

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Truth in Taxation Meeting and Regular Meeting
Monday, December 11, 2017

The Truth in Taxation meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nate Erickson, Charles Funk, Russell Johnson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent: Rod Huttunen, Eric Nelson and Bryan Pederson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim, Principal Jill Walter, Business Manager Holly Paulson, staff members Maureen Dragseth and Becky Pierson; Student Council Representative Ashley Etter; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Erickson moved, Olson seconded to approve the agenda as presented for the Truth in Taxation meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed information on the school district budget; presented information on the school district's property taxes and presented the proposed 2017-payable-2018 tax levy. It was noted that the total levy, before the Debt Service Fund (Bond Referendum) is added, decreased by 10% (2017-Payable 2018 Levy limitation is \$442,262.23 and the 2016-2017 levy limitation was \$490,691.00). When adding in the Debt Service Fund (Bond Referendum) of \$780,733.68 the total levy for 2017-Payable-2018 is \$1,222,995.91. Consensus of the board was to levy the maximum amount of \$1,222,995.91.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to adjourn the Truth in Taxation meeting at 6:20p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nate Erickson, Charles Funk, Russell Johnson, JoAnn Olson. Absent: Rod Huttunen, Eric Nelson and Bryan Pederson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Principal Jill Walter; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Maureen Dragseth, and Becky Pierson; Student Council Representative Ashley Etter; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions: 9.5 Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education-State; and 9.6 Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education-Federal. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Representative Ashley Etter reported on having "Count Down to Christmas" activities; raised \$325 for the Empty Stocking Fund by having a "Hat Day" where students and staff could wear a hat during the school day by paying \$1.00; had a "Big Buck" contest during deer hunting and winners were Kolby Kiser and Mallory Ritari; will be having an "Ugly Sweater" day the week of December 18th; and Student Council members will be helping elementary teachers with their holiday parties.

The Building Committee met on Wednesday, December 6th. Items of discussion were floor plan updates and Design Development Cost Estimates which include the base bid plan, potential bid alternates and additional building program requests.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on working on the 2017-Payable-2018 Levy noting the signed certified levy report is due to the home county auditor by December 27th; working on the revised FY2018 budget; reconciling year-end for limits for pre-tax deductions (HSA, 403(b) and taxable fringe benefits); and our prescription provider is changing to CVS replacing Navitus effective January 1, 2018.

Activities Director Jon Lillquist's report included (1) BBB has 12 athletes participating in grades 9th-12th and 18 players in 6th-8th grade; GBB has 36 students participating from grades 7th-12th; 7th-12th grade wrestling in Sebeka has 19 athletes participating and 14 from Menahga; Boys Basketball Cheerleading has 8 girls participants and Wrestling Cheerleading has 3 girls participating from Sebeka.

K-12 Principal Mrs. Walter reported on the following (1) midway through second quarter with midterms being mailed to families on December 13th; (2) Q-Comp (3) Band Winter concert was held on December 1st; Elementary program on December 8th and Choir Concert December 11th noting that all were very well attended; (4) mentioned Brightbytes survey and will provide results at the January meeting; (5) the 4th-6th grade student Leadership Team is focusing on #Choosekind and an Empathy Assembly will be held for the upper elementary; (6) reviewed Advisory, MCIS, RAMP-Up, and REACH results from 7th and 8th grade; (7) had UNC and Sebeka Trojans decals made for an elementary fundraiser noting they were made here at the school in the Industrial Tech department; (8) final day for students before Christmas will be December 22nd with school dismissed at 1:00 if approved by the board, classes will resume on January 2nd; (9) staff raised \$828 for the Radiothon to End Child Abuse and will be rewarded with treats week of December 11th-15th; (10) Staff Inservice will be held on January 22nd; Everyday Math 4 training and CPR/First Aid training will take place on that day along with Q-Comp responsibilities; (11) working on plans for Martin

Luther King Day; (12) Homecoming will be the week of January 22nd with coronation on January 26th; (13) received a \$10,000 donation from Never Give Up Foundation; and (14) shared notes from Mr. K and Mrs. Koch regarding the Disney Trip held November 12th-19th noting that the trip went great, chaperones all did a fantastic job, performances and workshops all went well, and students were fantastic.

Superintendent Mr. Fjeldheim reported on (1) State budget forecast; Freshwater's Ed District's Legislative Day; and a letter from MSBA recognizing Rodney Huttunen for completing twenty years as a school board member and noted that he will be recognized at the Recognition Luncheon during the annual MSBA convention in January; (2) Mentioned the ULA language proposed by MSBA that will have to be negotiated into the Master Agreement during the next round of negotiations; (3) Health and Safety minutes noting no major issues; (4) PMA Bond Portfolio report that will be received monthly; (5) MREA ballot for the 2018 Board of Directors; and (6) Food Service and Transportation departments running smoothly with a few problems this fall and early winter with the existing steam heating system.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed the progress and goals established for the five areas of the World's Best Workforce which include 1) all students ready for kindergarten; 2) all students in third grade achieving grade-level literacy; 3) progress toward closing the achievement gap between free and reduced and non-free and reduced; 4) all students attaining career and college readiness before graduating from high school; and 5) all students graduating from high school. He reviewed examples of calendar options for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years when construction on the school begins noting that there is a need to provide as much time as possible the summer of 2019 when the 1927-37 building has to go down. Thus a proposal to MDE will be to start the 2018-2019 school year early, get out early in May of 2019 and then start later the fall of 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year. He also reviewed his goals for the remainder of the school year which include leadership following through and facilitating the school bond referendum process; communication with our district's taxpayers through newspaper articles and the school website on the progress of the bond referendum and other initiatives adopted by our school; monitor the school district budget closely due to the deficit spending that has occurred over the past several years so we are at or near a balanced budget in future years; and get refocused on a long range plan setting goals for Sebeka School District in future years; and informed the Board that registration, hotel rooms, and luncheon have been reserved for all board members attending the MSBA Leadership conference in January.

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

- November 16th regular meeting minutes;
- Treasurer and Investment report for December;
- monthly bills at \$594,407.65;
- December enrollment at 509 students K-12;

Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Funk seconded to approve the second reading of the 2017-2018 EMS-ESP Seniority list as presented noting no changes from the original list presented the previous month. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Olson seconded to approve the 2017-Payable-2018 tax levy at \$1,222,995.91. It was noted that the total levy before the Debt Service Fund (Bond Referendum) is added decreased by 10% (2017-Payable 2018 Levy limitation is \$442,262.23 and the 2016-2017 levy limitation was \$490,691.00). When adding in the Debt Service Fund (Bond Referendum) of \$780,733.68 the total levy for 2017-Payable-2018 is \$1,222,995.91. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the first reading of the 2017-2018 EMS Seniority List as presented noting that the seniority list has been posted in both lounges. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Johnson seconded to pass a resolution establishing combined polling places for multiple precincts and designating hours during which the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. It was noted that if this resolution was not in place and a special election would occur, we would have to use all townships and cities located in the Sebeka School district for a special election. The combined polling places for a special election for Sebeka School not held on the same day as a general election would be Sebeka School North Entry, Door #10 and Nimrod Community Hall with voting hours from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Funk, Johnson and Olson; absent Huttunen, Nelson, Pederson; therefore the resolution was duly passed.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to approve an early dismissal of 1:00 p.m. on December 22nd for students and staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Johnson seconded to adopt a resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (Minnesota) and to forward it to MSBA to be sent to the Minnesota Legislature and all United States Representatives and Senators representing Minnesota in the Congress of the United States. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Funk, Johnson, Olson; absent: Huttunen, Nelson, Pederson; therefore the resolution was duly adopted.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to adopt a resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services (Federal) and to forward it to MSBA to be sent to the Minnesota Legislature and all United States Representatives and Senators representing Minnesota in the Congress of the United States. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Funk, Johnson, Olson; absent: Huttunen, Nelson, Pederson; therefore the resolution was duly adopted.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District