed all visitors and opened the floor to Public Forum.

Karie Kirschbaum, Nick Revier, and Crystal Askelson all addressed the board with their concerns.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Douville second by Nelson to approve the February 4, 2019 Special Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Stene to approve the February 11, Regular School Board Meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Kjono, second by Sather to approve the February 27, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

District Contributions

Shock and Awe - \$347.00 for new sound system at high school. Gary State Bank - \$250 from Gary State Bank for FCCLA trip.

Consent Items

Financial Reports/Approval of Bills/Electronic Transfers and the payments of checks #36573 – 36647 and all electronic transfers and wires of \$142,534.50 (payroll), \$300,000.00 (MSDLAF), Food Service (\$3,566.84) BCBS ((\$29,639.50) and Further (\$3,566.84) as presented.

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| General | \$ 83,587.51 |
| Food Service | \$ 3,118.29 |
| Payroll | <u>\$ 7,865.61</u> |
| | \$ 94,571.41 |

Motion by Nelson second by Douville to approve consent items Financial Reports/Approval of Bills/ and Electronic Transfers. Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Nelson, second by Stene to accept the resignation of Jackie Skaurud at the end of the school year. Mrs. Skaurud has taught over 30 years in Art and Special Education. Mike Nelson thanked her for her dedication and great work in her profession and the board wishes her all the best in retirement.

St. Council

Lauren Sather, St. Council Representative informed the board that the high school students will be having another Community Service Day which is scheduled for April 29.

Athletic Director

GBB Awards Night has been rescheduled. GBB Player /Coach Evaluations have been received. BBB Player/Coach Evaluations have been handed out. BBB Awards Night is April 3, 6 p.m. in Twin Valley. Track, Softball and Baseball have started. Rescheduling will be a problem for spring sports so after Easter he would like to be able to schedule games for Wednesdays if needed. The board agreed to using Wednesdays if necessary. There is no shuttle that will run to Gary after practices in the spring. We no longer have a shuttle driver to take them there. Mr. Pugh has volunteered to coach track and the running club in the fall. Mr. Dunham will be attending Athletic Director Conference.

Elementary Dean of Students

Jump Rope for Heart was held on Feb. 21st. Dr. Suess Night was Feb. 28th. Grades 4-6 attended Knowledge Bowl in Ada on March 4th. Trauma Training is still ongoing. PTC are scheduled for March 28th and April 2nd from 3:45 to 7:30 p.m. Elementary is having issues with cellphones and other electronic devices so another letter will be sent home to parents about their children's use of them.

High School Principal

On Feb. 19 the 10th grade went to a College Fair in Mahanomen at the Tribal College. Mr. Pugh took his students to River Watch. NWEA testing is complete. Teacher In-Service will be March

29th. Mrs. Hoseth attended a Work Based Coordinator Training on March 7th. Music Ensemble were held in Waubun on March 11 and Mr. Ward's Jazz Band was selected as Best of the Day. Choir also received 8 Superior Ratings and 7 Excellent. On April 10th Polaris will conduct a Career Opportunity Day at NCE. Tate Hoseth will represent Region 8 as Triple AAA Winner at the State Boys Basketball Tourney where a state winner will be announced. Upcoming trips include FCCLA, Senior Trip, Spanish Trip and Baseball Trip.

Superintendent's Report

School received a \$480 rebate from Food Services back to our district. Looking for buyers for next year's house that will be built. Teacher's Union has asked to start negotiations. Lake Agassiz has saved our district \$60,000 to \$70,000 in the last year. Supt. Nudell ask for direction from the board for next year's budget, concerning curriculum, CTE program, reductions, etc. Board wants to proceed with CTE programs, and have administration continue with next year's budget planning process. Board would like to consider continuation of all existing programs and limit any reductions to certified teaching staff.

NEW BUSINESS

Summer Rec

Motion by Opsahl second by Douville to pair with Ulen-Hitterdal for summer rec in baseball and softball this summer. This is due to lack of students and the league with NCW, Ada, and Waubun has dissolved. Swimming, hunter safety, weight room and other programs will still be NCE only.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Achievement and Integration Program

Peggie Chisholm addressed the board and informed them of the Achievement and Integration Grant which is focused on the CTE Program for three years. This grant has been submitted for \$20,498.06 of which \$1,500 will be for a summer Robotic Camp in Mahnomen And \$18,500 for work based learning coordinator- ¼ salary.

Motion by Nelson, second by Kjono to accept and approve this program.

Discussion: None. Approved. Motion carried. Board thanked Peggie for her time working on this for NCE.

Volunteer Coach

Motion by Nelson, second by Stene to approve Wyatt Pugh as a volunteer track coach for this spring and running coach in the fall.

Discussion: None. Approved. Motion carried.

Choir Trip

Motion by Nelson, second by Douville to approve the Choir Trip to Minneapolis on March 31-April 1. They will be seeing "Mamma Mia" at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater. Forty-four students and six chaperones will be going. Profits from their musical and donations will pay for this trip.

Public Hearing Regarding School Closure

After much discussion a motion was made by Kjono, second by Douville to set a Public Hearing on April 15 at the Regular School Board Meeting at 5 p.m. for potential School Closure of the Gary Elementary in 2020. Vote taken: Yes: Stene, Kjono, Douville, Opsahl. No: Sather, Nelson. Approved. Motion carried.

Publication for Public Hearing

Nelson made a motion, second by Douville to move approval of publication for a Public Hearing regarding potential School Closure in accordance with Minnesota Statutes §123B.51 Subd.5. Discussion: None. Approved. Motion carried.

NCE Building Operations

Supt. Nudell recommended to the board the moving of Grades 3-6 plus 1 Special Ed. this fall (2019) to the high school.

Cost savings would be \$85,000, which would be in utilities, maintenance, administration, support staff realignments and reduced staff travel time.

Motion by Sather, second by Stene to move Grades 3-6 and 1 Special Ed classroom to the high school in the fall of 2019.

Discussion: None. All in favor. Motion carried.

2018-2019 Calendar/Snow Days

Motion by Opsahl second by Douville to let the Administration use their discretion on which day will be used for student make up day for storm days used. Have missed 4 days this school year. Staff will need to make up three days. Administration will decide how to add three days for staff.

Upcoming Meetings

Regular Board Meeting – April 15th, 2019 – 5:00 p.m. Board Room

Regular Board Meeting – May 20th, 2019 – 8:00 p.m. Board Room

Chairman Opsahl called for adjournment at 7:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN, Ross Opsahl

CLERK, Jason Douville

