

OFFICIAL MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education

Independent School District No. 423

May 11, 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 Luhring, Director of Business and Finance; Tina Vorlicek, Recording Secretary; and Mackenzie McDonald, 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 Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular meeting and the minutes of the April 27, 2015 quarterly meeting.
- Ratification of the April 8, 2015 through May 5, 2015 claims in the amount of \$1,763,405.55 (including wire transfers).
- Authorized the following employment:

Extended

- **Nancy Anderson** – Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Wendy Anderson** – Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Frank Burmis** – Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Michelle Caldwell** – Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Melinda Dohman** - Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Daren Dressler** – CRALC Summer School English Teacher (6/8/15-7/23/15)
- **Stephanie Drusch**- Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Lois Ehnert** - Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **David Ellefson** – CRALC Summer School Social Studies Teacher (6/8/15-7/23/15)
- **Paula Ellis** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Brian Elwell** – CRALC Summer School Science Teacher (6/8/15-7/23/15)
- **Yvette Fischer**- Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Sharry Good** – Nursing Services (July – August 2015)
- **Vanessa Haekenkamp** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Chelsea Henderson** – Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Lisa Hoff** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Jody Holtz** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Judy Jensen** – Kindergarten Connection & School Readiness Teacher (6/1/15-8/15/15)
- **Deb Johnson** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Sara Johnson** – Teacher (June – August 2015)
- **Trina Johnson**- Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Leah Knutson** - Teacher (June – August 2015)
- **Nikki Krasean** – Paraprofessional (July-August 2015)
- **Sharon Kuester** – Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Kaitlin May** - Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Carmen Morrow** – CRALC Summer School High School 101 Teacher (7/6/15-7/24/15)
- **Emily Neubauer** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Nicole Plath** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **Kyle Podratz** – Teacher (June 2015)

- **Lori Rettmann** - Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Corey Rude** – CRALC Summer School Math Teacher (6/8/15-7/23/15)
- **Stacy Ruschmeyer** - Paraprofessional (July – August 2015)
- **CariAnn Squier** – CRALC Summer School High School 101 Teacher (7/6/15-7/24/15)
- **Abby Thomson** - Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Laura Uitto** – Teacher (June – August 2015)
- **Deanne Undesser** – Kindergarten Connection & School Readiness Education Assistant (6/15/15-08/10/15)
- **Bev Wambeke** – Teacher (July – August 2015)
- **Sarah Watson** – Teacher (June – August 2015)
- **Al Wuetrich** – CRALC Summer School High School 101 Teacher (7/6/15-7/24/15)

Leave of Absence

- **Ashley Fiecke** – Special Education Assistant, West Elementary (9/8/15-11/2/15)
- **Jamie Hise** – Life Science Teacher, Middle School (10/4/15 – 12/23/15)
- **Kari Nikolaisen** – Special Education Assistant, TAP (9/8/15 – 1/31/16)
- **Sabrina Peterson** – Grade 1 Teacher, West Elementary (2015-2016)

New

- **Brian Beffert** – Middle School Baseball Coach (5/5/15)
- **Alicia Frykman** – Special Education Teacher, Park Elementary (8/25/15)
- **Carmen Johnson** – Physical Education and Health Teacher, Middle School (8/25/15)
- **Mallori Jurgenson** – Speech and Language Therapist, District-wide (8/25/15-6/3/16)
- **Steven Lammers** – Agriculture Teacher, High School (8/25/15)
- **Scott Marshall** – Agriculture/Tech Ed Teacher and Assistant FFA Advisor, High School (8/25/15)
- **Babette Piker** – Long-term Substitute Special Education Assistant, Middle School (4/17/15-6/4/15)

Resignations

- **Heidi Caya** – Media Assistant, High School (5/7/15)
- **Chelsey Crary** – English Teacher and Volleyball Coach, High School (6/5/15)
- **Nathan Crary** – Education Assistant, Park Elementary (6/5/15)
- **Patrick Duffy** - Middle School Football Coach (5/5/15)
- **Sheila Jaster** – Cook Cashier, Park Elementary (4/10/15)
- **Tara Kilian** – First Grade Teacher, West Elementary (4/21/15)
- **Jacob Magner** – 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach (5/5/15)
- **Sherry McCormick** – Education Assistant, High School (5/15/15)
- **Tyler Warren** – Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, High School (6/5/15)

Retirements

- **Linda Kuhl** – Grade 3 Teacher, Park Elementary (6/5/15)

Targeted Services

- **Leah Carrigan** – Teacher, West Elementary (6/1/15-8/28/15)
- **Shelly Grorud** – Education Assistant, West Elementary (6/9/15-8/21/15)

EYE ON THE TIGER (Walsh) – Jason Olson, Social Studies Teacher and Speech Team Advisor, introduced students Lizzy Boor and Austin Willhite. Lizzy highlighted the transformation in the Speech Team during the past two years. The Speech Team went from having two members and competing in two tournaments to sixteen members who have competed in eleven tournaments with finalists in each tournament. Austin recited *The Deadsitter* by John Jodzio, which is in the Prose category of speech.

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

- Congratulations to the Lego League team for placing 55 out of 106 teams at the Lego League World Festival in St. Louis, MO. Thank you to all of the individuals and sponsors that made the trip and experience possible.
- Over 50 children participated in the 10th year of the Hutch Huskies Baseball Youth Camp. Thank you to all of the volunteers and sponsors.
- Congratulations to the HHS Students of the Month for April 2015.

- Briana Anderson, Grade 9, US History 9
- Chase Blackbird, Grade 10, American History 10B
- Leonel Chavez, Grade 12, AP Human Geography
- David Emigh, Grade 10, US History 10B
- Austin Kopesky, Grade 11, American Government
- Ivy Nunvar, Grade 12, AP Human Geography
- Alex Trevino, Grade 12, Holocaust Studies
- Elizabeth Vo, Grade 12, Psychology
- Congratulations to the MSHSL Regional Competition Art Award winners:
 - Anna Bashans
 - Kristina Bassler
 - Gabrielle Erickson
 - Sydney Hausladen
 - Kiara Hogue
 - Jacob Jahner
 - Julie Nelson-Troska
 - Ivy Nunvar
 - Erin Oellerich
 - Karl Olson
 - Travis Schmidt
- An art exhibit featuring the work of Hutchinson High School students will be on display from May 18 through May 28 at the Hutchinson Center for the Arts. A public open house reception will take place on May 20, 2015 from 5 to 8 pm at the Center for the Arts.
- Congratulations to Ruby Redekopp for being named a Commended Junior by the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Congratulations to Lexy Lansink for receiving a 3M scholarship through the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Congratulations to Ruby Redekopp for being the recipient of the Harvard Prize Book Award.
- Congratulations to Mandy McRaith for being the recipient of the Yale Prize Book Award.
- The Tiger Time Challenge 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. (www.tigertimechallenge.org).
- Congratulations to Patrick Walsh, High School Principal for being named the Principal of the Year for the Southwest Division of the Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals.

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

- Prom was May 2 and featured a Superhero theme and a DJ.
- MCA and ACT testing have wrapped up and students will learn their scores soon. AP Testing started last week and will conclude this Friday, May 15.
- Many senior activities are coming up: Senior Honors Night, May 18, Cord presentation for National Honor Society and scholarship presentation; Senior Steak Fry and Baccalaureate, May 27; Commencement on June 7 at Knutson Field (if weather allows), approximately 240 students are set to graduate and is one of the largest graduating classes so far; the Senior Party will take place later that night with all sorts of fun and prizes for seniors to win.
- Upcoming arts events: Spring concerts include Band on May 12 and Choir on May 19; there will be a Public Open House for HHS Visual Arts on Wednesday, May 20, 5-8 pm at the Arts Center.
- The Big Band Boogie night at the Winery was a huge success.
- This year, 13 students completed the Rotary Strive Program mentoring students. This was larger than many recent STRIVE classes and we thank the Rotary for their mentorship to students in their senior year.
- New to HHS this year, the XTERM program will begin this summer. An optional hybrid program for students to take courses during the summer. Beginning on June 9, students have the opportunity to take courses such as Algebra 9, Health 10, Economics, and Geography. These courses will be combined in class and online curriculum. Registration closes May 29th.

- The student schedules for next year (2015-2016) are complete and will be handed out before the end of this school year. Yearbooks for this year are also complete and will be handed out before the end of the year.
- Sports registration will be completely online this coming year.
- Boys track and field have been super successful thus far, winning True Team Sections for the second year in a row. They will compete at State May 16. Girls also did well placing third at true team sections. Both track and field teams will compete in the conference meet this Tuesday, May 12 at home.
- Boys and girls lacrosse is in its inaugural year as a High School varsity team.
- Boys baseball has had a wonderful season so far as their record is 12-2.
- Boys tennis begins section competition tomorrow as a team.
- BPA just finished its national competition in Anaheim, California. Jin Bin Chen placed in the top ten in the fundamental accounting event. Overall, 11 students from Hutch attended.
- HOSA also has its national competition in Anaheim and will send a couple students to compete later in June.
- Overall, sports seasons are finishing up, with regular season play ending this week and next.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT AGREEMENT (Luhring) – Moved by Mike Carls, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve the Director of Food Services (Lesli Mueller) employment contract for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE INITIATIVE (Walsh) – Moved by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to approve the Bring Your Own Device initiative beginning in the 2015-2016 school year with the 9th grade class. Wireless access has been increased throughout the High School. The 9th grade supply list will include the minimum standards required for a mobile device. Assistance will be available to those who qualify.

Q COMP ANNUAL REPORT (Kropp, Nelson, Wilson) – Moved by Mike Carls, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve the 2014-2015 Q Comp Annual Report. It was noted that much of the data needed to report Professional Learning Community goal accomplishments will not be available until after all testing is complete. It was also reported that Education Hutchinson voted in favor (81-percent) of continuing the Q Comp program for 2015-2016. The new Memorandum of Understanding will be provided to School Board members for review.

2015-2016 MEAL PRICES (Luhring) – Moved by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Lori Hornick-Lindell, with all members present voting aye, to approve increasing the 2015-2016 meal prices by ten cents. Breakfast prices will be \$1.35 for middle school and high school students and \$2.15 for adults. Lunch prices will be \$1.95 for elementary school students, \$2.05 for middle school and high school students, and \$3.65 for adults.

SOLUTION DEVELOPMENT UPDATE (Gehlen) – Moved by Josh Gehlen, seconded by Jim Waldron, with all members present voting aye, to approve and move forward with the conceptual design as presented. Josh Gehlen provided an overview of the facility study and design process. Kevin Holm, LHB Education Focus Leader, presented the site and building concept for a remodeled high school building. The site and building design concept accomplishes the goals of improving the learning environment, increasing safety and security, fiscally responsibility, and improving community use space.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Committee reports were presented as follows:

- District Improvement Team (Kimball/Carls) – In depth discussion was held on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and grading. PLCs are proving to be an excellent way for teachers to collaborate. In August, the District is hosting a two-day PLC conference. This will provide an opportunity for the entire teaching staff to receiving first-hand training on PLCs. Policy 618 discussion centered on formative and summative assessments, homework, and academic and character grading. Next meeting date to be determined.
- Educator Licensing & Teacher Quality (Kimball) – The next meeting is May 28, 2015.

- Facilities (Gehlen/Kimball/Carls) – The committee discussed the pool project, the stadium ticket booth and press box, and safety/security issues. The next regular committee meeting is June 3, 2015.
- Finance (Waldron / Gehlen / Kamrath) – The committee reviewed the finance reports, the Bring Your Own Device initiative, 21st Century Classroom project, technology purchases, the 2015-2016 budget, and negotiations. The next meeting is June 8, 2015.
- Insurance (Waldron) – Quotes are being reviewed. The next meeting is May 21, 2015.
- Legislative / SEE (Gehlen / Carls) – The last meeting focused on state demographic trends and employment projections. The next general membership meeting is May 21, 2015.
- Parks, Recreation, Community Education (Waldron) – The committee did not meet; however, summer registration is open. The next meeting is June 1, 2015.

UPCOMING SUPERINTENDENT’S SEMI-ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Kamrath) – The Board will conduct a semi-annual performance evaluation of the Superintendent in a closed session at the June School Board meeting.

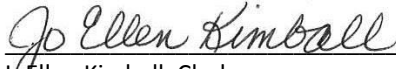
UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS – The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 8, 2015, 5:30 pm, Council Chambers at City Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion made by Lori Hornick-Lindell, seconded by Josh Gehlen, with all members present voting aye, to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm.



 Keith Kamrath, Chairman

06/08/15
 Date



 Jo Ellen Kimball, Clerk

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