

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Dan Fladhammer

Jeff Long

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Dean Penkalski

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:08 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, 2017, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Jess Boardman 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 4/24/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

Committee Reports – The Building & Grounds Committee met on March 29th and April 12th to review Boiler/Water heater bids for Stoddard Elementary and the easement request for the De Soto Village Community Walking Trail. Personnel & Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss teacher position transfer for Garrett Redman, Health, Life and LTD insurance, Budget update, Employee Handbook review and Agriculture teaching position.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jeff Long that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43764-#43922 in the amount of \$575,697.20 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Dan Fladhammer that the minutes of the March 20, 2017 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kirk Holliday to accept the resignation of Craig Pierce, Middle/High School Vocal Music Teacher, Danielle Hopkins, Middle/High School Physical Education/Health Teacher, Dawn Mortimer, Prairie View Cook, Deborah Groves, Special Education and MS/HS Secretary, Merranda Boardman, PBIS Coordinator, Nick Mooney, High School Assistant Football Coach and Heath Eliason, High School Head Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve hiring Garrett Redman, MS/HS Physical Education/Health Teacher (transfer), Hillary Bark, MS/HS Agriculture Teacher, Bryce Dretske, High School Assistant Track Coach-50% and Jacob Zink, JV Baseball Volunteer Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to accept a donation of sign and electronic message board from RoxAnne Fox in memory of Bob Bonine, and an additional donation from John Cina Seven for \$150.00 and a \$200.00 donation from Fargo Supply Group both for the football field restoration. Motion carried.

There are currently no Fund 80 requests.

Discussion on the open Town of Sterling Board Member seat was tabled until the May Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve Schneider Heating & A/C to complete the Boiler/Water Heater work at Stoddard Elementary as presented. Motion carried.

The easement request for the Community Walking Trail to cross school owned property was tabled and sent back to the Building and Grounds Committee to review.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve renewing First Student as our Student Accident Insurance carrier for 2017-18 with no increased cost. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the July renewal of our Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance membership for \$500.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Rick Pedretti and seconded by Jeff Long to appoint Jess Boardman as the CESA 4 representative and Dean Penkalski as alternate for 2017-18. Motion carried.

Per Wisconsin Statutes, the Oath of Office was administered at the District Office on Monday, April 24th to Rick Pedretti, Kirk Holliday and Jess Boardman after regaining their Board seats in the April 4th election.

A review of the 2016-17 Budget was presented.

Information was provided on the 2017-18 Budget.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Geri Fox to approve overnight trips for Mexico, Washington DC, and FFA for 2017-18 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to authorize Caron Malin to approve contracting with Chileda for student services. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Geri Fox to change the May Board Meeting date to Monday, May 22nd. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: State testing is wrapping up at the MS/HS. State and local agencies held a mock crash at the MS/HS to help raise awareness of the danger of drinking and driving with Prom being held this Saturday. Teacher interviews are scheduled for this week.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Wrapping up state testing this week. Received positive remarks regarding Spring concert. With PTO support, students were able to go see "Pete's Dragon" for 3rd quarter incentive. Young Authors/Art Night was a huge success. PTO is preparing for Pirate Carnival. Summer School staffing is set. Accepting applications for Title 1 position.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Completed state testing today. Received many positive remarks about the Spring music program. Attended the National Health Conference in Denver last week organized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as part of a Grant through Crawford County and the American Heart Association. Nearly all expenses were covered by the grant. Summer School planning is continuing and Lansing Pool is 80% confident they will have enough staff for lessons.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Recently attended the WIAA Annual Meeting where the following items were discussed – no dues will be charged again, schools may check out equipment to summer athletes, 8 man football and WIAA is increasing entry prices \$1 for tournament games to purchase concussion insurance for all athletes.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Completing Civil Rights Data Collection report. Applied for "Education for Homeless Children and Youth" grant with CESA and 3 other districts. Prairie View is Title 1 School of Recognition from DPI. Nikki Egge and Marci Childs will represent the school in Madison to receive the award. Attended Vernon County Birth to 3 meeting with area districts to work on processes. Conducted year end wrap-up with one private school and will meet with the other to discuss feedback from this year as well as services for next year. Student/Parent meetings held: 8 IEP's, 5 Re-evaluations, 2 initial

placements, 1 dismissal and 2 504 meetings. Discussed meeting with the Building & Grounds Committee to discuss vehicle needs.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Looking to hire someone part-time for the summer to mow lawns. PTO paid for new fountain at Stoddard Elementary. Purchased 2 new treadmills for Fitness Center. Old plow truck was donated to the Tech Ed Class.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: None

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: Technology needs for all state testing at all 3 buildings went very smoothly as all testing is done on computers.

Correspondence:

Title I Schools of Recognition Award Letter

Items for May 2017 Board Meeting: Fund 46 Resolution, New Board Members, Chileda contract

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk