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 15th day of May, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Center Board Room.

Art Presentation: Art teachers from each school presented student artwork to be displayed in the district center.

Roll Call: Members Present: Eric Minks, Howard Vaillancourt, Chad Young, Sue VanHooser and Eric Strandberg. Members Absent: Craig Johnson and Deb Ulm. Others present: Superintendent Julia Espe, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Sarah Marxhausen, and Lacee Broding.

REPORTS- Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended. Eric Strandberg: School Board Scholars Banquet; Chad Young: School Board Scholars Banquet, Policy Committee; Howard Vaillancourt: School Board Scholars Banquet, Policy Committee, cheer tryouts; Eric Minks: School Board Scholars Banquet, Executive Planning; Sue VanHooser: School Board Scholars Banquet, Senior Awards Night, Science Fair, Policy Committee.

Student Council Report: Student Council is finalizing the Spring Fling planning which will take place on May 21.

Superintendent Report: Ben Barton met with several district administrators this week. Graduation is coming up on May 25.

APPROVE AGENDA- Motion made by Howard Vaillancourt, seconded by Eric Strandberg to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion: Sue VanHooser asked to add a few items to discussion at a future board meeting.

DISCUSS and ACT on PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING MINUTES- Motion made by Eric Strandberg, seconded by Howard Vaillancourt, to approve the May 5th, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA- Motion made by Sue VanHooser, seconded by Howard Vaillancourt, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Personnel, Bills, Wire Transfers, Treasurer's Report, Gifts, Cell Phone Reimbursement, and Event Workers. Motion passed unanimously.

ACTION- Director of HR- Motion to accept Jason Senne as the Director of Human Resources was made by Sue VanHooser, and seconded by Chad Young. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent- Motion to accept Ben Barton as Superintendent was made by Howard Vaillancourt, and seconded by Eric Minks. Motion passed unanimously.

Oak Land Purchase Agreement- Motion to accept the Purchase Agreement for the Oak Lane property was made by Chad Young, and seconded by Eric Strandberg. Motion passed unanimously.

East Central Minnesota Cable Cooperative Joint and Cooperative Agreement- Motion to accept the ECMECC Joint and Cooperative Agreement as presented was made by Howard Vaillancourt, and seconded by Eric Minks. Motion passed unanimously.

WORK SESSION- The board started their Work Session at 6:46 p.m. The topics for discussion were: 2018-19 Budget; Rum River Cooperative; Long Term Facility Maintenance; 10 Year Plan for MDE; Transportation Contract; Health Insurance Plan Year Update.

FUTURE MEETINGS INFORMATION- Executive Meeting- May 30, 4:15 P.M., Superintendent Retirement Celebration- May 31, 3:30 P.M., Finance Meeting- June 5, 4:30 P.M., Regular Board Meeting- June 5, 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURN- The work session was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Recorder- Emily McKinnon

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