

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, March 20, 2017

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Shirley Alton

Dan Fladhammer

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, March 20, 2017, 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 3/16/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 3/16/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Policy Committee met on March 13th to review the Program (Series 2000), the Student (Series 5000) and specific Transgender Policies. The Finance & Personnel Committee met on March 9th to discuss Administrative and other Staff Contracts. Several contracts will be recommended for approval. Rick Pedretti, Board President, reported on attending the WI Association of School Board's Day at the Capitol. He shared details of the sessions he attended and the items discussed.

Spotlight on Education – Mrs. Gronning reported on the recent news articles about the District.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43625-#43763 in the amount of \$385,873.05 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Shirley Alton that the minutes of the February 20, 2017 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve hiring Tad Boardman, Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach, Hunter Thompson, High School Assistant Track Coach, Jackie Kreuzer, Middle School Track Coach, Scott King, Middle/High School Athletic Director and Molly Jump, 50% Assistant High School Track Coach. Motion carried. Jess Boardman abstained.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to accept the resignation of Tom Stingl, Middle/High School Art Teacher and Yearbook Advisor, Scott King, Middle/High School Physical Education/Health Teacher and Shirley Alton, Board Member. Motion carried.

There are currently no donations to accept.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve \$1,000 from Fund 80 for Retreat Sportsman's Club to help purchase Dry Fire Trap Shoot materials for

youth programs through the Club. Retreat Sportsman's Club will approve open shoot times at their April 3rd meeting to ensure community access to the items. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Shirley Alton to approve entering into a Cooperative agreement with Viroqua School District and Cashton School District for 2017-18 and 2018-19 for gymnastics. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the Pupil Non-Discrimination Self-Evaluation report as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gronning provided an update on the progress of the repair and mitigation of the storm damage to the football field and track. The hope is to be reimbursed some funds from FEMA.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Jeff Long to approve CESA 4 contracted services for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$60,983. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve Administration contracts as amended for the 2016-17 school year as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Geri Fox to approve other staff contracts for 2016-17 as presented. Motion carried. Jess Boardman abstained.

There are 2 applicants for the vacant school board seat. The Board will make a recommendation to fill that seat at the April meeting. Interviews with both applicants will be scheduled.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the revised School Year Calendar for 2016-17 to include 4 teacher make-up days. Teachers will have the option to use Monday, April 17th as an option for a make-up day for Friday, June 9. Teachers will also have an option of working two, 4 hour dates from 3:30-7:30pm to offset Thursday, June 8. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the second 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: Students did a great job competing in the math contest last week. The power outage on March 9th made for an interesting day. Middle School students will start their state testing this week.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal and Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: State testing begins next week for Elementary students. Spelling Bee's start Tuesday at both schools. Each student had 1 piece of artwork displayed. Elementary Spring Concerts are planned for the week after Easter.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Some events are scheduled on Wednesday or Sunday in the Spring due to conflicts. These have historically been Band and Choir Concerts and the National Honor Society & Scholarship Night but try to avoid if possible. The federal government has pulled back on transgender and ADA compliance, Mrs. Gronning is working on more information on these items. Mrs. Gronning will be attending Character Strong.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Mechanical issues with Special Education vehicles caused students to be stranded. Mrs. Malin has completed 15 IEP meetings and 1 504 meeting since the last Board Meeting. We have recently added 2 new students with Special Education needs to our district. DPI is working with the district to manage questions with Private Schools that use our services.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Attended a Management Conference in Wisconsin Dells. Mr. O'Mara discussed information about the Fund 46 and what is the best option for our district. He also shared that he is working on certification with the DNR to complete the district's required water testing and that the roof leaks are getting under control.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: No report.

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: UW Health recently donated 25 computers to the district. Mr. Gronning has worked with Business Office staff to install and setup TrueTime, a Skyward module to automate time clock payroll processes for the district. There are currently 720 user devices for staff and students in the district. Mr. Gronning is also studying the feasibility of getting a generator to power the districts server room. There has been 4 times when the De Soto Middle/High School has been without power this year, which takes out email, web and student software servers. The approximate cost would be \$4,000.

Correspondence: None

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Jess Boardman to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) – Administration and Other Staff Contracts. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action items from Closed Session: Contract approvals as noted in agenda order.

Items for April 2017 Board Meeting: None noted.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Gerri Fox, Clerk