

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC Following Annual Meeting

Monday, October 24, 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

Dan Fladhammer

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 8:17 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2016, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except 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 10/20/2016, printed in the Broadcaster on 10/20/2016 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

The Building & Grounds Committee met on October 4th to discuss the Prairie View boilers, Football and Practice field cleanup, skidloader rental, Insurance Company site survey, FEMA and Vernon County Emergency Management. The Finance & Personnel Committee met on Monday, October 24th at 6:00pm to discuss a request from a former employee, co-curricular contracts and the Building & Grounds Director position.

Spotlight on Education - Meg Buchner, Elementary Art Presentation

Motion was made by Will Buckles and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #42804-#43100 in the amount of \$1,182,313.77 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Jess Boardman that the minutes of the September 19, 2016 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jeff Long to accept the resignation of Pat Busted, Director of Building & Grounds and to approve hiring Dale Piurkowski, Middle School Girls Basketball Coach, Andy Kirby, Middle School Boys Basketball Coach, Tonya Rebhahn, High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Kathy Schwartz, Drama Head Advisor, Vince Ruetten, High School Talented & Gifted Building Coordinator, Kathy Schwartz, Middle School Talented & Gifted Building Coordinator, Brandon Ihrcke, Stoddard Elementary Talented & Gifted Building Coordinator, and Audrey Alfson, Forensics Head Advisor. Motion carried. Jess Boardman abstained.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kirk Holliday to accept donations from Gary Beyer for \$100 toward football field renovations, Terry & Donna Inman for \$1,800 for football field hosting costs if needed or band instruments and Dairyland Power for \$2,000 for storm damage. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to adopt the 2016-17 De Soto Area School District budget as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to certify the 2016-17 Tax Levy at \$4,031,905. The breakdown of the Levy is as follows: Operations - \$3,499,100, Debt Service - \$516,805 and Community Service - \$16,000. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Will Buckles and seconded by Shirley Alton to approve the Fund 46-10 Year Maintenance Plan Update as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Geri Fox to approve 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 was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to return to only hard copy Board Packets for monthly meetings. Motion carried.

A request from a former employee to revisit their exit, and the benefits available, from the District was tabled.

Principal Reports

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Stoddard School Improvement Plans were presented. Second thru Fifth Grades are above STAR Bench levels.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Prairie View School Improvement Plans were presented. Scores are showing improvement.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Middle and High School Reading, Math and PBIS Improvement Plans were presented. There is a PBIS reward program and all students are encouraged to give their best effort. The Goal for all buildings is to show improvement in student achievement.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: There has been an increase in services provided at both St. Charles and St. Matthew's in either Title 1 or Special Education. Title services can only be provided to resident students while special education services can be offered to any students who attend school within our district, public or private school. Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, DVR, Counselor here spending time with high school students discussion transition to work and higher education. There have been 22 IEP meetings since the last Board Meeting. Mrs. Malin also shared information on homeless families within our district including the impact of the flood.

Pat Busted, Building & Grounds Director: Redoing the lighting in the Bus Garage. Heating systems in all buildings have been checked and are working, including the new system at Prairie View.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: Gathering data on what students do and don't like based on meal counts and establishing a student food service feedback committee. Also increasing the variety of items offered during meals and initiating a spice cart for students to season food.

Correspondence:

Letter from Tostrud & Temp, S.C. regarding audit report delay due to Wisconsin Retirement System extended reporting deadline.

Letters from Wright Specialty Insurance regarding claim from flooding.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Geri Fox to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) – Benefit Request from Former Employee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Will Buckles and seconded by Jess Boardman to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action items from Closed Session: Following discussion, no action was taken. More information will be gathered and the item revisited.

Items for November 2016 Board Meeting:

Motion was made by Will Buckles and seconded by Dean Penkalski to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 pm.