

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

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

Monday, April 27, 2015

## MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Shirley Alton

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Dan Fladhammer

Geri Fox

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

James Kuchta, Superintendent

Absent

Kirk Holliday

Jeff Long

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:05p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2015, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Kirk Holliday and Jeff Long.

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 4/17/2015, printed in the Broadcaster on 4/16/15 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

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

Public comment time:

1. Eloise Pearson, substitute teacher and volunteer in the LMC – Recommends to keep staff as is in the office and LMC.

Committee and other reports:

A Board Listening Session was held April 22nd to hear public input on possible budget cuts for the 2015-16 School Year.

Possible staff reductions as part of the 2015-16 Budget were discussed.

Teacher contracts and modifications were discussed. The Board supports the reductions in staff.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Dean Penkalski for a one time extension of the retirement deadline for all eligible staff thru May 1, 2015. Motion carried. All staff will be notified of this extension.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept the notice of retirement effective at the end of the 2014-15 school year from Linda Townsend. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept the quote from Madison National for long-term disability insurance. Motion carried.

Updates were given for long range planning that has begun as part of Vision 2020/2025.

Superintendent Jim Kuchta informed the Board that a link would be provided to complete a ranking of the current list of Core Values. All staff have been asked to rank the same items.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman 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 Kevin Walleser to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve preliminary notice of non-renewal of Brandon Ihrcke and Anna Seamans. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Kevin Walleser to present contracts to the list of teachers presented by Administration for the 2015-16 School Year. Dan Fladhammer abstained. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Rick Pedretti to support the Personnel and Finance recommendation of 2015-16 budget reductions. Motion carried.

An update was provided on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. trip.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve the Art Trip to Europe for Summer 2016. Motion carried. No financial commitment from the District was approved.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the Costa Rica Trip for Summer 2016. Motion carried. No financial commitment from the District was approved.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve FFA and Agriculture trips spread throughout Summer 2015 and the 2015-16 School year. Motion carried.

#### Reports

Principals' Reports: No reports.

Directors' Reports: No report.

District Administrators' Reports: Superintendent Jim Kuchta presented letters sent by the State of Wisconsin regarding the Local Government Property Insurance Fund. Mr. Kuchta is recommending we seek quotes for property insurance from private companies to compare to the state run program.

Items for the May 2015 board meeting: The Board is adjusting the May meeting date to fall within the timeline for Final Notice of Non-renewal. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2015. A request was made to add these items to the May Meeting Agenda: To reduce Board Members, dual credit, grants and insurance premiums.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Gerri Fox, Acting Clerk