

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Independent School District #2854 was called to order at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016, by Chairperson Blair Stoltman in the Ada-Borup High School Board Room, Ada, Minnesota.

Members present: L. Bergee, D. Bishop, N. Merkens, G. Rockstad, B. Stoltman, M. Thompson

Administration present: S. Yates, K. Anderson, C. Bahr, S. Gunderson

Citizens present: Jim Birkemeyer, Pat Pfund, Doug Slininger

Pledge of Allegiance

On a motion by L. Bergee/D. Bishop, close meeting at 6:15 p.m. to review coaches' evaluations. UC

On a motion by M. Thompson/G. Rockstad, reopen meeting at 7:00 p.m. UC

On a motion by D. Bishop/G. Rockstad, approve 5 minute recess at 7:01 p.m. UC

On a motion by N. Merkens/L. Bergee, approve ending recess at 7:06 p.m. UC

G. Rockstad/D. Bishop approved minutes of the Regular School Board meeting held on October 11, 2016. UC

M. Thompson/N. Merkens approved district invoices. UC

Chairperson B. Stoltman called for public input: None

School Board Member Comments:

- Thank you to the Administration for all their efforts this past month.
- Veterans Day Program – Band and choir sounded wonderful, speaker was great, and students were well behaved – very classy students.

Budget Report/Bookkeeper's Report

- 01 General Fund: \$108,399.67
- 02 Food Service: \$26,023.60
- 04 Community Service: \$290.30
- 06 Building Construction: \$32,075.00
- 28 Payroll: \$220,285.16

Superintendent Shawn Yates reported on:

- 1) Moment of silence for Carter Peterson (student), CJ Grivno (alumnus), and Judy Peterson (teacher).
- 2) Congratulations to Luanne Visser for being voted as Teacher of the Year.
- 3) Attended MREA and Great Start Cohort workshops.
- 4) Thanksgiving Meal on November 17.
- 5) District was awarded the Best of B3 (Building Benchmark & Beyond) Honor recognition. Ranked near the top for best in public schools for energy efficiency.
- 6) Food Service Update given.
- 7) Region 1 Board Elections – If interested, Shawn has applications.

High School Principal/Activities Director Kelly Anderson reported on:

- 1) Minnesota Honor Society inducted 11 new members on November 7.
- 2) Veterans Day Program went very well.
- 3) Fantastic job to the *Robin Hood* cast, crew, Bree Triplett, and Tanya Kemper.
- 4) Parent Teacher Conferences attendance was slightly up for some teachers due to 6th graders in the building.
- 5) Congratulations to Christian Sterton for placing 26th at the State Cross Country Meet.
- 6) Congratulations to the band and choir soloists earning excellent or superior ratings.
- 7) Band Concert on November 17.
- 8) Drivers Training Position – Need approval for personnel change.
- 9) Special Education Position Update – Will need approval for hiring Laura Grove. Thank you to Becky Smart and Barb Larson for filling the void.

Elementary Principal/Assessment Coordinator Craig Bahr reported on:

- 1) Staff Development: Two staff members attended the Autism, ADHD, and Anxiety Conference on November 11.
- 2) Parent Teacher Conferences – 90% Attendance

- 3) Staffing Update – Will need approval for hiring Caitlyn Cockerill as elementary paraprofessional.
- 4) Dekko Foundation – Received \$20,000 grant for Pre-K. In December, Char Baker and Dawn Tinjum will visit the Dekko Foundation facility in Indiana. Only expense to the school is substitute pay.
- 5) Cougar Pack – 97 students enrolled. The program expanded to 1st and 2nd graders this year.
- 6) Elementary Happenings: ECFE Pumpkin Patch, Kindergarten singing at the Care Center, 2nd Grade Prairie Planting, Mrs. Liebl's class visited and collected items for the NC Food Shelf, Book Fair, and Veterans Day – Craig Larson visited with grades K-4.

Committees:

- 1) N. Merkens reported on the Building and Maintenance meeting.
- 2) L. Bergee reported on Staff Development meeting.
- 3) S. Yates reported on Policy Committee meeting.
- 4) K. Anderson reported on High School MEEP meeting.
- 5) C. Bahr reported on Elementary MEEP meeting.
- 6) K. Anderson reported on the Wellness meeting.
- 7) L. Bergee reported on Meet & Confer meeting.

On a motion by L. Bergee/M. Thompson, approve adoption of the agenda with the following addition under A. Personnel, d. Special Education Teacher UC

New Business:

A. Personnel:

- a. Paraprofessionals:
 - On a motion by D. Bishop/M. Thompson, approve termination of employment for Jennifer Tennihill. UC
 - On a motion by N. Merkens/L. Bergee, approve hiring Caitlin Cockerill as paraprofessional at the elementary school. UC
 - b. On a motion by L. Bergee/G. Rockstad, approve hiring Curt Kemper as custodian. UC
 - c. On a motion by M. Thompson/D. Bishop, approve Cindy Peterson as Drivers Training instructor. UC
 - d. On a motion by L. Bergee/N. Merkens, approve hiring Laura Grove as Special Education teacher pending licensure. UC
- B. On a motion by M. Thompson/L. Bergee, approve the Canvassing of School Board Election Results from the State General Election held Tuesday, November 8, 2016, pending verification with the NC Auditor's office regarding discrepancy of votes casted. Gretchen Rockstad – 1,083 votes, Linda Bergee – 1,010 votes, Mick Thompson – 916 votes, Write-In – 64 votes. UC
- C. On a motion by L. Bergee/D. Bishop, approve the Canvassing Results of the Operating Levy Referendum from the State General Election held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Yes – 515 votes, No – 774 votes. UC
- D. On a motion by G. Rockstad/D. Bishop, approve 1st Reading Policy 427: Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers. UC

Next Regular School Board meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by G. Rockstad/D. Bishop, to adjourn regular meeting at 8:59 p.m. UC

Nancy Merkens, Clerk

Minutes prepared by: Sandy Gunderson