

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 314
ISANTI, PINE, CHISAGO
& KANABEC COUNTIES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2018**

The regular school board meeting was called to order by Chair Steven Eklund at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present: - S. Eklund, M. Thompson, A. Londgren, D. Davis, D. Klemz, Supt. Gagner and Student Rep A. Kurvers. Absent: T. Cuda, A. Flowers.

Motion by M. Thompson, second by A. Londgren to approve the minutes of the March 19 regular school board meeting. Approve the April bills \$173,616.90; accept the April Treasurer's report, and review the enrollment analysis. The board approved the following: 1) Nickie Nelson as the 12 month secretary. She will continue current secretary Step 4 salary. Her start date will be July 1, 2018. The board accepted the following resignations: 1) Lindsey Atchison, special ed para; effective May 9, 2018. 2) Kearina Maher, high school math teacher, effective the end of the 2017-18 school year. The board approved the following requests for leave: 1) Nicole Zimpel, food service worker, has submitted a request for a medical leave of absence without pay as of April 2nd. Her return date is expected to be April 26th. 2) Brea Schminski, 3rd grade teacher, is requesting a 12 week maternity leave August 27, 2018 thru November 16, 2018. She will return to work on November 19, 2018. 3) Shawna Bobo, van support para, has submitted a letter requesting leave from her afternoon van support para hours effective Monday, April 16 through the end of the school year. The board accepted the following retirement; Connie Gelle Supt Secretary, has submitted her retirement letter. Her retirement date will be June 30, 2018. She has been with the district since the fall of 1987. Carried.

Motion by A. Londgren, second by D. Klemz to acknowledge the April 2018 donations for the purposes requested: for Healthy School Staff \$3,920 from Allina Health- Neighborhood Health Connection. For Supermileage \$500 from Walmart, \$400 from Janet Niemi, \$500 value for parts from Roxanne Bromiley, \$500 parts value from Heleen Bromiley, \$250 from MN Utilities & Excavating, \$500 from Isle Automotive Inc., and \$300 from Kevin Wojahn. Carried.

Open Forum. Becky Swanson, Head Girls Softball Coach, thanked the school board for allowing the 2018 Softball Team to travel to Florida for a spring training trip. 13 girls and 3 coaches went on the trip from March 28-April 3. Three scrimmages were played against teams from all over the United States.

PLC presentation this month was from Kindergarten teachers Lori Auers, Roxanne Kirby and Dawn Olson. These 3 Kindergarten teachers are meeting weekly to review student data, reevaluating student needs & shifting students between learning groups, as needed. WIN time for Kindergarten is divided into 3 groups; math, phonics & handwriting. They are also linking standards to report cards & reviewing curriculum. Chair Eklund thanked all 3 teachers on behalf of the school board for all their hard work and dedication to the district over their many years of service.

Principal Eklund reviewed his written report. School of Excellence Celebration will take place May 22 at 11 am with student presentations. Earth Day Celebration on Friday, April 13 was a wonderful day for all the Elementary students with presentation from Bruce the Bug Guy, Birds of Prey and the Audubon Center. Thank you to BEPO for organizing and coordinating this special day for the students. Field trips are scheduled for the following places 1st- Como Zoo, 2nd- History Center, 3rd- Day at the Farm and Science Museum, 4th- Duluth Aquarium, 5th- University of MN, Valleyfair, 6th- Fur Post, Conservation Day.

Principal/AD Kuhnke reviewed his written report. MCA testing is running smoothly and will be completed on time. Spring sports are eagerly awaiting the snow to melt so they can get outside for practice and games. MSHSL is approving 1 umpire for games, 5 inning games, and double headers, as needed to get conference games completed before playoffs need to start. FFA plant sales will be in May, hanging baskets, tomatoes and peppers will be available for purchase.

The Community Ed report was reviewed. Youth Driver's Ed was well attended with 27 students. ECFE Big Truck day was cancelled due to weather on April 14. Youth summer theater will be offered again this summer.

Supt. Gagner's written report was reviewed. ECMECC Committee is waiting to see if St. Francis will become an associate member which will impact the member fees for the next school year. RRSEC executive council has resolved the long standing HRA insurance issue. RRSEC will become its own fiscal agent with its own employees on July 1, 2018. He attended the Grandy Lions and Braham Chamber of Commerce meetings. The Braham Education Foundation held its first annual Gala on April 13, the event had a large crowd Bob Vaughan was inducted into the Braham Hall of Fame, and a special evening was had by all. ACT make up day will be April 24. 4th Annual Braham Business Expo will be May 3, at the Event Center. The district will host an informational booth.

Supt. Gagner congratulated the following staff, students, and community members for their accomplishments as "Braham HONORS" recipients. They are: Brea Schminski, Karen Leniz, Judy Bendickson, Dr. Troy Mork, Bryan Johnson, Tracy Fix, Nancy VanderHeyden, Andrea Downing, Darwin Nelson, Susan Severson, Julie Anderson, Roberta Kopel, Katie Kunshier, Tammi Johnson, Katie Sparling, Shelley Kay, Aaron Knutsvig, Nickie Nelson, Steve Eklund, Kyla Rippey, Jan Strohkirch, Jeff Eklund, Lindsay Rasmussen, Roxanne Kirby, Dawn Olson, Lori Auers, Danae Shaw, Steve Eklund, Mike Thompson, Deb Thompson, Joe Rajkowski, Gary Skarsten, Amanda Tessmer, Dawn Price, Joan Schleicher, Lauren Kreyer, Megan Lanhart, Tyler Lancrain, Pen Sullivan, McKenna Grams, Megan Gruba, Heather Ruppert, Alex Kurvers.

Alex Kurvers, Student Council representative, reviewed their written report. They held a food drive from March 5 - 28 for the local food shelf, food was delivered to the Braham Food Shelf. The bake sales at the elementary on parent teacher conference raised \$206. Student Council will be joining NHS to volunteer at Feed My Starving Children on May 4th.

School board members attended various events including: NHS ceremony, Braham Education Foundation Gala, 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' play, Meet & Confer, elementary conferences, Capitol visits.

Motion by D. Klemz, second by D. Davis to hold Building and Grounds Meeting on May 14 at 4 p.m. Carried.

Motion by D. Davis, second by D. Klemz to approve the Resolution for Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions with regards to two paraprofessional positions; A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously. A copy of said resolution shall be part of the official minutes.

Motion by M. Thompson, second by D. Davis to approve release of Crystal Sundermeyer at then of the 2017-18 school year. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously. A copy of said resolution shall be part of the official minutes.

Motion by A. Londgren, second by M. Thompson to approve release of Heather Hanson at then of the 2017-18 school year. A roll call vote was taken and carried unanimously. A copy of said resolution shall be part of the official minutes.

Motion by D. Klemz, second by D. Davis to approve the preliminary budget. Carried.

Motion by A. Londgren, second by D. Klemz to appoint Jeff Eklund as LEA Representative for Federal Programs. Carried.

Motion by M. Thompson, second by A. Londgren to approve the agreement with ECMECC for ECMECC to purchase from Braham a .5 FTE (plus full time fringe benefits) of the school counselor position for the 2018-19 school year as the East Central College & Career Options (ECCO) Coordinator. Carried

Motion by M. Thompson, second by D. Klemz to approve Amanda Tessmer as the ECCO coordinator for the 2018-19 school year. This will be a 1.0 FTE contract (.5 TOSA and .5 counselor) with .5 FTE and fringe benefits reimbursed by ECMECC. Ms. Tessmer will be paid at MA, Step 2. Her start date in this position will be August 27, 2018. Carried

Motion by D. Klemz, second by D. Davis to approve adding a Fishing team under the independent contract activity policy. Corey Sybrant will supervise. Discussion was held regarding the age requirements, liabilities ins., student fees and that the events will take place in the summer months as to not impact our current athletes numbers currently enrolled in a sporting events. Carried.

Motion by D. Davis, second by A. Londgren to approve the 2018-2019 baseball trip to Florida. Carried.

Motion by A. Londgren, second by D. Klemz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SEIU pertaining to the ten month secretarial position being converted to a twelve month position. Carried.

Motion by M. Thompson, second D. Klemz to adopt policies #103 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents, Other Persons; #104 Independent School District #314 School Philosophy & Mission Statement; and, #201 - School Board Legal Status. carried.

Chair Eklund reminded all present of the Regular School Board meeting to be held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in B100 - Community Room. A working school board meeting will be at 6 p.m. immediately preceding the regular board meeting.

Motion by M. Thompson, second by D. Davis to adjourn the meeting. Chair Eklund adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Attest: Allison Londgren
Clerk
Steven Eklund
Chair

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