

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

April 14, 2014

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: Byron Bettenhausen, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, Deb Penwell, and Jim Waldron. Also present were Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent; Donna Luhring, Director of Business and Finance; Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary; and student representative Nina Grunzke. 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 Byron Bettenhausen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the March 3, 2014 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the February 26, 2014 through April 8, 2014 claims in the amount of \$2,362,630.68 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

New

- **Rebecca Bartholomay-Suko** – English Teacher, High School (8/25/14)
- **Christine Bobrowske** – Long Term Substitute Kindergarten Teacher, West Elementary (4/30/14 – 6/9/14)
- **Chelsey Crary** – English Teacher, High School (8/25/14)
- **Shelly Grorud** – Targeted Services, West Elementary (4/3/14 – 6/2/14)
- **Suzanne Hay** – Special Education Para Substitute (3/27/14)
- **Amanda Kaping** – Social Worker, West and Park Elementary (8/25/14)
- **Lisa Kirchoff** – Special Education Assistant, West Elementary (4/3/14 – 6/6/14)
- **Kevin Kliendl** – Assistant Musical Director (3/28/14)
- **Deb Lerdal** – Early Childhood Special Education Assessment and Service Provider (3/17/14)
- **Donna Luthens** - Special Education Para Substitute (3/28/14)
- **Charles Moe** – Assistant Musical Director (3/28/14)
- **Brianna Monahan** – Long Term Substitute Grade 4 Teacher, Park Elementary (3/17/14 – 6/6/14)
- **Jason Olson** – Social Studies Teacher and Head Speech Coach, High School (8/25/2014)
- **Mandy Sturges** – Health Services Coordinator (5/27/14)
- **Abby Thomson** – Special Education Teacher, High School (8/25/14)
- **Al Wuetrich** – Middle School Softball Coach (3/7/14)
- **Stephanie Zajicek** – Speech and Language Therapist, District-wide (8/25/14)

Resignations

- **Michelle Anderson** – Assistant Dance Coach (3/28/14)
- **Brian Beffert** – 9th Grade Baseball Coach (2/24/14)
- **Dan Brinkman** – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach (3/28/14)
- **Gretchen Dahl** – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach & Assistant Girls Hockey Coach (3/28/14)
- **Ruth Hamlow** – Head Speech Coach (3/28/14)
- **Sherry Murphy** – Social Worker, Park Elementary (6/10/14)
- **Mirada Nortrom** – Assistant Girls Hockey Coach (3/28/14)
- **Chris Sones** – 9th Grade Wrestling Coach (3/6/14)
- **Bruce Rosenow** – Assistant Wrestling Coach (4/2/14)
- **Carmen Villasuso** – ELL Paraprofessional / Translation / Supervision, Park Elementary (6/6/14)

Retirement

- **Vickie Braml** – Grade 1 Teacher, West Elementary (6/10/14)
- **Deb Fitzloff** – Art Teacher, West Elementary (6/10/14)
- **LeAnn Mullan** – FACS Teacher, Middle School (6/10/14)
- **Kim Schutt** – 4th Grade Teacher, Park Elementary (6/10/14)
- **Mardette Trettin** – Cook Cashier, High School (6/11/14)
- Approved the following contract renewals:
 - **SW/WC Educational Service Cooperative 2014-2015 Contract**
 - Finance, payroll, and MARSS support - \$34,309.40 (compared to \$34,112.05 last year), fee is based on enrollment
 - **Hutchinson Health EAP 2014 Contract**
 - Employee Assistance Program services - \$11,800.00

RECOGNITION – Josh Gehlen, on behalf of the Board of Education and ISD 423, thanked those who are retiring (at the end of this school year) for their service and dedication to the students and families of our district. Vickie Braml, Grade 1 Teacher, West Elementary, 27 years; Deb Fitzloff, Art Teacher, West Elementary, 25 years; LeAnn Mullan, FACS Teacher, Middle School, 27 years; Kim Schutt, Grade 4 Teacher, Park Elementary, 24 years; and Mardette Trettin, Cook Cashier, High School, 17 years. Their work throughout the years is appreciated.

EYE ON THE TIGER (Broderius) – West Elementary Principal, Anne Broderius, highlighted the first grade musical *We Are America*, a patriotic tribute.

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

- West and Park Elementary hosted an Arts & Academics Showcase which featured over 50 student performers.
- Congratulations to the students of Park Elementary for their participation in Read Across America. During a five-week period the students read a total of 631,462 minutes, which equals 10,522 hours or 439 days. Staff and students celebrated by performing *Hooray for Diffendoofer Day!*
- Congratulations to the 3rd grade students for their production of 101 Dalmatians. Thank you to Musical Directors Stacy Halter and Judy Hoeft (Music Teachers) and to Jason Durheim (Technology Integration Specialist) for providing lighting and sound.
- Congratulations and thank you to Park Elementary students and staff for raising \$2,560.73 for Pennies for Patients. The funds will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.
- Thank you to 3M engineers for volunteering with Park Elementary students. Through *Science Matters*, students had the opportunity to perform fun experiments like cryogenics, egg-drop, and Newton's Laws of Motion.
- West and Park Elementary are recruiting two paid literacy tutors, through the Minnesota Reading Corps, for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information and to apply, visit www.minnesotareadingcorps.org.
- Congratulations to Evan Alsleben who participated in the State Geography Bee held at St. Cloud University and finished in 8th place.
- Congratulations to 8th Grade Math Students Adam Tracy, Mara Pollmann, Annie Zheng, Emily Redekopp, and Jason Hasse who participated in the 47th Annual St. Cloud State Mathematics Competition. Adam, Mara, Annie and Emily placed in the top 10% and Jason placed in the top 5%.
- Congratulations to Catty Bradley who was awarded a four week learning program scholarship in Argentina for photography/visual arts with The Experiment in International Living program.
- Congratulations to the High School Students of the Month for March 2014.
 - Anna Bashans, Grade 10, English 10A
 - Caleb Harris, Grade 12, English 12B
 - Tyler Lenz, Grade 9, English 9A
 - Brandon Ludewig, Grade 10, Reading
 - Erica Metzger, Grade 12, English 12B
 - Julia Nelson-Troska, Grade 9, English 9B
 - Megan Thompson, Grade 11, English 11B
 - Alison Yira, Grade 9, English 9B

- Congratulation to the Business Professionals of America students who qualified to compete at the National competition in Indianapolis (April 30 – May 4).
- Thank you to 3M for a \$20,000 Ingenuity Grant that will be used toward the purchase of a CNC plasma cutter and for professional development of teachers to help increase STEM concepts in non-STEM areas (STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). Thank you and congratulations to High School Teachers Tinea Graham, Daryl Lundin, Jeff Smith, Shirley Sommer, and Patrick Duffy for their work with this grant.
- Thank you to all school volunteers. Your work with the district is appreciated!

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS – Nina Grunzke presented the student highlights.

- A movie night is being planned in May.
- The National Honor Society will be selling Ego-Grams (personalized, candy-filled Easter eggs) April 11 – 14.
- Prom is April 26. The theme is The Gatsby. The grand march is from 2 – 4 pm in the High School Auditorium. The dance is from 9 pm – 12 am at the Event Center.
- Spring sports are up and running.

FFA PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE PRESENTATION (Rada) – FFA students demonstrated their ability to effectively communicate during a meeting by conducting a mock chapter meeting that showcased their knowledge of basic parliamentary law and the correct use of parliamentary procedures.

BOILER REPLACEMENT BID APPROVAL (Mohr) – Motion made by Byron Bettenhausen, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve awarding the bid for replacement of the Park Elementary boilers and Alternate #1 (electrical work) to Climate Makers, Inc.

2014-2015 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (VanderHeiden) – The 2014-2015 academic calendar was tabled and will be recommended for approval at the April 28, 2014 quarterly school board meeting.

2014-2015 STUDENT HANDBOOKS (Principals) – Motion made by Deb Penwell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the 2014-2015 student handbooks for West Elementary, Park Elementary, and the Middle School. It was noted that the new anti-bullying law information and other State mandated changes will need to be added when the information becomes available. The High School student handbook will be reviewed and approved at a future school board meeting.

Q-COMP (Rada) – Moved by Josh Galen, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve the Q-Comp plan and Memorandum of Agreement as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- District Improvement Team (Penwell/Bettenhausen) – The next meeting is May 1, 2014.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Penwell) – The next meeting is May 29, 2014.
- Facilities (Bettenhausen/Gehlen/Hornick-Lindell) – The committee discussed the boiler bids, the stadium turf and funding, and the facility timeline. The next meeting is May 7, 2014.
- Finance (Gehlen / Kamrath / Waldron) – The committee reviewed financial reports and bills, Q-comp, the Employee Assistance Program contract, charter school agreements, snow days, requests for proposals for audits and work comp/property insurance, open enrollment history, fiscal year 15 budget projections, and health care insurance. The next meeting is May 12, 2014.
- Legislative / SEE (Klamath) – The legislature is in session. Two items being watched are the new anti-bully laws and a supplemental appropriation bill. The next meeting is April 24, 2014.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Hornick-Lindell) – Registration for summer activities is May 5, 2014.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, 5:30 pm, High School Media Center. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014, 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber at City Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Byron Bettenhausen, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm.


Keith Kamrath, Chairman

05/12/14
Date


Jim Waldron, Clerk

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