

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

March 3, 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 Byron Bettenhausen, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the February 10, 2014 regular meeting.
- Ratification of the February 5, 2014 through February 25, 2014 claims in the amount of \$1,610,878.98 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

***Increased Assignment***

- **Nancy Fangmeier** – Computer Lab Assistant, Middle School (2/11/14)
- **William Haas** – Computer Lab Assistant, Park Elementary (2/11/14)
- **Mary Haugen** – Musical Director (2/24/14)
- **Beth Jensen** – Computer Lab Assistant, West Elementary (2/11/14)
- **Diane Leonard** – Computer Lab Assistant, High School (2/11/14)
- **Ardyce Robbin** – District Computer Specialist (2/11/14)

***Leave of Absence***

- **Chelsey Schumaci** – Kindergarten Teacher (4/30/14 – 6/10/14)
- **Kathryn Vesely** – ECFE Teacher (2/18/14 – 3/16/14)

***New***

- **Brian Beffert** – Middle School Football Coach (2/24/14)
- **Daren Dressler** – Long Term Substitute English Teacher, High School (3/7/14 – 6/9/14)
- **Dave Ellefson** – JV Assistant Football Coach (2/24/14)
- **Tim Ellefson** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach (2/24/14)
- **Jacob Magner** – Assistant Baseball Coach (2/24/14)
- **Tim Thode** – Assistant B Squad Football Coach and 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Baseball Coach (2/24/14)

***Resignations***

- **Dave Ellefson** – B Squad Football Coach (2/24/14)
- **Mike McGraw** – Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach (2/24/14)
- **Emily Nagy** – Assistant Dance Coach (2/24/14)
- **Jenine Nordquist** – Co-Musical Director (2/24/14)
- **Tim Thode** – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach (2/24/14)

***Retirement***

- **Jan Gothmann** – Special Education Teacher, West Elementary (6/10/14)
- **Mary Horrocks** – English Teacher, High School (6/6/14)
- Approved the following extended field trips:
  - BPA, March 6 – 8, 2014, Minneapolis, MN
  - Robotics, March 27-29, 2014, Minneapolis, MN
  - HOSA, April 2-3, 2014, St. Cloud, MN
  - Baseball, April 4 – 5, 2014, Wartburg College, Waverly, IA

**RECOGNITION** – Josh Gehlen, on behalf of the Board of Education and ISD 423, thanked retirees (at the end of this school year) Jan Gothmann and Mary Horrocks for their service and dedication to the students and families of our district. Jan Gothmann has served the district for 37 years as an Elementary Special Education Teacher and Autism Expert and Mary Horrocks has served our district for 15 years as a High School English Teacher.

**EYE ON THE TIGER (Olberg)** – Jason Durheim, CRAYO Orchestra Manager, provided an overview of the Crow River Area Youth Orchestra (CRAYO). CRAYO was formed in 1997 and provides programming, guest performers and master classes, field trips, concerts, and outreach. The symphonic orchestra consists of youth, adult, and mentor members. The group also offers varsity strings, introduction to strings, and level 2 strings. Members come from a 60+ mile radius of Hutchinson with over 150 youth from over 30 communities benefitting from this organization. Upcoming concerts include the Extraordinary Beauty Spring Concert on March 30, 2014, 4 pm at the Hutchinson High School. Tickets are available at the door; there will be a silent auction and a reception. On March 29, 2014 Dr. Erin Aldridge, from the University of Wisconsin-Superior, will conduct a Master Class from 5 – 6 pm at the Hutchinson High School. This event is free and open to the public. Thank you to Ava and Briannah for playing their violins for the board. Additional information can be found online at [www.crayo.org](http://www.crayo.org).

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

- Congratulations to the High School Students of the Month for February 2014.
  - Megan Haas, Grade 12, Intermediate Art
  - Robert Leonard, Grade 12, Band/Choir
  - Hudson Maiers, Grade 10, Band/Choir
  - Kaitlyn Mlinar, Grade 11, Band/Choir
  - Shakira Nelson, Grade 11, Beginning Art
  - Erin Oellerich, Grade 11, Advanced Drawing & Painting
  - Fletcher Vilt, Grade 9, Band/Choir
  - Aileen Willson, Grade 12, Advanced Drawing & Painting
- Congratulations to all of the High School Students who improved their GPA during trimester one. 12 students were in the Gold Level, increasing their GPA by at least 1.0 and 43 students were in the Silver Level, increasing their GPA by at least 0.5.
- Congratulations to the “HHS Most Improved Students” for trimester one.
  - Colton Bird, Most Improved Senior
  - Allison Eblen, Most Improved Junior
  - Sydney Hausladen, Most Improved Sophomore
- Congratulations ExCEL (Excellence in Community, Education and Leadership) award winners Alexis Lansink and Samuel Ellefson.
- Congratulations to Austin Tauer for being a National Merit Scholarship finalist. Austin’s score places him in the top ½ of 1% of all seniors in the nation (approximately 8,000).
- Weather-related student days per the adopted 2013-2014 school calendar:

School Closing Date	Make-up Date for Students
○ January 6	Free to students per Governor
○ January 7	Free to students per District calendar
○ January 27	June 5
○ February 21	June 6

  - Note: Graduation will remain on Sunday, June 8, 2014

**STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS** – Nina Grunzke presented the student highlights.

- The Student Council will meet tomorrow to review old business.
- Students are geared up for finals.

**SENIORITY LISTS (Marcotte)** – Moved by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approved the Education Hutchinson, Hutchinson Education Support Professions, and Local 284 seniority lists as presented.

**SECOND READING: POLICY 813 – USE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT (Mohr)** – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Deb Penwell, with all members present voting aye, to approve the second and final reading of policy 813 – Use of School District Facilities and Equipment.

**HIGH SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM HISTORY (Kamrath/VanderHieden)** – Chairman Kamrath and Superintendent VanderHieden highlighted the history of bond referendums and our high school. A bond referendum was approved in 1959 to build a new high school. Since that time, there have been nine attempts to approve a bond to either build a new high school or improve the current high school facility. The 1981 bond (to make improvements to the high school and park elementary) was approved in the amount of 1.3 million, the rest were defeated. In 2008, the City of Hutchinson conducted a citizen survey which included three education questions. In general, 75-percent of those surveyed stated they would support a school district referendum to improve facilities, programs, technology, and co-curricular activities. However, when asked at what level they would be willing to pay per year, 44-percent stated they were not willing to pay anything. Based on election outcomes and citizen input, the district has focused on fixing and maintaining the current facilities. A considerable investment in our facilities has been made through the annual revenue for capital improvements; however, this is not a long-term solution. Important facility projects get pushed further and further out. In 2013, the District began to take a fresh look at the facilities plan. The facilities committee has been reviewing facility history and developing a timeline. The committee will be seeking information from the entire community about school facilities and will develop a final plan.

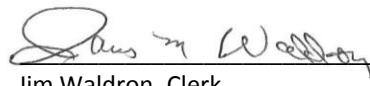
**COMMITTEE REPORTS** - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- District Improvement Team (Penwell/Bettenhausen) – The next meeting is April 23, 2014.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Penwell) – The next meeting is March 20, 2014.
- Facilities (Bettenhausen/Gehlen/Hornick-Lindell) – The committee discussed the facility project timeline, Park Elementary boilers, and the Stadium project. The next meeting is April 9, 2014.
- Finance (Gehlen / Kamrath / Waldron) – The committee reviewed financial reports, bills, Q-Comp, and transportation changes with the Charter Academy. The next meeting is April 14, 2014.
- Legislative / SEE (Kamrath) – The next meeting is April 24, 2014.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Hornick-Lindell) – The next meeting is April 7, 2014.

**UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS** – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2014, 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber at City Center. The next quarterly board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2014, 5:30 pm, location to be determined.

**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.

  
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Keith Kamrath, Chairman                      04/14/14  
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Jim Waldron, Clerk                              04/14/14  
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