

# MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, August 21, 2017

## MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Dan Fladhammer

Brent Hutchison

Jeff Long

Dean Penkalski

Kevin Walleser

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 p.m. on Monday, August 21, 2017, 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 8/17/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 8/17/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

Policy Committee – The Policy Committee met on July 18 and August 8 to discuss the following policies: 5000 series-Student policies, 3000 series-Professional Staff and 4000 series-Support Staff and also Teacher Compensation and current open positions. Finance & Personnel Committee – The Finance & Personnel Committee met on August 21 to the Employee Handbook and discuss Virtual School staffing.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #44279-#44374 in the amount of \$314,831.45 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brent Hutchison and seconded by Jeff Long that the minutes of the July 17, 2017 board meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve hiring Lucas Gilman, Asst. High School Football Coach and Kevin Conley, Head High School Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried. Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Brent Hutchison to approve hiring Nancy Voelker, Assistant Cook-MS/HS, Kathryn Williams, Elementary Music Teacher, Ashley Wateski, Special Education Teacher, Melanie Aspenson, Virtual School K-5 Teacher and transfer Ellen Moon to Middle/High School Vocal Music Teacher. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jeff Long and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept the resignation, as per her signed 2017-18 teaching contract, of Dawn Kuchta, Business Education Teacher & Webmaster with late resignation penalty imposed per Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve 2016-17 Budget Revisions as presented. Motion carried.

There were no Fund 80 requests to approve.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to accept donations in memory of Leora Johnson Jambois and Sheree Mueller Thompson to support the football field renovation. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the Wisconsin Act 125 Seclusion and Physical Restraint report as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve teacher compensation for 2017-2018 as presented. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Dean Penkalski to approve support staff compensation as presented. Motion carried.

Reaffirmation of the district goals is tabled until September.

Motion was made by Kevin Walleser and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the Employee Handbook for 2017-18 as presented. There will be additional revisions brought to the Board for review prior to Second Semester. Motion carried.

Mrs. Gronning provided an update on the progress of the Field restoration and mitigation FEMA projects.

Motion was made by Dean Penkalski and seconded by Kirk Holliday to approve the second reading of all Program 2000 Series, Valedictorian/Salutatorian, Academic Excellence Award Scholarship, Technical Excellence Award Scholarship and Personnel Policies Related to the Employee Handbook. Motion carried.

#### Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal: Mr. Fergot shared that the Business Education and Webmaster positions will be posted immediately. He also shared information about new staff that have been hired.

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elementary Principal: Mr. Chapes shared information about hiring the Elementary Music Teacher. He also shared Stoddard is still looking for a Special Education teacher. Mr. Chapes also reported that there are a couple of new families in the Stoddard area.

Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elementary Principal: Mr. Olson also shared the news about the Elementary Music Teacher. Ms. Williams splits her time between the 2 Elementary schools. Mr. Olson also reported that new playground equipment is being installed and that the Summer School Jump Start session went well.

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent: Mrs. Gronning shared with the Board that State Superintendent, Tony Evers, will be a guest at the Middle/High School on the first day of school. Dave Skogen, Festival Foods, will also be a guest speaker as part of the First Day of School program.

#### Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director: Mrs. Malin shared the following items she has been working on – Homeless Grant, posting for a new Aide to be shared with PV and Middle School, interviews, meetings with new families and planning for those new students, working with the new Title 1 teacher and current staff to get services started on the right track, end of the year Title 1 reports and lots of new reporting for federal budgets for Title and Special Education.

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director: Mr. O'Mara shared the following items he has been working on – painting at Stoddard, completed boilers, water heaters and controls at Stoddard, updated outlets and wiring at Stoddard and MS/HS, plumbing projects completed at MS/HS, sign installation, finishing summer cleaning, repaired planter box at Prairie View and repairing MS/HS dishwasher but concerns that it will need to be replaced soon.

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director: No report.

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director: Everything is ready to roll for start of school.

#### Correspondence

Thank you for donation for new slides from Prairie View PTO

Items for September 2017 Board Meeting: Rewording of notice on bottom of agendas  
Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kirk Holliday to adjourn. Motion  
carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Gerri Fox, Clerk