

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

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

Monday, March 16, 2015

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Dan Fladhammer

Geri Fox

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Jeff Long

Tarasa Lown, Clerk

James Kuchta, Superintendent

Absent

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:07 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2015, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Kevin Walleser and Dean Penkalski.

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 3/12/2015, printed in the Broadcaster on 3/12/15 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: No comments.

Committee and other reports:

SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

Tim Fergot provided an overview and update on the progress of the CLC Grant serving all three buildings in the district.

Dwayne Gronning provided an overview and tutorial on the new paperless Board system. Paper packets will be mailed until the Board tests out the system and makes a formal decision on whether to go completely paperless.

Caron Malin, District Assessment Coordinator, provided an update on current assessments taking place this year in the district. Those tests include: WKCE for 4th, 8th, and 10th, ACT Aspire for 9th grade, ACT and WorkKeys are taken by all Juniors and results have not yet returned. Dynamic Learning Mao, Badger Assessment 3rd -8th grade, ACT Aspire will be taken by 9th and 10th grade in Spring 2015.

The Personnel and Finance Committee met on March 4th to discuss Teacher Compensation and job descriptions for the District Secretary and School Counselor positions. The Building and Grounds/Transportation Committee met on March 12th with representatives from Minnesota Coaches to discuss our current contract. They also discussed Vision 2020/2025.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jess Boardman that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #40472 - #40622 in the amount of \$449,623.89 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox that the minutes of the February 16, 2015 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve Dylan Vasser for Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, Kody Larson for volunteer Baseball Coach, Stephanie Lawrence for Middle School Track Coach and Guy Boardman for JV/Freshman Softball Coach for 2015. Jess Boardman abstained. Motion carried.

A list of teachers and contract amounts for 2015-16 were provided. A motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jeff Long to approve offering contracts to the teachers listed for the amounts listed. Motion carried.

Policies – First Reading:

The following policy was presented:

173 Board Organizational Meeting – updated

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the first reading of the above noted policy 173. Motion carried.

Policies – Second Reading:

The following policy was approved on the second reading:

374.1 Attendance at State Tournament Series and Finals

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the second reading of the above noted policy 374.1 as amended. Motion carried.

The following Board members have volunteered to canvass the votes following the April 7th General Election: Kirk Holiday, and Geri Fox.

Motion was made by Kirk Holiday and seconded by Tarasa Lown to approve the CESA 4 services outlined in the 2015-16 Contract. Motion carried.

Additional bids were requested for Student Accident Insurance. They will be presented at the April meeting.

The board discussed the long range planning process called Vision 2020/2025.

Superintendent Jim Kuchta continued the discussion with the Board regarding Core Values and Common Beliefs. This will be followed up by a google survey to all staff and Board Members.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) – Personnel and Consideration of Non-Renewal. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Tarasa Lown to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the resignation of Melissa Graff. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the District Secretary and PK-12 School Counselor job descriptions. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Tarasa Lown to approve the Fund 80 request for \$4,680 to start up a Trap Shooting Team for the High School. Motion carried.

Tarasa Lown has requested information on Ready Camp 2015 and will report when information is received.

Motion was made by Tarasa Lown and seconded by Jeff Long to accept a donation from the Booster Club up to \$2,375 towards a discus cage for the safety of the Track Team for practice. Motion carried.

Reports

Principals' Reports: Mr. Olson noted the Million Pound Challenge that Prairie View Elementary is involved in and the positive results for the PBIS program at Prairie View Elementary. Mr. Chapes provided the report on Stoddard Elementary with enrollment increasing from 128 to 132.

Mrs. Gronning reported out on the following MS/HS items: the success of the PBIS interventions, parent teacher conferences, the foreign exchange program growing at DHS, and the district will participate in ALICE training with the Vernon County Sheriff's Department.

Directors' Reports: Caron Malin reported on her District Assessment Coordinator and Homeless Liaison roles. Caron also reported on the inability to accommodate a student testing with an acute injury as the report was not in by the prescribed deadline.

District Administrator's Report: Mr. Kuchta presented information on the following items:

- Farm to School Meeting

- Baird Forecast Model - 2015-16 District Finances/Budget
- Baird Forecast Model - Presentation - April
- Core Values – Common Beliefs
- WASB 2015 Day at the Capitol – March 18

Items for the April 2015 board meeting: None mentioned.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kirk Holiday to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02PM.

Tarasa Lown, Clerk