

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

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

Monday, March 21, 2016

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, Interim Superintendent

Absent

Kevin Walleser

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Kevin Walleser.

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 3/17/2016, printed in the Broadcaster on 3/17/2016 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Building & Grounds/Transportation Committee met on March 9, 2016 to review the four RFP's received for Transportation services for 2016-17 and beyond. Minnesota Coaches, Southwest Bus Service, Dairyland Buses and GO Riteway submitted proposals for consideration. The Committee narrowed the choices to Minnesota Coaches and Southwest Bus Service and directed Kelly Olson to obtain some additional information. The Building & Grounds/Transportation Committee also met at 6:30 pm on March 21st, ahead of the Board Meeting, to determine a transportation proposal recommendation.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #42054-#42172 in the amount of \$838,983.30 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Shirley Alton that the minutes of the February 15, 2016 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve hiring Mike Paulsrud as the Fund 80 Fitness center PM Supervisor and Gary Beck as the JV/Freshman Baseball Coach for the 2016 Season and accept resignations from Amy Wrobel from her Volunteer High School Track Coach position, Suzanne Pence from her Stoddard Elementary Library Aide position and Steve Nickelotti from his High School Wrestling Head Coach position. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve the Youth Options request from Morgan Lemke for Fall 2016. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to develop a Transportation Contract bid with Southwest Bus Company for the 2016-17 School Year. Motion carried.

The District Leadership model was discussed.

The 2015-16 School Calendar was discussed. The number of minutes of instruction meets the state requirement. April 15th can be used for a student makeup day if school is cancelled March 23, 2016 due to weather. June 8th and 9th will be makeup snow days for the teachers.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the following contracts with CESA 4 for the 2016-17 School Year: Administration, Reading Specialist, Title III-A EL Consortium, Carl Perkins Consortium, Special Education Leadership Support, Itinerant Services, Accounting Assistance, Movie License Consortium, Kompass Care Consortium, and Environmental Health & Safety in cooperation with CESA 10. Motion carried.

Discussion regarding Student Fundraisers. In compliance with Board of education policies, any school (parent or student program) sponsored events will not sell or serve alcohol.

Gary Mulford from the De Soto Lions Club presented on the Winneshiek Landing Day project.

Principal Reports

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Battle of the Books – 214 schools participated, Stoddard placed 14th and Prairie View placed 10th. Father/Daughter dance was great. Prairie View and Stoddard 3rd Graders went to High Rollers skating event. Samantha Bluske spoke with students about nutrition and about her track experiences.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Students were able to show off their writings at Young Authors Night. Stoddard and Prairie View attended show choir performances at Viterbo. State testing will be starting soon.

Linzi Gronning, MS/HS Principal and Interim Superintendent: FFA & Winter Athletic Banquet went well with good speakers. Talented & Gifted handbook has 2nd revision. Goal is to implement a limited pilot program 4th quarter and have TAG Handbook approved by the Board for the 2016-17 School Year. Ben King has been appointed to the US Naval Academy. Coby Gemein was chosen as a La Crosse Tribune Extra Effort Award winner. Ben King and Jakob Hensley will be featured on an upcoming TV-19 story on De Soto's Aviation Ground School. They both experienced flying an airplane through the Junior Eagles program out of the La Crosse Airport. The Viroqua Airport donated the use of a flight simulator to prepare Ben and Jakob for their flight.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director and Pupil Services Director: Reported and shared information she gained from the Federal Funding Conference. Also reported about updates to Title I, Title IIA and Title III programs.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from Logan McCann for supporting his education

Thank you letter from North Crawford School District for School Counselor support during a crisis.

Items for April 2016 Board Meeting: None

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk