

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

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

Monday, September 19, 2016

## MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Shirley Alton

Will Buckles

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Shirley Alton

Dan Fladhammer

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Monday, September 19, 2016, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Shirley Alton and Dan Fladhammer.

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 9/15/2016, printed in the Broadcaster on 9/15/2016 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

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

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Finance and Personnel Committee met on Thursday, September 8th to discuss: 1) a process for teacher compensation; 2) CPI/Salary Increase; 3) Band Teacher Contract; 4) Administrator Training Expense Reimbursement; 5) Administrator National Conference Attendance; and 6) Employee Handbook Editorial Revisions.

New staff were introduced to the Board.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #42724-#42803 in the amount of \$358,937.06 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Jeff Long that the minutes of the August 15, 2016 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve hiring Meg Buchner-Elementary Art Teacher (80%), Audrey Alfson-HS English Teacher (50%), Kristina Walleser-HS English Teacher (50%), Eric Koch-Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Eric Koch-Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, Daron Fuglsang-HS Head Wrestling Coach, Shelbie Buckles-Volunteer HS Volleyball Coach, Cole Holt-Volunteer Middle School Football Coach, and Heath Eliason-HS Head Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kirk Holliday to rescind the Middle School Girls Basketball Coach contract issued to Jon Fruth due to failure to return the Letter of Assignment by the June 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Will Buckles and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve Band Aide position Proposal #2 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the Fund 80 request to support the Youth Sport Challenge for \$150.00. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept the donation of lawn equipment from Dick Schurr. Motion carried.

Action on a donation of portable bleachers has been tabled.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve the HSED contract for a student to attend Western Technical College to fulfill the parent request in accordance with WI Stat. 118.15(1)(b). Motion carried.

There are currently no Youth Options requests.

Action to approve entering into a contract for services with Partners in Excellence for the 2016-17 school year was tabled.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the editorial change to the Employee Handbook as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to approve reimbursement for Administrator National Training expenses as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the 2016-17 Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to set the Strength and Conditioning Center Community hours to: Students on Mon., Wed. & Fri. from 6:00-7:30 am and Community on Tue. & Thur. from 6:00-7:00 am and Mon., Tue. & Wed. from 6:00-8:00 pm and in November switch to Mon., Tue. & Thur. from 6:00-8:00 pm and possibly Sun. evening hours based on usage. Motion carried.

Action on an easement document with the Village of De Soto for the walking trail is tabled.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Geri Fox to approve the request by Xenia Ibarra to graduate at the end of first semester as presented . Motion carried.

#### Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal:

Great and exciting start to the year for Middle/High School. Discipline has been quiet. CLC has 76 students signed up. There will be a speaker for families involved in CLC this year.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal:

Great year going smoothly. New staff are doing great in their roles. Parent meeting held earlier this evening was lightly attended but the presentation and questions were great.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal:

Also a great start to the school year. Positive feedback has been received regarding the English program, the Talented & Gifted program and the booth at the Vernon County Fair. Mr. Olson reported on the new bussing company. Southwest Bus has provided a major improvement to the fleet. Gas mileage has increased, student behavior has been great and working with Charlie Groves, Dispatcher, has resulted in reducing 1 route in the Retreat area. They are doing a great job.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent:

Mrs. Gronning shared with the board the fulfillment of gaining her superintendent license. She also shared information from the recent Teacher in-service program on instructional leadership. Mrs. Gronning also presented information about the first day of school kickoff that has everyone off to a great start.

#### Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director:

Mrs. Malin shared that the KompassKare relationship with Medicare is working well and the relationships with St. Charles and St. Matt's are going well also. Craig Peterson is again working with students 1 day a week at each elementary on math skills and catching them in the early grades. Mrs. Malin also reported that she has attended 6 IEP meetings since the last Board Meeting.

Pat Busted, Building & Grounds Director:

Mr. Busted explained to the Board about the water sampling requirements for De Soto and Prairie View drinking water. He also informed the Board on the process for informing the public about the results of those samples.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director:

Mrs. Knutson presented a handout informing the Board of the number of participants in both the breakfast and lunch programs. She also presented ways to increase revenue and reduce expenses. Mrs. Knutson also shared the training staff are required to complete and that De Soto participates in shared purchasing solutions to obtain the best pricing.

Correspondence:

2016 IDEA Determination

WiRSA Teacher of the Year information

National Rural Education Association Teacher of the Year information

Thank you notes from Class of 1976 and Class of 1961

Items for October 2016 Board Meeting: Nothing reported.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk