INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #139 APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018

Chairperson Folkema called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Theater.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tyron, Stefanie Folkema, Matt Meissner, Becky LaMont, Teri Umbreit, and Jennifer Widell

Others in attendance: Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Staci Souhan, CE Jacobson Principal; William Campbell, Executive Director and other interested parties.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #11118 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner approving the Regular School Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #11218 by Tryon seconded by Meissner carried unanimously approving the following consent agenda items:

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of October 25, 2018

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling $765,831.43 for Rush City School District.

Approve Personnel:

FMLA Request for Heidi Corbin, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective October 17 to January 16, 2019.

Employment of Marissa Schroeder, second Grade Teacher, effective November 12, 2018.

Leave request for Melanie Hedberg, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective October 6, 2018 to February 28, 2019.

Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

We recognized and introduced Student School Board Representatives Katie Groh, Anna Bush, and Angel Martinez-Johnson.

The students recognized the following points of pride

- Extracurricular activities with no fees
- Referendum Passing
- College Courses
- Small school and safe environment
- Welcoming teachers
- Most students are involved in a variety of activities

The students also provided an opportunity for areas of improvement

- Offer more classes; electives, business classes, home economics
- Transportation – shorter ride time, routes
- Lettering system recommendations
- Recycling options – Green Team – Grant from City Counsel

Policy Review-First Reading

Policy 205 – Open Meetings and Closed Meetings (Revised)

Policy 206 – Public Participation in School Board Meetings (Revised)

Policy 208 – Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies (Revised)

Policy 527 – Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles; Patrols, Inspections, and Searches (Revised)

Financial Information

Financial Audit FY18: Aaron Nielson of Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co. reviewed the general-purpose financial statements for Independent School District #139 and the St. Croix River Education District and issued an unmodified opinion through the audited financial statements and management letters. After board review of the various financial statements;

Motion #11318 by Umbriet seconded by Meissner accepting the independent auditor's report on the general purpose financial statements of Independent School District #139, passed unanimously.

Motion #11418 by Umbreit seconded by Widell accepting the independent auditor's report on the general purpose financial statements of St. Croix River Education District, passed unanimously.

Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2018-19 revenue and expenditure report noting that general fund revenue budget is in at 29% and expenditures at 23%.

Investments: Business Manger Frost reported the District has $3,156,668 invested as of October 31, 2018. The quarter ended September 30, 2018 investment reports were reviewed. In the general operating funds $29,251 interest was earned in 2017-18 fiscal year. The Trust account earned $7,800.38 interest for the aquatic operation timeline of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Motion #11518 by Meissner seconded by LaMont. Motion carried unanimously approving $7,800.38 from the trust fund to the community service fund to offset operating loss for the aquatic center 2018 season.

Quarterly Donations: Donation list of receipts from July 1, 2018 thru September 30, 2018 was presented with an amount total of $36,753.00. Motion #11618 by Tryon seconded by Meissner by to accept the quarterly donations report. Motion carried unanimously.

Aquatic Center Report: Lee Rood and Laureen Frost provided an overview of the Aquatic Center operation for the 2018 season. Revenues were $123,197 and expenditures $137,400, producing a deficit of $14,202. The City of Rush City and Rush City Schools Community Service fund contribute 50% each to the operating loss, for the 2018 season the amount is $7,101.25 each. Motion #11718 by Meissner seconded by LaMont accepting the report. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications

Mr. Campbell shared information on the referendum results. There will be an article in the upcoming issue of Dateline, which chronicles the journey of the referendum for our district.

Principal Stavig gave a report on the success of the parent-teacher-student conferences that took place at the high school.

Mr. Campbell provided information on the forthcoming Santa Days project.

A district-wide fall newsletter will be released electronically on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 to all families and community members.

A report was given on the P-Card participation of our district and the additional funds in the form of a rebate that it has generated. The amount was $1,084.74 for fiscal year 2017-18.

Reports

CE Jacobson Positive Points:

Principal Souhan provided an update on the following areas of the school:

Highlighted the research-based strategies

- Highlighted the effectiveness of the data meetings and the work the data facilitators are leading.
- The work of their PLCs center around the 4 questions:

a. What content do I want my students to know?

b. How will I know they have learned the content?

c. What will I do for those who have learned the content?

d. What will I do for the students who have not learned the content?

- We are actively seeking a quote for outside speakers on the preschool playground
- Her team is grateful for the new second grade teacher who started this week.
- Her team is using Q-Comp funds to send staff to professional development in a variety of ways
- Enrollment is steady—total around 460 students
- Continued challenge looking for paras for our duties

High School Positive Points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence-

Principal Stavig gave an updated on the high school and mentioned the following:

- Data facilitators have been placed
- We have support from the county and other area principals in the area of truancy.
- Parent teacher conferences attendance and financial aid presentation for students who are considering college in 2019.
- College Knowledge month—80% of the graduating class applied for post-secondary opportunities
- PBIS team attended 2 days of training
- Positive vibe from referendum
- Recognition of support staff
- Expansion of the Frandsen Scholarship to other technical schools in Wisconsin
- High school is planning for 2019-2020 school year

Updates:

Veteran's Day Celebration: Thank you to Mr. Pederson, our music department, and others who helped make it a wonderful event.

Board Advisory Committee: The first meeting in November was well attended. This group will continue to look at our beliefs and actions that have been added to the Strategic Action Plan.

School Board Self Evaluation: The Board will participate in the individual and confidential MSBA School Board Self Evaluation. This will generate a report for us to give some direction and focus of our school board. Mr. Campbell will arrange for the self-evaluations.

Meetings Attended:

Tyron attended the SCRED Board meeting, went over the audit and discussed the legislative meeting that was held last month.

Old Business

New Business

Motion #11818 by Umbreit seconded by Widell approving the 2018-2019 Strategic Action Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #11918 by Umbriet seconded by LaMont approving the 2018-2019 Staff Development Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Campbell provided information on the forthcoming MSBA Leadership Conference January 17-18 in Minneapolis.

Motion #111018 by Umbreit seconded by Meissner approving the Resolution Canvassing Return of Votes of School District Special election.

Motion #111118 by Tryon seconded by LaMont authorizing Laureen Frost, Business Manager of Rush City School District, to make future transactions on behalf of Rush City School District in regards to the Markham Family Scholarship Awards stocks. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #111218 by Tryon seconded by LaMont giving authorization to go out for bid on school buses. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Regular Board Meeting
High School Theater
12/20/18 5:30 pm

Adjournment

Motion #111318 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Tryon
Clerk

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