

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

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

Monday, June 15, 2015

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Rick Pedretti, President

Shirley Alton

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Dan Fladhammer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

James Kuchta, Superintendent

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2015, 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 6/11/2015, printed in the Broadcaster on 6/11/2015 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 Personnel and Finance Committee met on May 27th and June 10th to discuss teacher compensation, extended contracts, employee handbook revisions and job descriptions and De Soto Virtual School. Recommendations will be made following the committee reports. The Building and Grounds/Transportation Committee met prior to the board meeting and discussed end of year purchases and construction quotes on phase 2 parking and the bus garage road.

The musical presentation was moved to the July Board meeting.

Linzi Gronning, Kelly Olson and Mike Chapes provided information on their School Improvement Plans.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #40875 - #41033 in the amount of \$483,138.31 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Kirk Holliday that the minutes of the May 13, 2015 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the following resignations: Brandon Ihrcke-Middle School Football, Melissa Nolte-High School Student Activities Council, Gary Beck-Middle School Football and Middle School Basketball and Stephanie Fencl-Physical Education/Health teaching. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve the following hires: Bryce Muenchow-Long-term Substitute Elementary Music teacher and Chelsey Oswald-High School Math teacher. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve extended contracts as recommended by the Personnel and Finance Committee for Kirsten Jandrin. Motion carried.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director, provided a Food Service report. She shared information on staffing, services provided and the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant awarded to Prairie View Elementary.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve the Course Options request for Skyler Hunze for the Fall of 2015. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve running Summer School as planned. Motion carried.

The SkoolLive agreement was tabled until the next meeting.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the Choir Biennial Trip to Southern California for Spring 2016. Motion carried. No financial commitment from the District was approved. Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve of the Wyalusing Trip as part of Summer School August 21st thru 23rd. Motion carried.

Job descriptions were discussed and changes requested.

Core Values & Common Beliefs discussion was tabled.

Board Structure discussion. No action taken.

Dual Credit Courses were discussed based on information provided by Ms. Gronning.

No Fund 80 requests were submitted.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept the donation from Shirley Long in memory of Richard Seymour directed toward the Athletic programs. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski to authorize purchases using surplus funds as recommended by the Building & Grounds/Transportation Committee at a meeting to be held Wednesday, June 17. Motion carried.

The preliminary 2015-16 budget was discussed.

Principal Reports

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal, discussed working with staff on Educator Effectiveness.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal, shared with the Board that Summer School was off to a great start.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal, shared with the Board all the activities that happened in May, including the 8th Grade Recognition Program.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director, shared with the Board that student testing results would be coming and be shared with the Board. Ms. Malin discussed Educator Effectiveness goals with the Board and also shared that DPI would be visiting us this year.

District Administrator Report

Jim Kuchta, District Administrator, shared the End of the Year video that was presented to all staff at In-service.

Correspondence

The following items were presented: Revised Board Meeting list, ACH agreement with the Bank of Ontario (Genoa State Bank), letter from CESA 4 Superintendents regarding funding of public education, CESA 4 press conference letter from Mr. Kuchta, Dairyland Power Solar Project site assessment update and a parent letter to the Board and Mr. Kuchta.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Geri Fox to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) – Personnel and District Administrator Evaluation. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action items from Closed Session

The Board has directed offering contracts to candidate recommended by Administration for the Physical Education/Health and Alternative Education Coordinator positions.

Items for July 2015 Board Meeting:

SkoolLive

Fund 80 recommendation

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kevin Walleser to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:47 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk