

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, January 23, 2017

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Shirley Alton

Dan Fladhammer

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Will Buckles

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, 2017, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Will Buckles.

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 1/19/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 1/19/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Finance & Personnel Committee met on Thursday, January 12th at 3:45pm. They discussed Long Range Teacher Compensation, Support Staff Compensation, Audit/Auditors and the 2017-18 Budget Process.

Spotlight on Education – Mrs. Gronning reported on the recent coverage of De Soto staff in the news. Both Ev Wick and Mark Arneson were recently recognized.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Shirley Alton that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43362-#43455 in the amount of \$361,226.86 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long that the minutes of the December 19, 2016 board meeting be approved as edited. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept the resignation of Tanya Rebhahn, HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve hiring Danielle Hopkins, HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

There were no Fund 80 Requests.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to approve Open Enrollment spaces for the 2017-18 School Year. Regular Education has no limit for Open Enrollment at Stoddard Elementary, Prairie View Elementary, De Soto Middle and High School or De Soto Virtual School. Special Education will have 0 spaces available at Prairie View Elementary, 0 spaces available at Stoddard Elementary, 0 spaces available at De Soto Middle and High School and 0 spaces available at De Soto Virtual School. Motion carried.

Candidates for the April 4th School Board Election are: Kirk Holliday-Town of Freeman, Jess Boardman-Town of Genoa and Rick Pedretti-Town of Wheatland.

Board Members discussed the need for 2 volunteers to join the Clerk as the Board of Canvassers for the April election.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the 2017-18 School Calendar. It includes 178 student contact days and 188.5 teacher days.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve Support Staff compensation for 2016-17 as presented. Motion carried.

President, Rick Pedretti, reported on the School Board Convention. Information regarding the voucher system, technical schooling, teacher compensation, transgender concerns and Kirk Holliday's award for 20 years on the school board was shared. Mrs. Gronning also reported on sessions regarding work place work force explaining that younger workers are not staying in positions for more than 3 to 5 years.

Reminder to Board Members to use the link and code for the WASB School Perceptions survey provided in December to share your feedback.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to accept a \$1,500 donation from Joel and Jacquie Greiner and a \$500 donation from Darus Spingler for healthy snacks at Prairie View Elementary and donations of \$1,550 from John Cina Seven and \$100 from Cliff and Criss Armgard towards restoration of the football field. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gronning reported that members of the Building & Grounds Committee along with maintenance staff and administration have continued meetings with the WI DNR, FEMA representatives and also several Civil Engineer specialists to outline the restoration needed.

The Board met in closed session to discuss the District Administrator evaluation.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: Behaviors have been positive following Christmas break. Will be finished with STAR testing soon. Due to poor weather, students attending the Dorian Music Festival stayed an extra night in Decorah.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Students are preparing for Battle of the Books. State assessments are almost complete and staff from both elementary schools have been working together on curriculum.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Students at both Stoddard and Prairie View are getting ready for Jump Rope for Heart coming up in February.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Students voted on a new image for the inside of the diploma that is an updated view of De Soto Middle/High School. Mrs. Gronning also shared student discipline issues and a safety threat related suspension.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Busy with student evaluations at both district and private schools. Mrs. Malin recently completed CPI recertification to continue offering CPI training of staff in district.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Ice has been challenging, including tracking roof leaks. Use of work orders helping track maintenance needs. Also working with Mr. Fuglsang and the Tech Ed Club to maintain school vehicles.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: No report

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: No report

Correspondence: None

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) – 2016-17 Support Staff Compensation and District Administrator Evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action items from Closed Session:

Items for February 2017 Board Meeting: School Forest Report

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Geri Fox, Clerk