

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

April 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER –Chairman Kamrath called to order the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 423, Hutchinson, MN, at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers at City Center.

ROLL CALL - Members Present: Mike Carls, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, JoEllen Kimball, and Jim Waldron. Also present were Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent; Donna Luhning, Director of Business and Finance; Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary; and Kaitlin Yira, Student Representative. Members absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Chairman Kamrath invited members of the audience to address the board regarding items on the agenda. No public comments were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the March 2, 2015 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the February 24, 2015 through April 7, 2015 claims in the amount of \$3,074,925.53 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:
 - Leave of Absence**
 - **Keri Buker** – Counselor, Middle School (8/24/15 – 10/3/15)
 - **Laurie Schroeder** – Title/Intervention Teacher, Park Elementary (2015-2016)
 - New**
 - **Alex Brown** – B Squad Baseball Coach (2/27/15)
 - **Ashly Casteel** - Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher, West Elementary (3/30/15 – 6/5/15)
 - **Amanda Langins** – Long Term Substitute 5th Grade Teacher, Park Elementary (3/19/15 – 6/5/15)
 - **Keith Larson** – Custodian/Maintenance, District-wide (4/13/15)
 - **Kyle Messner** – Varsity Reserve Softball Coach (3/20/15)
 - **Jasmine Reiten** – Long Term Substitute Special Education Assistant, West Elementary (3/16/15-6/4/15)
 - **Mike Weisenberger** – Middle School Basketball Coach (3/17/15)
 - **Eric Westlund** – Assistant Girls’ Lacrosse Coach (2/27/15)
 - **Eric Westlund** – Test Proctor, Park Elementary (3/23/15-5/15/15)
 - Resignations**
 - **Edward Fairbairn** – Director of Technology (3/17/15)
 - **Amber Gunderson** – DCD Special Education Teacher, Middle School (6/5/15)
 - **Trina Johnson** – Education Assistant, ECFE (4/11/15)
 - **Amber Larson** - Secretary III, West Elementary (6/19/15)
 - **Sara Yarand** – Special Education Assistant, Middle School (4/10/15)
- Approved the extended field trip for Park Elementary and Middle School Lego League to St. Louis, Missouri April 21 – 26, 2015.

COMMON CUP MINISTRY (Bev Bonte & Ralph Johnson) – Bev Bonte, Common Cup Ministry Director and Ralph Johnson, Common Cup Ministry Board Member, provided highlights of the organization’s backpack food program, coat distribution, school supply program and the provision of personal products program. The mission of Common Cup Ministry is to gather and share spiritual and financial resources of area churches into one “Common Cup” so that we may minister to those in need. Detailed information can be found on their website, www.common-cup.org.

EYE ON THE TIGER (Olberg) – Fifth grade students participated in a fun learning opportunity through an egg drop project. 3M Engineers worked with fifth graders to develop contraptions that would protect an egg from a 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 foot drop. Each classroom had to use the same materials. The classes competed with each other and the class with the highest average safe drop won a pizza party. Congratulations to Ms. Kaminsky's students! Students had fun working with and learning science from the 3M Engineer volunteers. Thank you to Jasmyn Moore, Miranda Piehl, Maren Honsey, Justin Jaeger, and Wyatt Reece for volunteering their time and talents in preparing and presenting this report.

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS – Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent, presented the district highlights.

- The Play and Learn Preschool open house is April 13 and 14 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at West Elementary. Registration begins April 20, 2015.
- April 20 – 24, 2015 is Kindness Week at West Elementary. They will be conducting a food shelf collection.
- Congratulations and thank you to the Park Elementary students for raising \$3,143.35 for Pennies for Patients.
- Congratulations to the Park Elementary Lego League team who will be competing at Nationals April 22 – 24, 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri. Thank you to all who donated to make this trip possible for the students.
- Congratulations to the HHS Students of the Month for March 2015.
 - Leif Borg, Grade 11, Mythology
 - Ciera Drey, Grade 10, Honors English
 - Mitchell Hierlmaier, Grade 10, English 10B
 - Maggie Kleiman, Grade 9, English 9A
 - Ben Kvale, Grade 10, Honors English
 - Logan Petsinger, Grade 10, American Literature
 - Brandon Vacek, Grade 12, Speech & Classic Literature
 - Evan Westlund, Grade 9, English 9A
- Congratulations to the Speech Team and Advisor Jason Olson for earning first place in the small entry division. Congratulations to the following for their individual accomplishments.
 - Austin Willhite, 3rd place, Prose
 - Ben Jenum, 7th place, Prose
 - Lizzy Boor, 2nd place, Informative
 - Haley Burgart, 7th place, Informative
 - Noah Ishihara, 6th place, Extemporaneous Speaking
 - Elyse Tavary, Annie Zheng, and Mila Hanson, Honorable Mention Ribbons
- Congratulations to the Hutchinson Area Tigers Special Olympics Unified Basketball Team for earning 3rd place at State!
- Congratulations to Bernie Reinke, Director of Food Services, for being named the Minnesota School Nutrition Association's Director of the Year!
- Thank you to Mark and Wendy Schierman for their \$5,000 donation to the ISD 423 Foundation. This donation was part of an employee match challenge.
- Chad Harlander, ISD 423 Foundation Chair, and Tyler Warren, FFA Director, explained the new Tiger Time Challenge event. The event is taking place on May 16, 2015 and is similar in concept to Tough Mudder, Warrior Dash and Dirty Girl. Proceeds will benefit the ISD 423 Foundation and the FFA. Register online at www.tigertimechallenge.org.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS – Kaitlin Yira, Student Representative, presented the student highlights.

- All juniors will take the ACT test and all sophomores will take the MCA reading test on April 28. April 28 is also the senior breakfast.
- Freshmen will be piloting a digital learning day where they will work on assignments online.
- Prom is May 2.
- Spring sports have started.

DESIGNATION OF IDENTIFIED OFFICIAL WITH AUTHORITY (VanderHeiden) – Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent, as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE secure websites for Hutchinson Public Schools, ISD 423.

2015-2016 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (Marcotte) – Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, to approve the 2015-2016 academic school calendar as presented. Motion approved by majority vote (5-1).

2015-2016 STUDENT HANDBOOKS (Principals) – Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the 2015-2016 West Elementary and Park Elementary Student Handbooks. The 2015-2016 Middle School Student Handbook will be revised and resubmitted for approval at the April 27, 2015 quarterly School Board meeting.

SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (Kevin Holm) – Kevin Holm, LHB Education Focus Leader, presented a variety of design concepts. Some of the design concepts were developed by the District’s Solution Development Team (employees and community members) and some by LHB staff. These concepts will be presented to and discussed by the District’s Solution Development Team on April 15, 2015. The discussion on April 15 will help LHB finalize the design concept that will be presented to the District’s Facilities Committee on May 6, 2015 and then to the Board of Education on May 11, 2015.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REQUEST TO NEGOTIATE – SEIU LOCAL 284 (Kamrath) – The District is in receipt of a request to negotiate from SEIU Local 284.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:

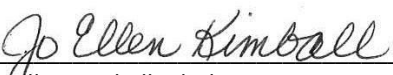
- District Improvement Team (Kimball/Carls) – The next meeting is April 22, 2015.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Kimball) – The next meeting is May 28, 2015.
- Facilities (Gehlen/Kimball/Carls) – The committee discussed the stadium entrance and safety issues, the referendum tracking survey questions, and the pool renovations. The next regular committee meeting is May 6, 2015.
- Finance (Waldron / Gehlen / Kamrath) – The committee reviewed the finance reports, enrollment, the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) initiative, level III budget requests, and technology. The next meeting is May 11, 2015.
- Insurance (Waldron) – The next meeting is May 6, 2015.
- Legislative / SEE (Gehlen / Carls) – School finance is a very complex process. Legislative issues discussed include school district’s authority to levy for deferred maintenance (only 25 districts in the the state have this authority) and debt equalization for property-poor districts (like ISD 423). The next general membership meeting is April 24, 2015.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Waldron) – The committee reviewed upcoming summer projects. Registration for summer activities opens May 4, 2015. The next meeting is May 4, 2015.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015, 5:30 pm, Middle School Media Center. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers at City Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 pm.



Keith Kamrath, Chairman 05/11/15
Date



Jo Ellen Kimball, Clerk 05/11/15
Date