INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 139 APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING OCTOBER 25, 2018

Chairperson Folkema called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. in the High School Theater.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tyron, Stefanie Folkema, Matt Meissner, Becky Lamont, Teri Umbreit

Board Members absent: Jennifer Widell

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

Citizens Comments: There was a parent who expressed concern about a bus pick up stop for her two students. She is requesting that the bus pick up her children be at their house.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #10118 by Tryon seconded by Umbreit approving the Regular School Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #10218 by Tryon seconded by Meissner carried unanimously approving the following consent agenda items:

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of September 20, 2018

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling $897,114.54

Approve Personnel:

Employment of Bethany Hauner, High School ADSIS Behavior Coordinator, effective 9-27-18.

Leave request for Mary Kendall, Elementary Paraprofessional, effective 9-12-18 to 12-18-18.

Employment of Lorianne Pendergrass, Kindergarten Teacher, effective 10-8-18.

Employment of Jeffrey Jennings, 8th Grade/C Team Girls' Basketball Coach, effective 10-29-18.

Employment of Marissa True, JH/C Team Gymnastics Coach, effective 11-12-18.

Employment of Nick Oeltjen, 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, effective 1-2-19.

Addition of Second Grade Teaching Position.

Addition of Elementary Paraprofessional Position.

Consideration of Items Removed from Consent Agenda

None

Recognition/Policy Review

Policy Review–Second Reading

Policy #101 – Legal Status of the School District

Policy #101.1– Name of the School District

Policy #307 – Power and Duties of the Superintendent

Policy #501 – School Weapons Policy

Policy #502 – Search of Student Lockers, Desks, Personal Possessions, and Student's Person

Policy #504 – Student Dress and Appearance

Motion #10318 by Umbreit, seconded by Meissner carried unanimously approving second reading of the policy review.

Financial Topics

1. Revenues/Expenditures Update - As of September 30, 2018 general fund revenues are in at 22% of annual budget compared to expenditure budget at in 15%.

2. Investments - The district has $2,984,348 invested as of September 30, 2018.

Communications

Mr. Campbell provided an update on the referendum, including the required notification to property owners in the district that was mailed October 15, 2018 and the Notification of Special Election for Post Review Publication in the October 17 & 24, 2018 issues.

Reports

CE Jacobson Positive Points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

Principal Souhan shared information about the focus on literacy instruction, accountability and self-assessments. She also mentioned that every day, every student is reading a good fit book and writing. She also highlighted the work that PLC and data teams are working and getting training support.

Priority Area 2: Foster A Positive and Safe Environment

Principal Souhan started making Good News calls to parents and the response has been very pleasant. Teachers are also sending home post cards to children. They have completed 3 lock down drills and 3 fire drills so far.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

The new kindergarten teacher started and it is going well. We have 2 postings for para positions which we are finding difficult to fill or get applicants. Enrollment for K-6 is 447, PreK is 59, ECFE is 34. Great response to candy bar fund raiser.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

A posting of a story once a month on the website is the goal for Principal Souhan. Conferences held had a 95% participation rate for grades K-4. Department 5/6 followed a different format for this time.

Challenges:

Lack of para support for duties is a challenge. Due to lack of para applicants, there's still a need for reading support in 5th grade.

High School Positive Points:

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence-

MAP testing is complete. Teacher observations are underway. Great response to the staff development provided by Bill Ferriter. Participation in SCRED data facilitators is underway. We are continuing to work on truancy issues in association with Chisago County. Teachers are continuing to work on curriculum mapping and posting learning targets.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

A presenter shared with the high school students about personal struggles and avoidance of life harming behaviors. Ninth and 12th grade students participated in the Chisago County student survey. Staff members participated in Lifelines training. Drill procedures and practices have been conducted. The pig roast, dress-up days, pepfest and the dance were all well attended and well received.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

We continue to share information about the referendum and Mr. Campbell came and offered a discussion with the staff members in attendance.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

Attended SCRED legislative forum and was pleased to hear acknowledgement and concern from our political leaders regarding funding inequities.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge

Expanding opportunities for students, incorporating PBIS and continuing to map curriculum with integrity.

Executive Director Campbell gave an update on the progress of the district's Strategic Action Plan and World's Best Workforce.

Board Member Tyron attended the SCRED Board Meeting.

Board Member Meissner attended the ECMEC Board Meeting.

Old Business

The first meeting with the School Board Advisory Committee will be November 12 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the High School.

School Board Student Representatives is still in the works and Mr. Stavig and his crew are working to reduce the pool of candidates to two.

New Business

Motion #10418 by Umbreit and seconded by Meissner to approve Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for the next calendar year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #10518 by Tryon and seconded by Umbreit to approve PBIS Fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #10618 by Tryon and seconded by LaMont to approve MSHSL Volunteer Coaches. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion #10718 by Umbreit and seconded by Meissner to approve Resolution for MSHSL Foundation Grant for Student Participation. Motion carried unanimously.

Calendar

Public Information Meeting
High School Theater
10/25/18 6:30 pm
Canvassing of Election Results
High School Conference Room
11/15/18 5:00 pm
Regular Board Meeting
High School Theater
11/15/18 5:30 pm

Adjournment

Motion #10818 by Umbreit seconded by LaMont adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 6:23 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Tryon, Clerk

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