

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting April 10, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Charles Funk, Rodney Huttunen, Russell Johnson, JoAnn Olson, and Bryan Pederson. Absent: Eric Nelson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Assistant Principal Jill Walter; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Cathy Baumgart, and Ruth Bowman; Mark Lenz from MLA; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to approve the agenda with the following addition: 6.4 Update on Speech Program by Ruth Bowman. Motion carried unanimously.

The Pairing Committee met on Wednesday, March 29th in Menahga. Items of discussion included review of the Fall Pairing Agreements; MSHSL Violation penalty; participation fees and student admission; discussion on shared Fall sports and schedules; discussion on current shared programs and school calendars. Two main topics were discussed including the chemical violations policy and suggesting changes to the first violation being more in line with the MSHSL and the Master Agreement renewal at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Discussion was also held regarding shared programs having 50% of the total cost shared by each district and the other 50% shared as a cost per percentage of participants from each school involved in the paired program.

The Facilities Committee also met on Wednesday, March 29th to interview three construction management firms for the building project. CM Firms interviewed were Krauss Anderson, Contegrity, and Vercon.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on: (1) Drawn down \$23,797.02 from Title II funds leaving approximately \$12,700 available; (2) \$22,990 REAP funds have been drawn down; and \$61,133.26 Title I funds have been requested but not received, approximately \$64,048.60 remain available; (3) Updated all county tax receipts through January 2017; (4) Working on FY2017 final budget and and FY2018 initial budgets; (5) Received health insurance bids from LSCS, PEIP, BCBS, and Medica; (6) Received the 2017 School Finance Award for 2016 Financial Reporting; and (7) Will be attending the MASBO Spring Conference May 10th -12th in Duluth.

Jon Lillquist's Activities Director report included: Spring Sports participation numbers: Softball - 31 participants in grades 7-12; Baseball - 23 participants in grades 7-12; Track - 25 participants in grades 7-12 from Sebeka and 24 from Menahga; and Golf has 2 students from Sebeka in grades 7-12.

Mrs. Walter's Assistant Principal report included: (1) Kindergarten Roundup had approximately 85 attending (parents and children); (2) Received \$15,000 in a "Drive for Education" grant; the School Board congratulated Mrs. Walter on receiving this grant; (3) March was a month of Elementary Reading celebrations with the 4th - 6th grade Student Leadership pairing with Random Acts of Kindness and "The Sneetches" reading and drawing noting that students would get their name in a drawing for every 5 points earned in reading; Mr. Funk complimented the elementary staff for their dedicated work in the elementary reading program; (4) observation/evaluation process for tenured and nontenured will be ongoing through the end of the month; (5) 27 staff members have been trained in ENVoy; (6) MCIS with 9-12th grade students focusing on goals that are World's Best Workforce related; (7) Testing calendar for 2016-2017 has been updated online; (8) Team of elementary teachers have dedicated to building a plan for literacy over the next three years through professional development at NJPA; (9) New Google Sites for the next school year; (10) Submitted grants to Monsanto's America's Farmers: Grow Rural Education and Family Service Collaborative: Social Emotional Learning Curriculum; (11) Completed schedule for 2017-2018 school high school students and working on elementary schedule; (12) Student Council making plans to celebrate students who have passing grades, no tardies, no missing assignment, or volunteer for one hour; and (13) High school students will be doing some service learning projects this spring in the community/area to improve, clean up, support, and beautify our town of Sebeka. A "Sebeka High School Day of Caring" is being planned for sometime in May.

Mr. Fjeldheim's Superintendent report included: (1) Registration of high school classes for next year is being worked on and will have results of class enrollments completed by the May School Board meeting; (2) Q-comp Peer Coaches are in the process of completing their responsibilities along with the annual review by the coordinator and school administration to be reviewed in June; (3) Mrs. Walter is coordinating and working with teachers to organize Kindergarten roundup Evaluations being completed; (4) Class trips for elementary are currently being scheduled for the end of April and for May; (5) Discussed the end of the school year for students and staff noting that in the Master Agreement there are three days built into the school calendar and if no snow days have been used, these days would be taken off at the end of the year. In this case, the last student day would be May 31st and the last teacher day would be June 2nd; (6) Reported on MASA Region V Legislative Day at the Capitol; (7) Reviewed

results from instrumental music, vocal music, BPA, FFA, Speech, FCCLA, and Skills USA, noting how well our students have done in these co-curricular activities; and (8) Reviewed Innovative Grant Funding proposals through NJPA. Decisions on projects will be made at a later date.

Under Discussion Items, the School Board reviewed timelines related to the construction project and the selection of a Construction Management Firm.

Mrs. Bowman was present to review the Speech Program and highlights of student achievements.

Under the Consent Agenda Items, Board Member Funk requested to pull out 7.5.1 Nikki Ament's Letter of Resignation as Homecoming Advisor for a separate motion.

Pederson moved, Olson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Regular meeting minutes from the March 13th meeting;
- Treasurer and Investment report for April
- Monthly bills totaling \$634,818.22;
- K-12 enrollment at 504 students.

Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Pederson seconded to approve the resolution from MSHSL for membership for the 2017-2018 school year. A roll call vote was taken and the following members voted in favor: Erickson, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson, Olson, Pederson; against: none; Absent: Nelson. Therefore the resolution was duly passed.

Erickson moved, Olson seconded to approve a contract with Interquest Detection Canines for 7 visits for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$315 per visit. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Erickson seconded to approve the construction management firm of Contegrity (CGI) for the building project. Motion carried unanimously.

Pederson moved, Funk seconded to approve a resolution for the NJPA funding grant. A roll call vote was taken and the following members voted in favor: Erickson, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson, Olson, Pederson; against: none; Absent: Nelson. Therefore the resolution was duly passed.

Mr. Funk complimented the staff for their choices of the outstanding students chosen for being recognized at NJPA on Wednesday, April 12th. Students chosen as outstanding students were Joe Lindroos and Anna Huttunen.

Erickson moved, Pederson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District