

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, February 20, 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 7:05 p.m. on Monday, February 20, 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 2/17/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 2/16/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Policy Committee met on February 8th with the NEOLA representative to review the Board of Education (Series 0000), the Administration (Series 1000) and specific Pupil Non-discrimination Policies. All are being brought forward for a 1st Reading. The Curriculum Committee met on February 9th to review one new course offering, the Course Handbook, De Soto Virtual School Graduation requirements and accompanying De Soto Virtual School diploma. All are being recommended to the Board for approval. The Building & Grounds Committee met on February 13th to review Civil Engineering and Equipment Replacement bids from damaged caused by the September storm. Building & Grounds Committee also reviewed Custodial/Maintenance Substitute Wages and discussed concerns with the Old Gym floor. The Finance & Personnel Committee met on February 16th to discuss Administrative Contracts, Storm Damage related bids, Substitute Support Staff Hourly wages, the Governor's Budget proposal and hear a Teacher Compensation Long Range Plan progress update. Several items will be recommended for approval.

Spotlight on Education – Connor Ernst performed a euphonium solo. Mrs. Gronning reported on the recent visit by Governor Scott Walker to Prairie View Elementary.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43456-#43624 in the amount of \$1,001,917.60 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Dan Fladhammer that the minutes of the January 23, 2017 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to accept the resignation of Ron Von Glahn, Middle/High School Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, Katie Opprieht, High School Head Volleyball Coach, Scott Kelly, Middle School Track Coach, Tanner Johnson, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Denver Payton, High School Assistant Track Coach, Chelsey Oswald, High School Assistant Volleyball Coach and Will Buckles, School Board Member. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to approve hiring Merranda Boardman, JV/Freshman Softball Assistant Coach. Motion carried. Jess Boardman abstained.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve the new 2 Semester Social Studies course 20th Century European History to be offered in Odd Years. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve 8th grade students earning High School credit for Physical Science courses in addition to Algebra & Geometry courses. The grade will not count towards the student's High School GPA but will be on their transcript. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the 2017-18 De Soto High School Academic and Career Planning Guide & Course Handbook as presented including changing the Valedictorian tie breaker to the ACT test score taken at school. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve 20 credits as the graduation credit requirement for the De Soto Virtual School. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve the creation of a De Soto Virtual School Diploma earned for completing 20 High School credits. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to accept donations from Donna & Terry Inman for the Band Program and from Chaseburg Rod & Gun Club for the De Soto Trap Team. Motion carried.

There are no Fund 80 Requests.

Motion was made by Shirley Alton and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the 2015-16 Audit Report presented by Mike Temp of Tostrud & Temp, CPA's. Motion carried.

Administration shared work being done to complete the 5 year Pupil Non-Discrimination Self-Evaluation.

Mrs. Gronning reported that FEMA informed the district that the initial Public Application Coordinator withdrew from his responsibilities on January 20, 2017. FEMA informed the district that he would be replaced with an Emergency Management Specialist to continue the work with Vernon County Public entities.

Ron Von Glahn, De Soto Agriculture teacher, presented the Board with options for managing the School Forest that will help reduce the impact of future storm run-off situations.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the Civil Engineering bid from Storm Water Solutions Engineering for mitigation and restoration planning for the De Soto Field/Track and the bid from TEAM Sporting for football and Rogers Athletic track equipment lost or ruined from the September 2016 storm. Motion carried.

The first draft of the FEMA Category A: Project Works was shared with the Board.

Board members completed their Annual Campaign Finance Exemption forms for 2017.

Administration Contracts were tabled.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve Substitute Support Staff hourly wages as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve the first reading of all Board of Education 0000 Series, all Management 1000 Series, 2260 Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, 2260.01 Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability and 5517 Student Anti-harassment policies. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conferences held tonight and February 16th. Community Learning Center (CLC) After-School program is uncertain if Federal funds will continue.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Child Development Days will be held at Stoddard Elementary on Friday, February 24th.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Child Development Days were held at Prairie View Elementary on Friday, February 17th. Governor Scott Walker visited Prairie View on February 14th to share his budget plans for schools. He visited with and answered questions from students from all district schools. The Talent Show was a great success and there was a very good turnout for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent: De Soto VFW honored Nikki Egge as Teacher of the Year and Holly Wagner as Support Staff of the Year at a banquet Saturday, February 18th. The La Crosse Tribune is scheduled to interview Mr. Arneson and some of his band students on February 21st for an upcoming article.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: It is an extremely busy month with training conferences, IEP meetings and Child Development Days at both elementary schools. There are concerns about funding sources being available for Title 1 services next school year.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Bids have been coming in for work on the field and track restoration projects for FEMA funding. Needs have been identified at both elementary buildings; outside lighting at Prairie View and boilers at Stoddard are on the top of the list.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: No report

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: No report

Correspondence: None

Items for March 2017 Board Meeting: Fund 80 requests and Non-Discrimination

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk