

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, December 19, 2016

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Shirley Alton

Will Buckles

Dan Fladhammer

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2016, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present.

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 12/15/2016, printed in the Broadcaster on 12/15/2016 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 & Personnel Committee met on Monday, December 19th at 5:00pm. They discussed the Building & Grounds Director Contract, Teacher & Support Staff Compensation and Receipts and Expenditures Reports. The Committee recommends the Board approve both the CPI of 0.12% and a supplemental raise of 0.88%, a 1.0% increase in total salary compensation for teachers.

Spotlight on Education – Mrs. Gronning reported on the visit from West Salem High School and their Youth Frontiers group and shared the TV-19 news story. They personally delivered a donation of \$3,300 to assist the De Soto Community and the school with storm damage. It was suggested that the HS Student Activities Council determine how the school district's share of \$1,650 be divided to support student needs and the football field/track restoration. Mrs. Gronning also shared

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jeff Long that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #43250-#43361 in the amount of \$374,945.58 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Kirk Holliday that the minutes of the November 21, 2016 board meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to accept the resignation of Michelle Beck, HS Assistant Softball Coach and to approve hiring Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director, Chrystle Boelkow, 2nd Shift Seasonal Custodian, and Lori Buckles, Drama Assistant. Will Buckles abstained. Motion carried.

There were no Fund 80 Requests.

The Collective Bargaining Agreement with the De Soto Education Association was reviewed along with the proposed supplemental pay increase as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Geri Fox to ratify the Collective

Bargaining Agreement for the 2016-17 school year and approve the Teacher supplemental pay increase for 2016-17 as presented. Motion carried.

The Board discussed a \$.25 per hour raise for Support Staff compensation for 2016-17. Mrs. Gronning will share this information out with Support Staff with a motion for raises being presented at the January Board Meeting.

Board Members received the WASB Convention Resolutions for the January, 2017 Convention.

A link and code for the WASB School Perceptions survey was provided to all Board Members.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to accept the donation from West Salem Youth Frontiers for \$3,300.00 for Community and school needs from the storm damage, to accept the donation from Bill & Kathy Lockington for \$250.00 for restoration of the football field, to accept the donation from De Soto VFW for \$500.00 for the 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C. and to accept the donation from the Stoddard Lioness Club for \$300.00 to cover meal costs for students affected by the flooding. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Will Buckles 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.

Mrs. Gronning reported that members of the Building & Grounds Committee along with maintenance staff and administration have continued meetings with the WI DNR, FEMA representatives and are working with obtaining bids from businesses with Civil Engineer specialists who can address restoration, water hydraulics and mitigation in a 25% conceptual design including engineering cost estimates which is required by the DNR to move forward.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal reported on the Community Learning Center (CLC) program noting the following: CLC participants will be making visit to Rotary Lights, the CLC Spanish after school programming has been great enrichment and exposure for students to another language and culture, and that high school students are earning community service hours assisting with CLC. Mr. Fergot noted that the Middle School teachers are working with struggling students before school, during working lunches and during both CST/ELT times, having students work specifically with teachers in the classes where they are performing poorly.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal complimented Mrs. Moon, the music teacher on Stoddard's winter concert and that there was a great turnout for the Stoddard Breakfast with Santa program. He also noted that there will be Wellness Committee meetings coming up in 2017 to plan for school and community programming.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal reported that he had received many positive comments from parents about Mrs. Moon's Prairie View winter concert. Mr. Olson also noted that Prairie View had more transient students this year than in previous years and that presents challenges in meeting their needs when students come and go during the school year. Mr. Olson complimented his staff on doing an excellent job in assisting new students and families.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent, complimented both Mark Arneson and Craig Pierce on the excellent music programs and noted that there were several School Board members who had children or grandchildren in the musical production of The Grinch of DeSotoville. Mrs. Gronning acknowledged by reviewing the \$3,300 school/community donation from the West Salem High School Youth Frontiers organization, the cookies provided by the Viroqua Middle/High School, the gifts of \$1,800 from the Inman's which was split between the band and the football field restoration. Mrs. Gronning also noted that two local civil engineer companies (ISG and Paragon) are conducting site visits and may both provide a bid that would cover the restoration of the football field/dirt track, mitigation work, hydraulic model and including an initial 25% conceptual plan design with engineering costs. Mrs. Gronning noted that in order to

meet FEMA requirements she had also sent out email invitations to twenty Wisconsin minority companies to do the same.

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director elaborated on Mr. Olson's report of transient students that the district has many students moving in and out of the district this year. She reported there are several homeless students living with other relatives or other student families and that cost sharing had depleted the homeless fund account.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director reported there were some temperature control issues at Stoddard Elementary and that he is working on changing some settings that will prevent future problems. He noted that the Stoddard kitchen needs a hand-washing sink to be in compliance and he will work to get that installed. Referring to the middle/high school property, he noted that he has learned a lot in the discussions of the storm damage areas. He added that the old gym would have the floor refinished over winter break as due to the old gym being painted in the summer there was not time to strip and refinish the floor.

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director did not have any updates to present. However, he will be setting up all the computer networking and server system for Bi-State Wrestling in La Crosse over break. In exchange, De Soto does not have to pay the team entry fee.

Correspondence:

- WASB letter regarding Kirk Holliday recognition at the School Board Convention
- Copy of the check from Hastings Mutual Insurance for refund of a portion of our premium for Worker's Compensation insurance

Items for January 2017 Board Meeting: None listed

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Geri Fox, Clerk