

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Board Meeting
De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00 P.M.
Monday, February 16, 2015

MEMBERS

Present	Absent
Rick Pedretti, President	
Jess Boardman, Vice President	
Dan Fladhammer	
Geri Fox	
Kirk Holliday, Treasurer	
Jeff Long	
Dean Penkalski	
Kevin Walleser	
Tarasa Lown, Clerk	
James Kuchta, Superintendent	

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:09 p.m. on Monday, February 16, 2015, 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 2/12/2015, printed in the Broadcaster on 2/12/15 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time:

No comments.

Committee and other reports:

January 28th the Personnel and Finance Committee met to discuss Teacher Compensation. There were representative from all 3 buildings involved. On February 12th, the Curriculum Committee met to discuss additional new course offerings and the Virtual Charter School proposal. The Policy Committee met February 16th, just prior to the Board Meeting, to discuss a policy adjustment.

Jim Kuchta presented WASB Member Recognition Award certificates and pins to Jess Board and Tarasa Lown for achieving Level 1 and Level 3 respectively. Congratulations Jess and Tarasa! Jim, Rick and Tarasa reported out on attending the WASB Convention January 21st thru 23rd.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Tarasa Lown that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #40323 - #40471 in the amount of \$477,673.39 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jeff Long that the minutes of the January 19, 2015 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the resignation of Stephanie Sullivan from her Middle School Track coaching position, approve Scott Kelly for the open Middle School Track coaching position for 2015, approve Daron Fuglsang and Eryn Moon for the two new Assistant High School Track coaching positions and to approve 6th Grade participation in Middle School Track with one additional paid assistant coach for the Boys & Girls Middle School Track program bringing the total paid coaches to three coaches for the 2015 season. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the Virtual Charter School proposal. Motion was made to approve support of exploration and development of a Virtual Charter School.

New Course Offerings: Garrett Redman has provided three adjusted Family/Consumer Education courses for Board consideration. Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve the following new course offerings: Teen Issues 101, Advanced Foods and Basic Foods. Motion carried.

The Community Programming Agreement with Vernon Communications Cooperative for the De Soto Area School District to have an access channel was reviewed. Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

One revision to the 2015-16 School Calendar was made to remove 1.5 Teacher In-Service days to reduce the total days to 190. Student contact days were not changed. Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the revised 2015-16 calendar. Motion carried.

Policies – First Reading:

The following policy was presented:

374.1 Attendance at State Tournament Series and Finals – updated

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the first reading of above policy with edits. Motion carried with Dean Penkalski abstaining.

Policies – Second Reading:

The following policies were approved on the second reading:

531.3 Advisor/Coach Job Description – removed from school board policy and added to the Job Description Binder in the District Office in accordance with district policy.

652 Revenues from Investments – new policy

662.1 Student Activity Funds – new policy

723 Emergency Response Plans – reviewed

732.1 Food and Beverages in the Gymnasium – updated

821.1 District Newsletter – updated

830 Facility Usage – updated

Technical Education Scholarship – selection to follow HEAB Guidelines for 2014-15.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the second reading of above policies. Motion carried.

Each board member was reminded to complete the school perception survey.

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the FMLA leave request for Teresa Eliason. Motion carried.

Stoddard PTO has requested \$1,500 from Fund 80 for the Pirate Carnival. Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the request of \$1,500 for the Stoddard PTO Pirate Carnival. Motion carried.

Reports

Principals' Reports:

Kelly Olson, Principal at Prairie View Elementary, thanked the Board for their support of the recent 5th Grade Ski Trip. He also shared that both Stoddard and Prairie View Elementary WKCE results for Science and Social Studies were positive. The majority scored in the proficient or advanced category. Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal, reported that the Wellness Committee was moving ahead and continuing to work on PEP Grant preparedness. Mr. Chapes also shared that Stoddard did very well in the Battle of the Books.

Directors' Reports:

No report.

District Administrators' Reports:

Jim Kuchta reported that he is working with administrators to develop a 5 and 10 year plan to bring to the school board for approval. The district plan called Vision 2020/2025 will outline

district needs in the areas of Building, Grounds and Transportation, Curriculum and Technology, and Personnel and Finance.

A Resolution regarding state funding was presented Superintendent Jim Kuchta. Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Tarasa Lown to support the resolution. Motion carried.

Items for the March 2015 board meeting:

Ready Camp – Tarasa Lown

Paperless Board Packets – Dean Penkalski

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Kirk Holliday to adjourn to Closed Session: WI. Stats. 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss administrative contracts. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Tarasa Lown to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Tarasa Lown to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m..

Tarasa Lown, Clerk