

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #477 MINUTES

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: The regular meeting of the School Board of District #477 was called to order by Chair Eric Minks on the 3rd day of April, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Center Board Room.

Roll Call: Members Present: Deb Ulm, Craig Johnson, Chad Young, Sue VanHooser, Eric Minks, Eric Strandberg, Howard Vaillancourt, Craig Johnson (arrived at 6:02 p.m.).

Others present: Superintendent Julia Espe, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Community Education Gwen Anderson, Director of Technology Eric Simmons, and Director of Teaching and Learning Jessica Town-Gunderson.

Citizen Comments: None

Commendations Presentation: Winter commendations were presented to students by

Superintendent Espe.

Reports: Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board members attended. Sue VanHooser: Schools for Equity in Education Regional Meeting, Finance, Homeless Forum; Chad Young: Finance; Deb Ulm: Homeless Forum, Finance; Eric Minks: Executive Planning, Finance; Craig Johnson: None; Eric Strandberg: Executive Planning;

Howard Vaillancourt: Community Education Committee.

Student Council Report: Archery placed first in state. Student council discussed enrollment and why students are leaving Princeton. Interested in revisiting incentive day to encourage student attendance.

Superintendent Report: Annual surveys going out to staff, students & parents. Survey is used for goal setting. Discussed congress' 5-Star rating system. Superintendent is halfway through classroom visits and will finish 100 visits by the end of the school year.

Approve Agenda: Motion made by Deb Ulm, seconded by Chad Young to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and act on previous board meeting minutes: Motion made by Craig, seconded by Sue VanHooser, to approve the March 20th, regular/closed meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Motion made by Deb Ulm, seconded by Howard Vaillancourt, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Personnel, Gifts, and Grants. Motion passed unanimously.

Information:

First Reading of Policies- Julia Espe read changes made to policies 104, 301, 304, 904, 905, 907, 908. Policy 104 added Strategic Plan Goal IV; Policy 304 updated setting of goals terminology; Policy 904 updated with MSBA legal reference changes; Policy 908 updated points of contact; Policies 104, 301, 304, 904, and 908 updated formatting.

Strategic Plan Goal Report- Gwen Anderson reviewed Goal V of the strategic plan regarding Communication. Goals under communication: to improve employee engagement, building a open and welcoming image, and recruiting students. She also shared evidence in each area along with vehicles of implementation.

Action:

Second Reading of Policies- Motion to accept the second reading of the policies as presented was made by Craig Johnson and seconded by Chad Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Princeton Online Academy- Motion to authorize administration to change the Online Academy from grades 3-12 to 9-12 was made by Sue VanHooser and seconded by Howard Vaillancourt. Motion passed unanimously.

Long Range Planning- Motion to authorize administration the use of the \$25,000 Bush Grant to be used to review High School options for innovative programming was made by Craig Johnson and seconded by Deb Ulm. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion: Howard Vaillancourt questioned if High School course offerings were finalized and Julia Espe confirmed course catalog is still in progress.

2018-19 Unassigned Budget Guide- Motion was made to authorize administration to decrease the 2018-19 preliminary unassigned budget projections by \$500,000 by Chad Young and seconded by Craig Johnson. Upon roll call the following voted for: Eric Strandberg, Craig Johnson, Eric Minks, Deb Ulm, Chad Young, and Sue VanHooser. Abstained: Howard Vaillancourt. Motion passed 6:1.

Discussion: Sue VanHooser asked how \$500,000 was determined. Michelle Czech confirmed this figure was discussed during 3.20.18 Work Session and 4.3.18 Finance Meeting, and the district's need to maintain a fund balance.

School Board Financial Directive- Motion to accept the resolution as presented was made by Deb Ulm and seconded by Eric Strandberg. Upon roll call the following voted for: Sue VanHooser, Chad Young, Deb Ulm, Eric Minks, Eric Strandberg, and Howard Vaillancourt. Opposed: Craig Johnson. Motion passed 6:1.

Additions to Agenda- None.

Future Meetings Information: Executive Committee- April 11, 4:30 P.M.; Wellness Committee- April 17, 3:30 P.M.; Policy Meeting- April 17, 5:00 P.M.; Board Work Session- April 17th, 6:00 P.M.; Executive Committee- April 24, 4:30 P.M.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Eric Strandberg and seconded by Craig Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Recorder- Emily McKinnon

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