

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC

Following the Annual Meeting

Monday, October 23, 2017

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Geri Fox, Clerk

Brent Hutchison

Jeff Long

Kevin Walleser

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Dan Fladhammer

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Dean Penkalski

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 8:58 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Dan Fladhammer, Kirk Holliday and Dean Penkalski.

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 10/20/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 10/20/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Brent Hutchison to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Building & Grounds Committee met on October 4th with the representative from Smithstonian Materials to review the Stormwater Solutions plan, the project timeline presented by Smithstonian and additional drainage concerns on the sidelines. The committee also discussed concerns about the floor in the Old Gym. The Finance & Personnel Committee met on Thursday, October 19th for an initial review of the 2016-17 Audit and the 2017-18 Budget. A co-curricular longevity pay raise plan was also discussed and new Co-curricular contracts.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jeff Long that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #44522-#44657 in the amount of \$385,067.66 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Brent Hutchison that the minutes of the September 25, 2017 and October 3, 2017 board meetings be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve hiring Chad Johnson, Head High School Wrestling Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Brent Hutchison to adopt the 2017-18 De Soto Area School District Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to certify the 2017-18 Tax Levy at \$4,033,022. The breakdown of the Levy is as follows: Operations - \$3,502,657, Debt Service - \$514,365 and Community Service - \$16,000. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the Fund 80 request from the School District to cover the wages and benefits for keeping the Fitness Center open to students and the community. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Brent Hutchison to accept a donation from Joel and Jacque Greiner for \$1,500 to continue to provide fresh fruits and vegetables at Prairie View Elementary. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gronning provided an update on the 2018 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Kevin Walleser to approve 3 overnight trip requests from Mrs. Bark for annual FFA trips. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jeff Long to approve a resolution authorizing temporary borrowing in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 pursuant to Section 67.12(8)(a)1, WIS. Statutes. Motion carried. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Brent Hutchison to approve the District Goals for 2017-18 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brent Hutchison and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the Co-curricular Longevity Pay Increase Proposal as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jeff Long to approve additional Co-curricular Contracts for 2017-18 for Elementary PBIS positions. Motion carried. Trap Shooting Co-curricular positions were tabled.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: No report

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal and Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Parent/Teacher Conferences went well with 91% attendance at Prairie View and 96% attendance at Stoddard. Both schools are focusing on writing as their goal. All 3rd-5th grade teachers, including specialty areas, are still working on standards based report cards for this year.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Mrs. Gronning shared that Rick Pedretti, Board President, received the 2017-18 Rural School Board Member of the Year from the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Special Education staff have been very helpful working as a district to help each other and travel between buildings as needed to ensure the students are receiving the best education. We continue to work with families to develop the safest behavior management plans for a few students. Title staff are collaborating to improve reading, writing and math outcomes. Since the last board meeting, one 504 meeting and 18 IEP meetings have been held.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Currently the Maintenance Team is working on the following: 2 univents at Prairie View, roof ventilation and chariot floor scrubber repairs at Stoddard and tracking down roof leaks at De Soto. Also, the field repair and mitigation is underway. Debris and top soil are being removed and they have started lowering the practice field.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: The kitchens have been busy and the staffing changes are going well.

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: Mr. Gronning reported that state library aid was used to purchase 25 new Chromebooks. They will be in the library for all students to use. Also we recently updated our firewall for increased security.

Correspondence

Thank you letter from Sierra Martinson

Items for November 2017 Board Meeting: Present School Improvement Plans and Trap Shooting co-curricular positions.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jess Boardman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk