

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting Monday, September 12, 2016

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nate Erickson, Charles Funk, Rod Huttunen, Russell Johnson, Eric Nelson, JoAnn Olson, and Bryan Pederson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Assistant Principal Jill Walter; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Rachel Kern, Mike Heino, Donna Yliniemi, and Becky Pierson, Community members Heidi Heino, Amanda and Moriah Frame, and Curt Ronneberg; Student Council member George Lausten; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Funk moved, Pederson seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Visitor and Delegation Comments, the first 40 minutes of the board meeting was related to concerns that were expressed by those in attendance relating to Advanced Math scheduling for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Student Council Representative George Lausten informed the Board that Student Council members met during the summer and participated in the Red Eye River Days parade; had class meetings during the first days of schools; and Fall Festival is planned for the week of October 10th.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on working with auditors to finalize the FY2016 audit; completed Title I & II applications; submitted PERA Exclusion report and final expenditures for CTE FY2016 has been completed and submitted.

Activities Director Jon Lillquist's report included Fall participation numbers in Volleyball are 23 participants in grades 8th-12th and 19 in grades 6th-8th; participating in Cross Country are 20 girls in grades 7th-12th (8 from Sebeka) and 15 boys in grades 7th-12th (4 from Sebeka) and participating in Football are 43 in grades 9th-12th (21 from Sebeka), 18 in grade 7 (8 from Sebeka) and 12 in grade 8 (7 from Sebeka); Girls Cross Country Team took the championship at the Johanna Olson CC Invitational and our home meet at Blueberry Pines; and will be attending a MSHSL, Region 6A and Park Region Conference meeting in Fergus Falls on September 19th.

Assistant Principal Mrs. Walter reported on (1) paraprofessionals attended a training at Freshwater that highlighted best practices for their work and confidentiality; (2) a couple of elementary teachers did some guided reading PD this summer; (3) implementing the 7 gems of ENVoY for student management; (4) attended a Healthy Classroom training along with five teachers and will share this learning through monthly PD sessions; (5) some high school staff attended a Search Institute's REACH framework this summer; (6) ACES Research was shared with teachers on the first day of school; (7) elementary teachers reported 85% or better of our families attended the open house on September 1st with low percentages in the high school and the 7th grade/new student session has a good turnout; (8) first day for high school students started out in the gym and then advisory meetings to complete an activity/competition and to hold class meetings; (9) met with 1st-3rd grade students and teachers to set a purpose for the work of a good learner and to have some common language about expectations and behaviors; (10) met with 4th -6th grade students to discuss Trojan PRIDE and Cool to Care along with expectations with the new lockers in the elementary and talked about the Student Leadership Team for upper elementary; and (11) will be finalizing details for the start of the year; organizing and planning for technology training for the school year; supporting our new Dean of Students role; finalizing schedules for paraprofessional support; planning for Advisory, "Cool to Care" and REACH focused lessons, activities and service learning opportunities.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on (1) class enrollments up from last year with an elementary enrollment of 280 students and secondary enrollment of 224 student with an overall enrollment beginning the school year of 504 students; (2) new teachers are adjusting well and with the mentor system in place through Q-comp there will be additional support in place for a successful transition; (3) will be attending a School Finance Levy workshop on Tuesday, September 20th; (4) discussed what other school are doing regarding charging students/staff for school activity events; (5) reviewed Mandated Reporting and The Safe and Supportive Minnesota Schools Act; and (6) noted that Food Service, Transportation, and Custodial departments are all running smoothly.

Under the Discussion Items, Mr. Fjeldheim reviewed MCA and ACT testing results; beginning of the year details, staffing, enrollments in secondary classes, other programming that will be implemented this year, etc.; agenda for the Community Input meeting asking for board input on what will be covered; and dates and locations for the MSBA Fall Advocacy meeting and MREA Fall conference.

Johnson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.2 Approval of Letter of Resignation of Mrs. Carol Schellack (this item was pulled out):

- The August 15th regular meeting minutes;
- The Treasurer and Investment report for September;
- Monthly bills at \$479,757.32;
- Approved the assignments of Jenna Ashman and Jessica Bullock as paraprofessionals for the 2016-2017 school year;
- Approved the September enrollment at 504 students K-12.

Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Pederson seconded, with regret, the letter of resignation from Mrs. Carol Schellack effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and thanked her for her 29 years of dedicated service to Sebeka School and wanted her to know that they greatly appreciate all she has done for the Sebeka School. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Nelson seconded to approve the second reading of the elementary and secondary handbooks as presented omitting some language that pertained to excused and unexcused absences as presented during the first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Johnson seconded to approve the proposed 2016-Payable-2017 Tax levy by maximizing the levy with final approval done at the December 12th Truth in Taxation meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Pederson seconded to approve to increase the adult breakfast by .5 cents (\$1.70 to \$1.75) and the adult lunch by .10 cents (\$3.50 to \$3.60). Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the first reading of the 2016-2017 Faculty Handbook as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District