

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
DISTRICT NO. 477  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 1, 2018**

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 1st day of May, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Center Board Room. Members Present: Howard Vaillancourt, Deb Ulm, Eric Strandberg, Sue VanHooser, Chad Young, Eric Minks, and Craig Johnson. Others present: Superintendent Julia Espe, Director of Business Services Michelle Czech, Director of Human Resources Sarah Marxhausen.

**REPORTS** Board committee meeting(s) and school events each Board member attended.

Howard Vaillancourt: Superintendent Interviews; Eric Strandberg: Superintendent Interviews, Minnesota State High School League Meeting, Agenda Planning; Craig Johnson: Superintendent Interviews; Eric Minks: Superintendent Interviews, Finance; Deb Ulm: Superintendent Interviews; Chad Young: Superintendent Interviews, Sue VanHooser: Superintendent Interviews, Schools for Equity in Education

**Student Council Report:** Lacey Broding- The Student Council held board elections.

**Superintendent Report:** Intermediate students are participating in the VEX Robotics world championships. Anthony DeStefano from NASA is visiting schools this week and is speaking at the School Board Scholar Banquet. **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 Johnson seconded by Eric Strandberg, to approve the April 17, regular meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**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 Johnson, seconded by Eric Strandberg, to approve the April 17th, regular/closed meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion made by Chad Young, 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

**ACTION**

**Sick Leave MOU-** Motion to accept the Sick Leave MOU as proposed was made by Eric Strandberg and seconded by Howard Vaillancourt. Opposed: Craig Johnson. Motion passed 6:1.

**Food Service Meal Rates-** Motion to accept the recommended 2018-19 food service meal prices was made by Deb Ulm and seconded by Chad Young. Upon roll call the following voted for: Sue VanHooser, Chad Young, Deb Ulm, Eric Minks, and Howard Vaillancourt. Opposed: Eric Strandberg and Craig Johnson. Motion passed 5:2.

**Program Initiatives-Assigned Budget-** Motion to accept the 2018-19 estimated expenses for program initiatives was made by Deb Ulm and seconded by Craig Johnson. Motion passed unanimously.

**Teaching & Learning Budget Proposals-** Motion to accept the estimated Teaching and Learning expenses for staff development and ATTPS was made by Chad Young and seconded by Howard Vaillancourt. Motion passed unanimously.

**Individual Contracts-** Motion to accept the individual contracts was made by Deb Ulm and seconded by Howard Vaillancourt. Motion passed unanimously.

**2nd Reading of Policies-** Motion to accept the second reading of policies was made by Craig Johnson and seconded by Deb Ulm. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution of Teacher's Contract-** Sarah Marxhausen discussed the resolution of Ellen Siewert's contract. The new agreement will allow Siewert and the school district to stop paying TRA. Motion to approve Ellen Siewert's letter of retirement was made by Howard Vaillancourt and seconded by Sue VanHooser. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to terminate Ellen Siewert's current contract was made by Deb Ulm and seconded by Craig Johnson. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to approve the new contract that re-employs Ellen Siewert on April 13, 2018 was made by Eric Strandberg and seconded by Craig Johnson. Upon roll call the following voted in favor: Sue VanHooser, Chad Young, Deb Ulm, Eric Minks, Craig Johnson, Eric Strandberg, and Howard Vaillancourt. Motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution for non-renewals-** Motion to accept the resolution for non-renewals was made by Craig Johnson and seconded by Deb Ulm. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA-** None.

**FUTURE MEETINGS INFORMATION**

**Executive Committee-** May 9, 4:15 P.M.

**Policy Meeting-** May 15, 5:00 P.M.

**Board Work Session-** May 15, 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chad Young and seconded by Eric Minks. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Recorder  
Emily McKinnon

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