

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 Deb Ulm on the 3rd day of October, at 7:05 p.m. in the District Center Board Room. Roll Call: Members Present: Howard Vaillancourt, Deb Ulm, Craig Johnson, Eric Strandberg, Chad Young. Members Absent: Sue VanHooser, Eric Minks. MSBA: MSBA honored Rep. Erickson with a Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award. Others present: Superintendent Julia Espe, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Sarah Marxhausen, Director of Community Education Gwen Anderson. Student Council Representative: Lacee Broding. Citizen Comments: None

REPORTS: Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended. Howard Vaillancourt: Negotiations, Hall of Fame committee meeting, received an invitation for the MSHSL Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Deb Ulm: Agenda Planning, Auditors Interview. Eric Strandberg: Negotiations, MSHSL. Craig Johnson: Upcoming Activities Meeting. Student Council Report: Homecoming week was successful, and the dance went well.

Superintendent Report: Our Audit visit has concluded, we will be hearing back from them later on in the year. Last week we had a support staff recognition dinner, and we recognized Kristen Alfords, Sue Gunderson Carrie Tarvestad and Mary Ehman. They are all very deserving, and the district is very proud. The boardroom renovation is moving ahead and will not be accessible during the renovations. We had a busy week with professional development. Julia would like to cancel the policy meeting next board meeting night due to the study session. MSBA Leadership registration for the January conference is coming up.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Howard Vaillancourt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES: Motion made by Howard Vaillancourt seconded by Chad Young, to approve the September 19th, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA : Motion made by Craig Johnson, seconded by Howard Vaillancourt to approve the consent agenda as presented. Personnel, Fundraiser, Gift/Donation, Request to add Program Position Activity Form.

INFORMATION: Primary School Update- Greg Finck reported the results of the FAST testing for students in K-2. They assessed both reading and math. In reading we showed growth from 46% in the fall to 60% in the spring. Math showed an increase from 60% in the fall to 67% in the spring. He also reported on the progress of a outdoor classroom that would be used for students K-5. He finished the presentation by discussing the goals for the upcoming 2017-2018 school year. School Readiness

Update: Gwen Anderson reported on school readiness of 4 year olds served. 93.7% were proficient in literacy and 90.5% had social/emotional skills. All day every-day program showed that 100% were prepared to enter Kindergarten. She also introduced Jeff Hauge, the new Community Education Program Coordinator. Class Size Report: Sarah Marxhausen reported on the current class size in all schools.

ACTION: Second Reading of Policies: New Procedure; 101, 101.1, 102, 201, 202, 203, 203.1, 203.2, 203.5, 203.6, 204, 205, 207. Craig Johnson made a motion, seconded by Eric Strandberg to accept the second reading of the policies. Motion passed unanimously. Final Building Projects- Motion to accept the final building projects as presented was made by Eric Strandberg and seconded by Craig Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Additions to the agenda: None Future Meetings: Activities meeting- October, 4, 5:00. CANCELLATION- Policy Meeting, October 17, 4:30. School Board Study Session- October 17, 5:00. ADJOURN- Motion to adjourn was made by Howard Vaillancourt seconded by Craig Johnson. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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