

STANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT # 12
OFFICIAL MINUTES for the REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 7:30 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., Vance VonBergen, AD

Absent: None

I. Call to Order -The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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 7:30 PM

Public in Attendance: Treena Clark, Nancy Metcalfe, John Flamand, Amanda Ernsberger, Grant Holzer, Billi Jo Holzer, Dana Holzer, Meredith Phillipe, Kathy Ward, Holly Woodhall, Heidi Tureck, Connie Becker, Kyle Moen, **ZOOM:** Jennifer Mitchell, Rody Holman, Rachelle Sharp, Shelby Fiedler, Matt Neumann

II. Public Comment - Grant Holzer and Billi Jo Holzer thanked the School Board for allowing the Ski Club Program. It was a huge success with a lot of participation. They also presented a thank you card signed from the Ski Club to Mr. Moore and the Board of Trustees.

III. Review, Revise and Approve the Agenda - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.
Taylor/Berg **Motion carries** **5/0**

IV. Consent Agenda - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the consent agenda which includes the March Claims, March Payroll, February 16, 2021 Regular Board Meeting minutes, Budget vs. Actual report for March

CLAIMS: 19121 - 19152 , PAYROLL465899-46620 ACH 874395-87361

Taylor/Neill **Motion carries** **5/0**

V. Reports

A) Clerk's Report - Kelly Bokma, Clerk, stated that she has been working on Journal Vouchers with Supt. Moore to balance out grants monies and other funds to see where fund balances are at coming to the close of the year. She reviewed the Budget versus Actual report for the month of March. Denton School Dist. sent a bill for 3/7th of the music position - \$25, 533. Quarterlies for 1st quarter are complete.

B) Athletic Director Report – Vance VonBergen reviewed his March AD Report as attached to these minutes. He stated that winter sports are complete and the Co-op is on to Spring Track. Head Coach for Varsity Track is Tara Reed and the Two Assistant Coaches are Cassidy Randal and Conner Becker. Jr. High Coaches are Nancy Metcalfe and Todd Morrow.

C) Superintendent Report – Supt. Moore gave a legislative update on the bills that pertained to education. He stated that he met with District Superintendents/Advisors regarding the District Prom. It was decided that Stanford School will be hosting the prom in our gym. He said it has been at least 10 years since the prom has been in our building. He said that he will be attending and presenting at the Spring Superintendent Conference on “What’s the New Norm?” He stated he has signed up for several Career Fairs and there was damage to the Football Scoreboard due to wind - \$7,000 for a new replacement if it can’t be repaired.

VI. Old Business

A)Safe School Reopening Plan Review - Supt. Moore stated that there are no changes.

B) Approve DGS Co-op Recommendations - Clerk Kelly Bokma stated that there were two motions for board approval from the March 8, 2021 meeting. A motion was made and passed unanimously for approval of minutes of January 13, 2021 as corrected and the approval to hire Tara Reed, Cassidy Randal and Connie Becker for the 2020-2021 Varsity Track Season.

Taylor/Berg **Motion carries** **5/0**

C) School Improvement Committee Report – Supt. Moore stated that he has written an article for the Judith Basin Press regarding the School Improvement Committee updates. He will also be sending out a survey for the community and students to fill out. The staff has taken the survey. He will report to the board at the next meeting of the results.

VII. New Business

A)Basketball Tourney in June - A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the Tip Off Tournament on June 5-6, 2021, for High School Boys and Girls held in Stanford. Due to COVID-19, there will not be the Central Montana Hoopfest this year.

Taylor/Myllymaki

Motion carries

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B)Approve Substitute –A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve Stacy Groskopf as a substitute pending appropriate background checks.

Taylor/Berg

Motion carries

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C)Procurement Card Policy 7405 - The board reviewed Procurement Card Policy 7405 as a 1st Reading as attached to these minutes.

D)Intent to Levy Taxes – Supt. Moore stated that a Notice of Intent to Levy Taxes has to be posted in the paper by March 31st as attached to these minutes. This intent is to notify tax payers of estimated increases or decreases in taxes in Adult Education, Bus Depreciation, Transportation, Tuition, and Building Reserve. A motion was so moved and passed unanimously to approve the Resolution as presented.

Taylor/Myllymaki

Motion carries

5/0

E) Election/Mill Levy Resolution– Supt. Moore stated the district will be having a General Fund Mill Levy Proposition for the General Fund Budget as the budget will be short \$54,073.73 for the annual school election on Tuesday, May 4th, 2021. There are two trustee positions open also. At this time, there were no applications filed. If there are only two applicants, the Trustee Election will be cancelled by acclamation. A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the General Fund Mill levy and Trustee Election.

Myllymaki/Taylor

Motion carries

5/0

F) Superintendent Contract - Supt. Moore stated that he was offered a full time contract for the 2021-2022 school year at the January 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Due to budget restraints, he stated that for the best interest of the district, he will stay with a part-time contract. He stated that he currently is taking retirement benefits with Teacher Retirement System and will stay within the TRS limits of receiving additional salary. A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the revised Superintendent Contract as attached to these minutes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Berg/Taylor

Motion carries

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G) Certified Teacher Contracts - Supt. Moore recommended the rehire of the following Non-Tenured Certified Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year – John Flamand, Miriam Sanguins and Shelby Fiedler. A motion was so moved and passed unanimously.

Taylor/Myllymaki

Motion carries

5/0

Supt. Moore recommended Non-Renewal without Cause for the following Certified Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year - Amanda Ernsberger, Toni Sabo, and Craig Claver. A motion was so moved and passed unanimously.

Myllymaki/Neill

Motion carries

5/0

Supt. Moore recommended the following Tenured Certified Teaching contracts for the 2021-2022 school year - Meredith Phillipe, Tracy Wildung, Kathy Ward, Scott Wildung, Nancy Metcalfe, Vance VonBergen, Tom Murphy, and Matt Neumann. A motion was so moved and passed unanimously.

Myllymaki/Taylor

Motion carries

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VIII. Litigation Strategy Discussion - the Board will discuss ongoing litigation surrounding the employment of former Superintendent Dolphay. It is anticipated that the Chair will close the meeting in order for the Board to meet with legal counsel and discuss litigation strategy as permitted by Montana Code Ann. 2-3-203(4)(a). No board action will be taken during the closed session. However, following the discussion, the meeting will reopen and there may be a vote on how to proceed. - At this time, the person's right to privacy exceeds the public's right to know and the meeting went into executive session at 8:30 PM. The meeting reconvened at 8:47 PM. A motion was made and passed unanimously as stated – "I move to accept the recommendation of our legal counsel and our insurance and settle all claims Mr. Tim Dolphay may have against the Stanford School District for the sum of \$185,000.00 and authorize our Board Chair and legal counsel to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the will of the Board in this matter." Settlement Agreement and Release document is attached to these minutes.

Myllymaki/Neill

Motion carries

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VIII. Future Agenda –Safe Schools Re-opening Plan, Approve DGS Co-op Recommendations, Classified Contracts, Update on Student Assembly – due April 15th, 7405 Procurement Card Policy – 2nd reading, Certified Teachers, School Improvement Update, Prom report, close Up report, Missoula Children's Theatre – April 19 - 24

IX. Adjourn - A motion was made and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 PM
Neill/Myllymaki Motion carries

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Respectively Submitted

Kelly Bokma/Clerk

Jim Dye/Board Chairman

Date