

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

January 13, 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 5:40 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 Byron Bettenhausen, seconded by Lori Hornick-Lindell, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the December 9, 2013 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the December 4, 2013 through January 7, 2014 claims in the amount of \$2,065,316.15 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

Increased Assignment

- **Kristine Baumgardt** – Bus Supervisor, Park and West Elementary (1/2/14)

Leave of Absence

- **Shannon Hendrickson** – Secretary, Middle School (4/21/14 – 8/3/14)

New

- **Melinda Dohman** – Homebound Instructor Substitute (12/16/13)
- **Ma del Frank** – Special Education Assistant, Cornerstone (1/2/14)
- **Kurt Hjerpe** – Middle School Basketball Coach (12/20/13)
- **Stacia Jasken** – Long Term Substitute ADSIS Education Assistant, Park Elementary (12/9/13-6/6/14)
- **Randy McGill** – Middle School Basketball Coach (12/20/13)
- **Patti Micholichek** – Long Term Substitute .5 Gifted & Talented Teacher, Park Elementary (12/9/13 – 6/6/14)
- **Nichole Plath** – Special Education Assistant, West Elementary (1/2/14)
- **Kyle Podratz** – Homebound Instruction, Middle School (12/16/13)
- **Sarah Smith** – Homebound Instruction, Park Elementary (12/2/13)
- **Randy Starke** – Middle School Basketball Coach (12/20/13)
- **Tim Thode** – 9th Grade Football Coach (12/13/13)
- **Mark Yira** – Middle School Basketball Coach (12/20/13)

Resignations

- **Chad Harlander** – Middle School Football Coach (12/10/13)
- **Pieter Nouwen** – Head Boys Soccer Coach (1/3/14)
- **Brian Pouw** – Assistant Boys Soccer Coach (1/3/14)
- **Bruce Rosenow** – Assistant Football Coach (1/2/14)
- **Tim Thode** – Middle School Football Coach (12/16/13)

Retirements

- **Monica Neubauer** – Health Service Coordinator and Licensed School Nurse (6/30/14)

EYE ON THE TIGER (Grina) – Middle School Teachers Mrs. Mohr, Mr. Schmidt, and Mrs. Hubbard-Anderson highlighted the student trip to Washington, D.C. The trip took place June 19-23, 2013 and was organized through Carlson Wagonlit Travel. Students were able to explore history and enjoy cultural opportunities. It was a wonderful experience. Plans are to offer a Washington, D.C. trip every other year.

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

- Congratulations to the Lego League Tigers who are advancing to state competition. Thank you to Melinda Dohman, the Lego League Advisor.
- Congratulations to the Middle School Geography Bee Championship Finalists: Calvin Schochenmaier, Rogan Isbell, Tyler Drey (7th grade champion), Abby Riewer, Shelby Mohr, Evan Alsleben (8th grade champion and school wide champion), Trevor Walter, Jack Jaeger (6th grade champion), Ethan Bah, and Hayden Knorr.
- Congratulations to the four Jr. High Knowledge Bowl teams for placing 4th, 12th, 21st, and 29th at sub-regional competition. Congratulations to the teams advancing to regionals: team 1: Jack Hauser, Dylan Langan, Max Caya, Brendan Wicklund, and Jason Hasse and team 2: Jordan Walter, Lexi Ludowese, Olivia Walsh, Annie Zheng, Brandi Oleson, and Marissa Brunkhorst. Thank you to Rhoda Hubbard-Anderson, Knowledge Bowl Adviser.
- Congratulations Sam Ellefson for being named a Carson Scholars Program nominee runner-up.
- Congratulations to Nina Grunzke for being named the Carson Scholars Program nominee.
- Congratulations to Leonard Lasley, HHS Boys Track Coach, for being named the MN State Boys AA Coach of the Year.
- Thank you to 3M for a \$100,000 grant for the Advanced Manufacturing and Academic Partnership program to enhance America's global competitiveness.
- Thank you to Alliance Pipeline for a \$10,000 grant to be used for science needs at the Middle School and High School.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS – Nina Grunzke presented the student highlights.

- Cabin Fever week is January 27 – 31, 2014. The traditional dress-up days are being changed to include a flannel day and the PJ day will include hot cocoa and donuts for students. No activities are being planned for Friday of that week.
- The Winter Wonderland dance is February 1st. Tickets will be \$5 or \$3 with a donation to the food shelf.

PROGRAMS/POSITIONS REDUCTION RESOLUTION (Kamrath) – Chairman Kamrath introduced and read the following resolution:

PROGRAMS/POSITIONS REDUCTION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and

WHEREAS, this reduction in student enrollment may include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and,

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 423 as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and Administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions and, as a result of a reduction of enrollment, make recommendations to the School Board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

Moved by Byron Bettenhausen and seconded by Josh Gehlen to adopt the Program/Positions Reduction Resolution. Motion approved by roll call vote with Byron Bettenhausen, Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, Deb Penwell, and Jim Waldron voting in favor of the motion.

AUTHORIZATION TO SEEK BIDS FOR STADIUM RENOVATION PROJECT (Mohr) – Motion made by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Byron Bettenhausen, with all members present voting aye, to authorize Brian Mohr, Director of Buildings, Grounds and Student Transportation, to seek bids for the excavation, site preparation and bleacher seating components of the stadium renovation project. Bids will not be awarded until there are sufficient funds available in the stadium renovation project fund to cover the expenses.

PUBLIC SUMMARY OF SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION (Kamrath) – The board reviewed Superintendent VanderHeiden’s professional goals for the 2013-2014 school year and found his performance to be satisfactory in all areas reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:


- District Improvement Team (Penwell/Bettenhausen) – The next meeting is January 27, 2014.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Penwell) – The next meeting is January 23, 2014.
- Facilities (Bettenhausen/Gehlen/Hornick-Lindell) – The committee reviewed building heating (during the extreme cold weather), discussed the turf field, reviewed recently completed projects (parking lots, West Elementary playground, and building intercom systems) and discussed a potential Facilities Committee workshop. The next meeting is February 5, 2014.
- Finance (Gehlen / Kamrath / Waldron) – The committee reviewed financial reports, bills, the future of Lacrosse, a parking lot agreement, and year-to-date transportation expenses (on track). The next meeting is February 10, 2014.
- Legislative / SEE (Kamrath) – The next meeting is February 21, 2014.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Hornick-Lindell) – The next meeting is February 3, 2014.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2014, 5:30 pm, location to be determined. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014, 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber at City Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Lori Hornick-Lindell, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 pm.


Keith Kamrath, Chairman

2/10/14
Date


Jim Waldron, Clerk

2/10/14
Date