

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, June 19, 2017

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Dan Fladhammer

Brent Hutchison

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Jeff Long

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:10 p.m. on Monday, June 19, 2017, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Jess Boardman 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 6/15/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Brent Hutchison to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

Finance & Personnel Report – The Committee met on June 13th to discuss the following topics: Extra-Duty Contract Changes, Audit Engagement Letter, Food Service Reduction in Staffing proposal, Extra-Duty Contract Longevity Percent Increase, Teacher Compensation Model, Lane Advancement and Employee Handbook Review Process.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #44052-#44191 in the amount of \$443,380.17 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the minutes of the May 22, 2017 board meeting be approved with changes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept resignations from Teresa Eliason, MS Special Education, Brandon Ihrcke, Stoddard TAG Building Coordinator, Michael Chapes, HS Head Track Coach, Robert Lynch, HS Assistant Track Coach, Hunter Thompson, HS Assistant Track Coach, Bryce Dretske, HS Assistant Track Coach and Molly Jump, HS Assistant Track Coach and approve hiring Alexis Reber, HS Assistant Volleyball Coach and Alexandria Achammer, HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Committee assignments for 2017-18 were made. Committee membership will be:

Building & Grounds & Transportation: Kirk Holliday, Rick Pedretti, Kevin Walleser and Dan Fladhammer

Finance & Personnel: Rick Pedretti, Geri Fox, Jeff Long and Brent Hutchison

Policy: Dean Penkalski, Geri Fox and Brent Hutchison – The whole Board will be involved in the NEOLA Policy Review process

Curriculum & Technology: Jess Boardman, Dan Fladhammer, Dean Penkalski and Brent Hutchison

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve the required \$0.10 increase on regular priced school meals as required for 2017-18. Motion carried.

Food Service Staff Reduction proposal items were tabled until the July Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to transfer Lori Buckles to the position of Head Cook at Prairie View and hire Andrea Holt to fill the HS Head Cook position as presented. Motion carried.

The revised Assistant Cook position was tabled until the July board Meeting.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Brent Hutchison to accept donations from Kathleen Mezera for \$200 to the High School Yearbook Committee and Linda Hunn for a Yamaha YDP223 Keyboard for Prairie View Elementary valued at \$1,200. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve a Fund 80 request for \$500.00 from Prairie View PTO to purchase mulch, plants, trees and gloves for the school garden. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the Audit Engagement Letter for the 2016-17 Annual Audit to be performed by Tostrud & Temp, S.C.. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brent Hutchison and seconded by Dean Penkalski to hold the 2017-18 board meetings on the third Monday of the month, with the exception of September 25th and October 23rd. One meeting per month at 7:00 pm will be scheduled; adjusted as needed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the Academic and Career Plan for De Soto Middle/High School for 2017-18. Motion carried.

An overview of a Teacher Compensation Plan model was reviewed.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve the 2016-17 Budget update and the 2017-18 Preliminary Budget as presented by Sandy Malliet, Business Manager. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve continued Membership with the WIAA for 2017-18. Motion carried.

General insurance for 2017-18 was presented. The Board will approve this renewal at the July Board Meeting.

Mrs. Gronning provided an update on the progress of the Field restoration and mitigation FEMA projects. The first 3 applications have been approved and FEMA will provide 75% funding of the total project cost, the State provides 12.5% funding and the District is responsible for 12.5%.

Category A—Debris Removal for \$1,667.36

Category C—Slope Sheet Piling Repair (LP Tank Area) for \$36,004.14

Category E—Football and Track Equipment Replacement for \$29,943.70

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: Mr. Fergot shared with the Board that De Soto has received state recognition for working with exchange students. Mr. Fergot also shared that 8th Grade Promotion was well attended and a nice program to share the student's accomplishments.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Mr. Olson reported for both Elementary Schools that year end went well. PTO assisted with funds for the PBIS swimming activity for all elementary students. Preschoolers had a celebration to move on to Kindergarten and the 5th Graders had a celebration to move on to Middle School. The Elementary year-end celebration was held at Stoddard this year with beautiful weather and fun for all. Summer School is starting its 2nd week and is going well so far. The "Summer on the River" program is seeing record numbers this year.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Mrs. Gronning shared that High School Graduation was successful and safe. Mrs. Gronning acknowledged the Vernon County Sheriff's Department for their safe schools efforts.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Mrs. Malin is continuing to work on federal budgets for 2017-18, with assurances and private school affirmation of consultation. Mrs. Malin also met with Chileda and revised the contract to break down a half day

rate for summer school and is working with Partners in Excellence to wrap up that paperwork and secure additional funding. Title 1 year-end report is over half completed and educator effectiveness evaluations are well on their way to having all of the documentation uploaded including lessons, artifacts, observations and a final score. Mrs. Malin finished with an update on the vehicle transactions approved at the May meeting, Mid-west Toyota is holding the Camry and Sleepy Hollow is working to secure the vehicle and both dealers will be processing trade-ins. There are also two openings for Special Education teachers.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Mr. O'Mara reported that CESA 10 provided safety and blood-borne pathogens training for district staff at in-service on June 6th. He also reported that there has been a delay with the manufacturer of the steel door replacement for Stoddard and that we are planning to go ahead with the Ag shop and Metal shop door replacements. DNR has sent permits for the field work that will be posted near the site as required and loggers have removed trees along the creek that could potentially cause damming. Mr. O'Mara also reported that he is finishing drinking water testing, working on district-wide maintenance projects and staff continue the cleaning of buildings and classrooms.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: Information shared as part of the meeting.

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: No report

Correspondence:

Exit Interview questionnaires

Thank you card from Ferryville Vision and Promotion Board

Thank you letter from Sherry Gudgeon, Class of 1983

Thank you card from Debbie Gilman Morovits, Class of 1972

Open Enrollment Out Parent/Guardian Survey response

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kevin Walleser to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(b) To discuss exit interview comments

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Brent Hutchison to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action items from Closed Session: No action taken

Items for July 2017 Board Meeting: Food Service Staff Reduction proposal and revised food service position description and General Insurance

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Brent Hutchison to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk