

## MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, May 22, 2017

### MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Dan Fladhammer

Brent Hutchison

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:25 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 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 5/18/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 5/18/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

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

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to appoint Brent Hutchison to the vacant Village of Ferryville board seat and Kevin Walleser to the vacant Town of Sterling board seat. Motion carried. Both individuals were administered the Oath of Office by Geri Fox, Board Clerk.

Nomination and election of new officers are as follows:

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to nominate Rick Pedretti as President. Motion carried. By board vote Rick Pedretti was elected President.

Motion was made by Rick Pedretti and seconded by Jeff Long to nominate Jess Boardman as Vice-President. Motion carried. By board vote Jess Boardman was elected Vice-President.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to nominate Kirk Holliday as Treasurer. Motion carried. By board vote Kirk Holliday was elected Treasurer.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Dean Penkalski to nominate Geri Fox as Clerk. Motion carried. By board vote Geri Fox was elected Clerk.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kirk Holliday to nominate Rick Pedretti as Board Correspondent. Motion carried. By board vote Rick Pedretti was elected Board Correspondent.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Dean Penkalski to nominate Jess Boardman as WASB Delegate. Motion carried. By board vote Jess Boardman was elected WASB Delegate.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Dean Penkalski to nominate Kevin Walleser as WASB Alternate Delegate. Motion carried. By board vote Kevin Walleser was elected WASB Alternate Delegate.

Board Committee Assignments: The Board committee assignments will be appointed by the board president at the June board meeting.

Board Meeting Dates: Tabled to June Board Meeting

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to continue with the Vernon County Broadcaster as the official school newspaper. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

Volunteers from all areas of the School District were recognized for their contribution to the District.

Building & Grounds Report – The Committee met on May 10<sup>th</sup> to review Sale/Purchase of Special Education vehicles, FEMA/Stormwater Solutions Restoration & Mitigation update, Building & Grounds Goals aligned to District Goals and Replacement of Entry Doors at MS/HS and Stoddard.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43923-#44058 in the amount of \$480,841.49 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Brent Hutchison that the minutes of the April 26, 2017 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve hiring Alexis Reber, MS/HS Physical Education/Health/Adaptive PE Teacher; Alexandria Achammer, HS English Teacher; Lindsey Jerdee, MS/HS Art Teacher; Keri Egan, Title 1 Teacher Stoddard; Brandon Ihrcke, MS/HS Special Education Teacher (transfer) and Mai Lang Lor, Head HS Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

Staff presented information regarding community service hours completion by seniors as a requirement for graduation. All seniors completed the required 20 hours of community service.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Geri Fox to approve 44 seniors for graduation as presented. Motion carried.

Information regarding applications for Open Enrollment into and out of the District was reviewed.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve renewing employee insurance through The Insurance Center, specifically WEATrust for health insurance, Delta Dental for dental insurance, National Insurance for Life and AD & D insurance and National Insurance Services for long term disability insurance as recommended by the Finance & Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve offering a voluntary short term disability insurance plan through National Insurance Services to employees. This plan would not be funded by the district. Motion carried.

A draft Academic and Career Plan was presented by Kirsten Jandrin, School Counselor, for the board to review. Staff will finalize the plan, with Board input, and present a final document at the June meeting.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve Summer School programming and staff for 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the Fund 46 Long Term Capital Improvement resolution. Motion carried. Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to establish a Long-term Capital Improvement account at River Bank with an opening deposit of \$1,000.00 and Rick Pedretti, President and Linzi Gronning, Superintendent, will be the signatures. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gronning presented information regarding the timeline for renewal of our Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance membership.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept donations from the Ben Oliver Memorial Scholarship Fund for \$500 towards the football field restoration and the Tim & Marge Gillespie Family for the purchase of a track tent for the high school track team. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve a Fund 80 request for \$2000.00 from De Soto Summer Baseball to help cover bats, balls, uniforms, etc. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve Fall, Winter and Year-round Extra-Duty contracts as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Brent Hutchison to approve issuing Support Staff Letters of Intent for 2017-18, as presented. Motion carried.

Food Service Report: Tabled to June meeting.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve overnight filed trips for Skills USA. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the Agreement with Chileda for student services for 2017-18. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to approve trade in and purchase of vehicles as presented by the Building & Grounds Committee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Brent Hutchison to approve paying the Stormwater Solutions for work done to date in the amount of \$13,914.75. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve offering a voluntary pet insurance plan available to employees through Nationwide Insurance. This plan would not be funded by the district. Motion carried.

#### Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal:

The CLC After School Enrichment Program was completed on May 11<sup>th</sup>. 92 kids from the district were involved in the program. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students visited De Soto Middle School to tour the building and meet the staff. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip was a great success. The kids had a fabulous trip.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal and Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal:

Students are finishing Spring assessments. Classes have been completing their class field trips. Stoddard PTO held their Pirate Carnival. Both schools held their 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter PBIS incentive activity at Bigley Pool. Mr. Olson attended a National Health Conference in Denver with funding provided by a grant. Also, Mr. Olson noted that the district has been very happy with Southwest Bus Service. They have been very responsive to our needs.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent:

High School Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion assemblies are scheduled for Friday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director:

Mrs. Malin completed one 504 Meeting, two IEP Meetings, and four Evaluations this month. She also attended the Title 1 Coordinator meeting, met with both private schools to confirm Title 1 services for 2017-18 and worked with Chileda to finalize enrollment paperwork.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director:

Mr. O'Mara outlined items the Custodial and Maintenance staff have been working on: Graduation setup, gathering vehicle bids, safety training, mitigation project information gathering and meetings, and completed water testing certification.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director:

No report

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director:

No report

#### Correspondence:

Information from Thor Thorson on the Viroqua Foundation was provided.

Bridging Brighter Smiles Memorandum of Understanding

Items for June 2017 Board Meeting: None

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk