

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, November 21, 2016

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Dan Fladhammer

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Shirley Alton

Will Buckles

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 21, 2016, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Shirley Alton and Will Buckles.

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 11/17/2016, printed in the Broadcaster on 11/17/2016 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 Building & Grounds Committee met on November 3rd to discuss FEMA and the Building & Grounds Director position. The Finance & Personnel Committee met on Monday, November 21st at 6:30pm to discuss the benefits request from a former employee. The Finance & Personnel Committee recommends accepting the request for retirement.

Spotlight on Education – Cody Morrison, High School English Teacher and November Top Notch Teacher recipient. Mr. Morrison presented on how he works with students on filling the gaps and finding what the students can connect to.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43101-#43249 in the amount of \$528,569.75 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the minutes of the October 24, 2016 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve hiring Tyler Ihrcke and Luke Bay, Volunteer High School Boys Basketball Coaches. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the Building & Grounds Director contract and offer it based on background and references checks of the applicants by the Superintendent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kirk Holliday and seconded by Geri Fox to approve Fund 80 Requests for \$600 for the Kids Fun Day Fishing Tournament and \$1,500 for the Stoddard PTO Pirate Carnival. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve signing an agreement, as presented, with Partners in Excellence to provide services for 1 special education student. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve offering Spring Extra-Duty Contracts to individuals as presented. Motion carried.

Board Members were provided with the agenda for the 2017 Joint State Education Convention. Member will communicate to staff if they are planning to attend.

Board Members will receive the WASB Convention Resolutions listing as soon as it is available.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the financial report provided by Tim Gillespie, Gillespie & Associates, detailing the funds invested from the Holtet Estate. Motion carried.

Spring School Board Election information was shared with the Board Members. The following seats are up for re-election on April 4, 2017: Town of Genoa – Incumbent Jess Boardman; Town of Freeman – Incumbent Kirk Holliday; Town of Wheatland – Incumbent Rick Pedretti.

Mrs. Gronning provided an update on the storm damage and information on our continued work with both FEMA and WI Emergency Management.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the retirement and benefit request from a former teacher. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: De Soto Middle School state report card – 75.5 classified as “Exceeds Expectations”. 54% of students qualify for free/reduced meals. De Soto High School state report card – 72.9 classified as “Meets Expectations”, just 1/10th of a point from “Exceeds Expectations”. 37% of students qualify for free/reduced meals.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Stoddard Elementary School state report card – 82.7 classified as “Exceeds Expectations”. 35% of students qualify for free/reduced meals.

Nikki Egge, Prairie View Elementary Title 1 Teacher: Prairie View Elementary School state report card – 90.7 classified as “Significantly Exceeds Expectations”, highest performing school in the District. 62% of students qualify for free/reduced meals.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: De Soto School District state report card – 82.2 classified as “Exceeds Expectations”. Noted all district school buildings improved as assessed by the state. The community should be proud of the education delivered in De Soto Schools and the accomplishments of our students!

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Middle School Special Education room received a grant from the state for specialty lighting to enhance the learning environment. Mrs. Malin is also recommending Ellen Umberger remain as the long-term substitute for the Stoddard Title 1 position for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year.

Pat Busted, Building & Grounds Director: No report

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: No report

Correspondence:

Returned Exit Interview Questionnaires were shared with Board Members

Items for December 2016 Board Meeting: none listed

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

Geri Fox, Clerk