

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

March 2, 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: Josh Gehlen, Lori Hornick-Lindell, Keith Kamrath, JoEllen Kimball, and Jim Waldron. Also present were Daron VanderHeiden, Superintendent; Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary; and Mackenzie McDonald, Student Representative. Members absent: Mike Carls.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Chairman Kamrath invited members of the audience to address the board regarding items on the agenda. Daryl Patrick, President of Education Hutchinson, spoke on behalf of the group, expressing their support to the Board of Education and Administration to bring District facilities up-to-date and will do what they can to support the process and referendum.

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

- Approved the minutes of the February 9, 2015 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the February 4, 2015 through February 24, 2015 claims in the amount of \$733,620.48 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:
 - Leave of Absence**
 - **Caroline Paulson** – Speech-Language Pathologist, District-wide (2015-2016)
 - **Bernie Reinke** – Food Services Director, District-wide (2/17/15 – 4/14/15)
 - New**
 - **Tabetha Dawkins** – Special Education Assistant, West Elementary (2/11/15)
 - **Ryan Goff** – Computer Technician (3/2/15)
 - **Summer Hoeft** – Recess Supervisor, Park Elementary (2/25/15)
 - Other**
 - **Michael Kutter** – Targeted Services Teacher, Middle School (2/16/15 – 5/15/15)
 - Transfer**
 - **Peggy Weispenning** – Computer Technician (3/13/15)
- Approved the extended field trip for HOSA on April 8-9, 2015 to St. Cloud, MN.

EYE ON THE TIGER (Grina) – Cindy Wendorff, Early Childhood Family Education Coordinator, provided the follow report about the Early Childhood Family Education program (ECFE). Currently, there are 150 families participating in the program. Per state regulations, ECFE conducted a needs assessment. Families would like more space and classes and pre-schools/daycares would like more parent education for all, not just parents of young children. Based on the needs assessment findings, ECFE will be working with a local preschool and their parents to provide additional parenting education opportunities. If this goes well, it may be expanded to other preschools/daycares. United Way funding has allowed ECFE to provide educational field trips with childcare providers and funding through the Burich Foundation has allowed the purchase of the Incredible Years parent videos. Through a donation from Blossom Images, ECFE was able to purchase and implement the Second Step program. This program teaches how to listen, pay attention, control behavior, and get along with others (self-regulation). Positive results have already been noted.

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

- Congratulations to the 32 HHS student members of Business Professional of America who qualified to complete in the State Competition March 12 – 14, 2015. Congratulations to Advisor Joan Padrnos.
- Congratulations to the HHS Students of the Month for February 2015.
 - Anna Bashans, Grade 11, Photographic & Graphic Design

- Sarah Bashans, Grade 11, Visual Art
- Gabrielle Erickson, Grade 12, Visual Art
- Lyndsey Grand, Grade 10, Concert Band
- Noah Ishihara, Grade 10, Film One
- Isaac Smithee, Grade 11, Symphonic Band
- Caroline Stroming, Grade 12, Concert Choir
- Austin Willhite, Grade 11, Concert Choir
- Congratulations to Gregor Fraser, Section 182 AA Wrestling Champion.
- Congratulations to Robbie Grimsley and Sawyer Witt for being named to the summer all-star football game roster.
- Congratulations to the Boys' Swim & Dive Team for winning a WCC Title (first time in ten years). Congratulations to Coach Rory Fairbanks.
- Congratulations to Dan Brinkman, MN AA Assistant Football Coach of the Year.
- Congratulations to the staff and students of Park Elementary for a successful celebration of Read Across America.

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS – Mackenzie McDonald, Student Representative, presented the student highlights.

- High School Sports
 - State Tournament Participants: Dance Team, Girl's Hockey, and Wrestling.
 - Gregor Fraser, only Tiger wrestler to compete at the state tourney and placed.
 - Boys Basketball is in the middle of their section tournament, they played their last game on Saturday.
 - Girls Basketball is just beginning their section tournament; their game is on Tuesday night.
 - Boys swimming just competed in their section tournament this weekend. They have several swimmers moving on to compete in the upcoming state tournament.
 - Hutchinson High School Table Tennis Club (HHSTTC) is up and running this year. In its inaugural year they have competed at one competition and play each other after school.
- Spring sports start soon, with practice beginning over spring break.
- Trimester II is complete, the final trimester of this year begins after spring break.
- High School Arts Programs
 - Choir and band have completed their 2nd trimester concerts.
 - Large group band competes at Mankato West tonight.
 - Large group choir competes at home coming up on March 16
 - Spring play is underway with performances at the end of March.
 - The speech program is doing exceptional this year, the number of participants is way up and they have had participants place at every competition.
 - One Act Play competed and did well recently at their section meet.
- Several fundraisers and events took place recently and were successful (Valentine's Day events and NHS Jeans for Teens). Many students will participate in the upcoming Tim Orth Event.
- Knowledge Bowl competed today with two of the four teams qualifies to move forward.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT (VanderHeiden) – Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve the Building Supervisor (David Jahn) employment contract for the period of February 16, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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 March 19, 2015.

- Facilities (Gehlen/Kimball/Carls) – Based on data collected from students, staff and the community, the focus of the bond referendum will be the high school as well as safety and securing for the other buildings. LHB, the selected architect and engineering firm, will be working with the committee, students, staff, and community to define the process and scope of the projects. An aggressive timeline between March and May has been outlined. The bond referendum proposal will include a remodeled high school utilizing any functional portions of the current building. The proposed bond is the first phase in the District’s overall long-range facility planning. The committee also reviewed the current five-year plan and noted amount of deferred high school maintenance that will be removed upon a successful bond referendum. The next regular committee meeting is April 8, 2015.
- Finance (Waldron / Gehlen / Kamrath) – The committee reviewed 2015-2016 school calendar proposals, discussed the pupil aid formula, the facilities five-year plan, and negotiations. The next meeting is April 13, 2015.
- Legislative / SEE (Gehlen / Carls) – The next regional membership meeting is March 20, 2015.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Waldron) – The next meeting is April 6, 2015.

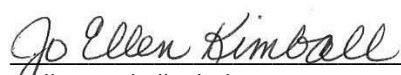
BACKPACK PROGRAM (Kimball) – The School Board set of goal to volunteer as a group. The first group volunteer activity will take place on March 23, 2015. Through HungerFree McLeod, Board members will package items for the Backpack Food Program. Through this program, food is sent home in the backpacks of approximately 200 students (Kindergarten through 3rd grade). The food is placed discreetly in the students’ backpacks on Fridays, to help tide them over weekend. For more information visit their website, www.hungerfreemcleod.org.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2015, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers at City Center. The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015, 5:30 pm, Middle School Media Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by JoEllen Kimball, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 pm.



 Keith Kamrath, Chairman 04/13/15
 Date



 JoEllen Kimball, Clerk 04/13/15
 Date