

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00 P.M

Monday, January 18, 2016

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Shirley Alton

Dan Fladhammer

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

Linzi Gronning, Interim Superintendent

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, January 18, 2016, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present.

The meeting was publicized by posting on the school doors, banks and post offices in De Soto, Ferryville, Genoa and Stoddard, Pedretti's in Genoa, Pronto in De Soto, and Red Mound Store on 1/14/2016, printed in the Broadcaster on 1/14/2016 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Building & Grounds/Transportation Committee met on January 7, 2016 to discuss transportation bids from Minnesota Coaches and review updates on Facility Use forms, Solar Panel installation and HVAC upgrades. The Curriculum Committee met on January 12, 2016 to review new and revised course offerings for 2016-17. The Finance & Personnel Committee also met on January 12, 2016 to hear a stock investment presentation and also review Track Coaching staffing, District Office staffing and Administrative Contracts.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Shirley Alton that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #41807-#41919 in the amount of \$429,946.40 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Jess Boardman that the minutes of the December 21, 2015 board meeting be approved with amendments. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve Holly Wagner as Assistant Drama Director for 2016 and Lucas Gilman as Assistant Forensics Advisor for 2016. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the Track Coaching realignment of two Head Coaches and two Assistant Coaches for the 2016 season. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski to pass the second reading of the following Policies:

423 Public School Open Enrollment

683 Inventories/Asset Management

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Shirley Alton to approve the Fund 80 request for \$1,500 from Stoddard PTO to support the 3rd Annual Pirate Carnival in the Spring. Motion carried.

The following individuals are running for the 3 open School Board seats:

Village of Stoddard – Jeffrey Long

Village of Genoa – Geri Fox

Town of Sterling – Will Buckles and Kevin Walleser

Discussion of volunteers to serve as the Board of Canvassers for the April election. Kirk Holliday and Shirley Alton have volunteered to canvass the votes following the April election.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve Open Enrollment spaces for the 2016-17 School Year. Regular Education has no limit for Open Enrollment at Stoddard Elementary, Prairie View Elementary or De Soto Middle and High School. Special Education will have four spaces available at Prairie View Elementary, two spaces available at Stoddard Elementary for specific learning disabilities and Speech/ Language services and zero spaces available at De Soto Middle and High School. Motion carried.

The 2016-17 School Calendar discussion was deferred to the February 15th Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Jess Boardman to pursue transportation bids from other providers for the 2016-17 School Year on February 1st if an agreement cannot be reached with Minnesota Coaches prior to that date. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve signing the continuing agreement for the Carl Perkins Grant Consortium administered by CESA 4. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Shirley Alton to approve adding the following Agriculture courses for 2016-17: Veterinary Science, Equine, and Animal Care, The Meat We Eat, Food Processing and Analysis and Agricultural Structures and Technology and the following Technology course for 2016-17: Metals II. Several Technology courses were also edited as presented in the 2 course handouts. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the 2016-17 High School Course Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve the destination change for the Choir overnight trip from California to Florida. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve Administrative Contracts for 2015-16 as discussed. Motion carried.

A reminder that the WASB Convention resolutions for 2016 were shared at the December meeting.

A reminder that a link and code for the WASB School Perceptions survey was provided to all Board Members at the December meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve investing the Holtet Estate funds with Ameriprise Financial. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Kevin Walleser to accept a \$500 donation from Ms. Jacquie Greiner to supplement the DPI Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant at Prairie View Elementary. Ms. Greiner's gift will enable fresh fruits and vegetables to be served every day, not just the 3 days a week the DPI grant covers. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Mike Chapes: PTO group met and discussed policy changes for community. Spelling B went well and two students are going on to Westby next week. Students are currently raising funds for heart disease through Jump Rope for Heart. Teacher of the year at Stoddard is Mr. Tony Paletta.

Kelly Olson: Prairie View also has two students going on to Westby for the Spelling B next week. There is good interest in Battle of the Books. PTO has a talent show coming up. Teacher of the year at Prairie View is Ms. Marcie Childs.

Linzi Gronning: Middle School has two students who will be going to the Spelling B in Westby next week. The Middle School Teacher of the year is Ms. Stephanie Sullivan and the High School Teacher of the year is Mr. Michael Parker. The School Counselor has a lot going on with High School students right now and will not be at the Elementary Schools unless there is a need.

Director Reports

Caron Malin: Ads are being placed for Child Development Days scheduled for the end of February. The Special Ed budget will be monitored closely on spending. Since the last Board Meeting there have been ten IEP meetings, one 504 meeting and three initial evaluations in the Special Ed Department.

Correspondence:

Child Surround Care Director letter and Administrator response

Revised Facility Use Form

Food Service additional Breakfast option letter

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to adjourn to

Closed Session: WI. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss Administrative contracts. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Dean Penkalski to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action Items from Closed Session

Items for February 2016 Board Meeting: 2016-17 School Calendar and report on the Gifted and Talented Program.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Shirley Alton to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Gerri Fox, Clerk