

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #139
APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2018

Chairperson Folkema called the Regular School Board Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Room 201 at the Rush City High School.

Roll Call

Board Members present: Scott Tryon, Stefanie Folkema, Matt Meissner, Jennifer Widell, Becky LaMont, (student members) Dalton Ramberg and Chad Fleischhacker. Absent: Teri Umbreit. Others in attendance: Teresa Dupre, Superintendent; Brent Stavig, High School Principal; Lee Rood, Community and Activities Director, a representative from the East Central Minnesota Post Review and other interested parties.

Approval of Regular School Board Meeting Agenda

Motion #04018 by Tryon seconded by LaMont approving the Regular School Board Meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Motion #04118 by Meissner seconded by Widell approving the following Consent Agenda items: Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 19, 2018

Bills, obligations, and invoices totaling \$753,614.86 for Rush City and \$456,856.56 for SCRED.

Approve Personnel

Rush City ISD #139

Leave request for Kathleen Stepp, Preschool Paraprofessional, effective March 28-April 27, 2018

Retirement of Larry Porras, Custodian, effective May 31, 2018.

Employment of Heidi Corbin, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective start of 2018-19 school year.

Retirement of Joe Nelson as Girls' Basketball Head Coach, effective April 1, 2018

Employment of Christine Keegan as Jr. High Track Coach, effective March 12, 2018

Resignation of Christine Keegan, HS Business Teacher, effective end of 2017-18 school year

Resignation of Melissa Johnson, HS Cook, effective April 30, 2018

SCRED

Resignation of Heidi Corbin, Early Childhood Family Support Resource Provider, effective June 30, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration of Item(s) Removed From Consent Agenda

Recognition/Policy Review

Policy Review – First Reading

Policy #608 – Instructional Services – Special Education

Policy #609 – Religion

Policy #610 – Field Trips

Policy #611 – Home Schooling

Policy #612.1 – Development of Parental Involvement Policies for Title I Programs

Policy #613 – Graduation Requirements

Policy #614 – School District Testing Plan and Procedure

Policy #618 – Assessment of Student Achievement

Policy #619 – Staff Development Standards

Policy #620 – Credit for Learning

Policy #623 – Summer School Instruction

Policy #624 – Online Learning Options

Policy #902 – Use of School District Facilities and Equipment

Financial Information

1. Revenue/Expenditure Update: Business Manager Frost reviewed the 2017-18 revenue and expenditure report noting that general fund revenues are approximately \$540,000 greater than expenditures to date.

2. Investments: The district has \$2,030,096 invested as of March 31, 2018.

Communications

Communication survey to be sent out Friday, April 20.

Curriculum review cycle shared and supported as written.

Reports

Positive Points - Elementary

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- Our third grade students did a great job reading and received many prizes for all their minutes through our "Read to Succeed," program that is sponsored by anonymous donors.
- We continue to be relentless in aligning curriculum to standards, and have been working through that process in PLC time each week.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- We completed a statewide tornado drill on April 12 very efficiently. We also completed another lock down drill on April 13; things went very smoothly in all areas of the building.
- The lock blocks are installed on all doors, and being used by all staff. Classroom doors are now locked throughout the entire academic day.

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- We received a \$1500 dollar SHIP grant, which allowed Mr. Erdman to purchase new materials for Phy Ed. These materials will help students become involved in a variety of new games.
- The current enrollment through March 16 is 475 in grades k-6.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- Our PTO is hosting a dance on Friday April 27; look for more information to come. We are very thankful for our new PTO organization, and for all the work they are doing for our kids.
- We had an 85% attendance rate for all grades k-6 for spring conferences. We want to again, publicly thank our parents for all their support.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge

Additional intervention support is needed in reading and math. We are trying to get to students the best we can, but continue to recognize a staffing deficit.

Positive Points – High School

Priority Area 1: Achieve Academic Excellence

- On April 3rd, 41 juniors took the ACT. This is about 2/3 of the class.
- Frandsen Family Foundation Scholarship update
 - April 6th Mr. Frandsen, PTCC, and Mrs. Dupre spoke to seniors about the opportunity. PTCC met with interested students.
 - April 11th and 12th, 25 students and their parents visited PTCC to learn about programs, financial aid, scholarship requirements, and tour the campus.

- Conferences were held March 20th and 22nd. Spring conferences were not as well attended as fall; however, they are valuable for those who took advantage of the opportunity.

- MCA tests underway. Currently testing Reading, Math begins April 23rd, and Science May 8th.

Priority Area 2: Foster a Positive and Safe Environment

- Principal's PLC – We discussed transforming Media/Library spaces to be more collaborative and engaging. I fully support Dalton Ramberg's vision for our space! – Great work Dalton!

- Safety Drills

- Statewide Severe weather, 1:45 April 12th

- Lockdown, April 13th

- End of the year planning

- Prom is at Splitrocks Entertainment Center, May 5th

- Scholarship Awards Ceremony 6:30PM, May 16th

- Spring Filing will be May 23rd

- Senior finals are planned for May 24th and 25th

- Tentative last day for seniors to be May 25th

- Graduation practice 9:00AM, May 29th

- Graduation 2:00PM, June 3rd

Priority Area 3: Financial Stability to Support the District Mission

- Less of a decline in enrollment compared to past years, currently only down three from the October 1st.

Priority Area 4: Strengthen Community Relationships

- Our second annual career fair will take place on May 3rd. Currently there are 28 organizations signed up with 11 being new.
- GPS 45:93 has arranged to have Hutchinson and Elva-Strum school district personal and community leaders provide an overview of their innovative approach to career readiness. This event is to be held at the North Branch EMS building and is open to interested school, business, and community leaders.

Area of Concern or Current Challenge

- SNOW, SNOW, COLD, AND SNOW...
- Planning to accommodate condensed spring sports schedules so we minimize any potential conflicts with academic and/or testing

Updates

Collaborative Spaces presentation by Dalton Ramberg included reutilization of space in the High School Media Center to create collaborative spaces for students. Dalton wrote and secured grants to cover the cost of the furniture needed to create these new spaces. Financial contribution from High School Student Council and an anonymous donor also helped to make this transformation possible. Dalton will now be putting a task force of teachers and students together to create the new expectations for student use of the collaborative spaces. Thank you Dalton for all of your research and hard work on this project.

Meetings Attended

None

Old Business

Superintendent Dupre presented the Worlds Best Work Force Summary Report to the school board.

New Business

International Trip to Spain: Art teacher Dan Kuchenbecker presented plans for a student Art & Spanish trip to Spain during the summer of 2019. In concept, the board supports this opportunity for students and will revisit approval once all of the details are confirmed.

Motion #04218 by Meissner seconded by Widell to accept and approve the July 1, 2017 Actuarial Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Board accepted information from Food Services Supervisor to continue contract with Indianhead Foodservice Distributor.

Motion #04318 by Tryon seconded by Widell to authorize the school district to seek quotes for milk and fuel. Motion carried unanimously

Motion #04418 by Meissner seconded by LaMont to approve the Aquatic Center Summer 2018 Budget. Motion carried unanimously

Motion #04518 by Meissner seconded by LaMont to approve Aquatic Center Summer 2018 Payroll Procedure. Motion carried unanimously

School Board participants for 2018 graduation on June 3rd will be Stefanie Folkema and Jennifer Widell.

Resolution to place SCRED employees on unrequested leave presented by Folkema, motion #04618 by Tryon seconded by Meissner. Motion carried unanimously

Resolution to continue Board Approved Referendum Authority for \$300 per pupil until 2023 presented by Folkema, motion #04718 by Meissner seconded by Widell. Motion carried unanimously

Calendar

Regular School Board Meeting High School Room 201 5/17/18 5:30 PM

Regular School Board Meeting - CHANGE High School Room 201 6/28/18 5:30 PM

Adjournment

Motion #04818 by Widell seconded by LaMont adjourning the Regular Board meeting at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Tryon, Clerk

Our mission is to provide each learner with appropriate educational opportunities to reach his or her potential.