

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
March 8, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. with the following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Russell Johnson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent were Rodney Huttunen and Eric Nelson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Cathy Baumgart and Dave Kerkvliet; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Board Committee reports, Mr. Funk reported on a meeting by the Sick Leave Bank Committee of Amie Westberg, Dave Kerkvliet, Nikki Ament, and himself regarding a formal request by Mrs. Kathy Fjeldheim to utilize five days from the Sick Leave Bank that she had contributed during her employment. It was a consensus of the committee to allow Mrs. Fjeldheim her request for the five days from the Sick Leave Bank.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on ACA 1095 Forms transmitted to the IRS; Title funds have been drawn in Title IV in the amount of \$3,333.33, Title I in the amount of \$45,497.34 and have received additional funds of \$17,680.05 in the Title I programs for FY2021; ESSER draw requests in the amount of \$7,092.35 in February and \$13,922.01 in March; ESSER budget has been revised and accepted in SERVS and has a remaining balance of \$20,430.74; REAP application has been approved and the award in the amount of \$27,256 will be made after July 1, 2021.

Principal Westberg's report included an update of the Social Studies standards noting the second draft will be out at the end of the month; class pictures and high school group pictures were taken on March 3rd; Prom is a go with only the Grand March and a meal for the students afterward and the class of 2020 will be invited to participate; Kindergarten Picnic is scheduled for April 12th and will be done in two sessions and a shortened version; signed up K-3 to do a free STEAM project that has been offered to us by the Innovative Schools Project and Sourcewell and will utilize the engineering process of design thinking and will learn about the external parts of animals and create a prototype of their animal with their various external parts and on May 7th they will participate in the MN Zoo Zoom "Ultimate Animal" exhibition; Science teachers have been looking at their curriculum and most have opted to use content that they can get from online resources.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on: reviewed Special Education Caseload reports and comparisons, District reimbursements for State BPA, FFA, FCCLA and State Skills noting that costs will be significantly less due to state competitions being held mostly virtual; letter from the MSHSL on a proposed constitutional amendment noting the amendment is to add two members to the board of directors appointed by Minnesota Association of School Administrators and that it will be essentially two superintendents so they have a voice on the board when it comes to decisions that affect school districts budgets and making sure there is a communication link for superintendents; received a check for \$1,020 from the MSHSL Foundation from a grant that Mr. Lillquist submitted and noted that it can be used for athletics; reviewed a document showing the timeline of vaccinations for Covid; reviewed the February Budget and Economic Forecast from legislative sessions; noted that the Custodial, Food Service and Transportation departments have all been running smoothly.

Under Discussion Items, the board discussed completing a board self-evaluation and a looked at long range planning and decided to complete the same self-evaluation that has been completed in the past, review the results and tie recommendations into the superintendent's goals along with feedback for long range planning. Mr. Fjeldheim reviewed budget information, staffing for next year noting that interviews were held for the English and Special Ed positions, cost containments recognized for the next school year, and starting negotiations for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Mr. Fjeldheim also noted that there have only been a few students out due to close contact or have tested positive for Covid and that all activities have been running smoothly and discussed the 14-day quarantine period being reduced to the 7 day 10 day recommendation from this point on, and reported that the ESSER II revenue can only be used for things that have occurred or are needed as a result of COVID and positions hired due to learning loss that occurred during the pandemic.

Erickson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.5 Resignation of Kindergarten teacher Carol Lindroos: February 8th regular meeting minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for March; monthly bills at \$702,349.03; summer contracts for Mr. Kerkvliet for summer band and Mr. Oyster for agriculture; resignation from Paraprofessional Jenna Ashman; assignment of Jada Hanninen as a long-term paraprofessional; assignment of Ed Heltunen as Assistant Track Coach; and March enrollment at 449 (K-12). Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve the resignation from Kindergarten teacher Carol Lindroos with regret and thanked her for her dedicated years of service at Sebeka School. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Erickson seconded to approve the second reading of the 2021-2022 school calendar starting with new teachers on August 30th and the rest of the staff on August 31st-September 2nd; first student day starting on September 7th; Christmas vacation beginning December 23rd through January 2nd; School resuming on January 3rd; Graduation on May 27th; Last student day May 27th and last teacher day June 1st. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to approve an amount up to \$216,000 for capital expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Frame seconded to approve to continue the MOU in place for \$100 stipend for family health insurance through July and August to be paid contingent upon negotiations contracts not being settled by that time. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Olson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District