

STANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT # 12
OFFICIAL MINUTES for the REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m. School Library

Attending: Chairman Jim Dye, Vice Chairman Billi Taylor; Trustees –Kurt Myllymaki, Sherry Berg, Karnes Neill, Clerk Kelly Bokma, Brad Moore – Supt.

Absent: Vance VonBergen, AD

I. Call to Order -The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Chairman Jim Dye welcomed everyone in attendance.

A)Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Jim Dye opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:05 PM

Nurse Interview: Kallie Probert - The board interviewed Kallie Probert for the nurse position. They thanked her for taking time for the interview and her interest in this position. Interview ended at 6:50 PM.

Public in Attendance: Treena Clark, Nancy Metcalfe, Jennifer Mitchell

II. Public Comment - None

III. Review, Revise and Approve the Agenda - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented by amending the agenda and moving Audit Report/Strom & Associates under New Business after the approval of the Consent Agenda.
Taylor/Myllymaki **Motion carries** **5/0**

A)Audit Report/Strom & Assoc. - JohnPaul Poelman – Strom & Associates reviewed the 2019-2020 Audit with the board and explained various financial components of how the Management, Analysis and Discussion report was determined. He also reviewed the finding the district received on Fund 15 – clearing up balances tied to old PRC's from years past. He stated that Kurt Myllymaki and Karnes Neill were in the audit exit review in September. Supt. Moore and the board thanked JohnPaul for taking time to explain the audit results.

IV. Consent Agenda - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda which includes the February Claims, February Payroll, January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes, Budget vs. Actual report for February

CLAIMS: 19091 - 19120 , PAYROLL46582-46598 ACH 87430-87396

Taylor/Myllymaki **Motion carries** **5/0**

V. Reports

A) Clerk's Report - Kelly Bokma, Clerk, stated that TR 5 and TR 6's(transportation) have been submitted for reimbursement. Spring Student count has been submitted into MAEFAIRS. She also stated that she is working on Journal Vouchers to balance out Fund 213 – Tuition and Title I remaining balances.

B) Athletic Director Report – No Report as Vance VonBergen was absent from the meeting.

C) Superintendent Report – Supt. Moore stated that Kim Rethans, Special Ed teacher, started on February 15, 2021. He stated that the Central MT Prom will move forward and is in the pre-planning stage for this current school year. He also stated that Tenured teacher evaluations are complete and he finishing up on Non-tenured evaluations. He researched the sub days with going to a four day school week and stated that there was 19% less days used than last year. He gave a legislative update with the board and will continue to update information on bills that pertain to education.

VI. Old Business

A)Safe School Reopening Plan Review - Supt. Moore stated that the board needed to discuss the verbage in Phase I, II, and III of the reopening plan and possibly remove the mask mandate verbage with the recent changes to the masking mandate from the Governor. He stated that he is a believer in masks and that it is the district's obligation to keep the staff and students as safe as possible. This discussion will continue on under Considerations of updates to District Emergency Policies under New Business.

B) Approve DGS Co-op Recommendations - None

C) Marque sign – Supt. Moore stated that he has talked with Gordon Wichman – Mid State Signs and he will be sending information regarding this agenda item.

D) Travel Bus - Supt. Moore stated that he would like the to travel to Valier with a bus committee to look at their bus purchased with Davey coach Sales. . He also stated that North Star is also going to purchase one from Chuck at Davey Coach Sales. More information will be available at future board meetings.

E) School Nurse - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the hiring of Kallie Probert for the school nurse position at \$25.00/per hour for two days a month as advertised.

Myllymaki/Berg

Motion carries

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VII. New Business

B)MTSBA Policy Update 3310, 4315, 4332, 5223, 5226 - A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the revisions and changes to the following policies 3310,4315,4332,5223,5226 as reviewed and presented with Supt. Moore as attached to these minutes. Supt. Moore will update the policies on the school website with revised information.

Taylor/Neill

Motion carries

5/0

C)Consideration of updates to District Emergency Policies 1900-1912 in response to and compliance with changes to state and local health and emergency directives –Supt. Moore stated that P1905 – COVID-19 Emergency Measures regarding the masking policy needed discussion after the recent lifting of the mask mandate by the Governor . After discussion, a motion was made to leave Policy 1905 as it is stated regarding the social distancing requirements in the building and the staff and students mask mandate of wearing a mask while present in the school building.(Myllymaki/Dye) The motion was amended to read to require social distancing and the required face coverings as stated in Policy 1905, but adding that students and staff can take off masks in the classroom. Supt. Moore stated that the district has been fairly successful with COVID cases and stated he is proud of the staff and students following policy.

Myllymaki/Berg

Motion carries

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D)SIC Committee Report - Supt. Moore stated that staff responded to a survey regarding the importance of improvements within the district that was developed by the committee. Supt. Moore stated that he will work on a similar survey to send out to the students and community, and do an article in the paper stating the importance of goals for the future success of the district. He stated there will more information available and updates at the next board meeting

E)Mental Health Report – Supt. Moore and Kurt Myllymaki reported that they had met with a mental health counselor that had interest in providing services to the students of the district that are in need. This agenda item will be on future agendas as further details are available. Different options are being discussed for the funding of this position. Supt. Moore will be in touch with our school counselor and he will contact other school districts of their interest/needs for these services that could be available.

F) 2021-2022 School Calendar – A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar as attached to these minutes.

Myllymaki/Taylor

Motion carries

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G) Election - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the Trustee Resolution Calling for an Election by Mail Ballot as attached to these minutes. There are two trustees for three year terms up for election, and the approval of an additional levy to operate and maintain the Stanford School General Fund for FY 2022. Clerk Kelly will notify Amanda Kelly, Clerk and Recorder of the election and post the resolution.

Taylor/Berg

Motion carries

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H) Budget Update – FY 21, FY 22 - Clerk Kelly Bokma reviewed remaining fund balances in all funds as attached to these minutes. As discussed, the reserves in Funds 201 and 210 are not to full percentage amounts on the approved 2020-2021 budget report. This is due to spending the budget to zero and not appropriating remaining fund balance at year end to the reserves first, before spending the budgets to zero. Supt. Moore also stated that with preliminary budget data, he determined that the district will be short approximately \$54,000 with highest budget without a vote to the general budget. Supt. Moore also reviewed HB 143 regarding teacher base pay(starting teacher salary). The board will need to discuss at the next board meeting their decision of the possibility of running a mill levy to make up the difference and teacher assignments for the upcoming year. He also stated that final budget data will be available after the close of session with legislation.

VIII. Future Agenda –Safe Schools Re-opening Plan, Approve DGS Co-op Recommendations, Teacher Contracts, Resolution of Intent to Impose Mill Levies

IX. Adjourn - A motion was made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 PM
Taylor/Myllymaki

Motion carries

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Respectively Submitted

Kelly Bokma/Clerk

Jim Dye/Board Chairman

Date