

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2021

7:30 p.m. Jr. High School Library

CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.

President Chad Ruppert called the regular board meeting to order and roll call was taken with six board members present. Board members present were Janssen, Ruppert, Bauman, Fesser, Tarter, and Gasparich. Board member Eisenbarth was absent. Also present were Superintendent Doerr, Principal McDowell, Assistant Principal McDonald, and Principal Reedy.

Guests present included Mike Schneider and Randy Rienke.

Mr. Schneider addressed the Board regarding an issue he has at North School regarding “calling kids out” to make them tie their shoes, especially those that do not know how to tie their shoes.

Cheryl Martin, Nokomis Food Service Director provided an update to the Board on a variety of topics dealing with food service as well as provide information for the upcoming school year.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 20, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Janssen seconded by Tarter to approve the Board Meeting Agenda for April 20, 2021 as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Consent Agenda included regular and closed minutes, bills, payroll, and Treasurer’s Report for approval. Additionally included for approval were the IESA and IHSA Membership for the 2021-2022 school year and approval of Maternity Leave (FMLA) for Lisa DeWerff.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2021 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Fesser to approve the April 20, 2021 Consent Agenda as presented.

Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – absent. Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Our monthly spreadsheet shows that the 3rd quarter mandated categorical payments were due in March and have not been paid. The state owes the District \$111,668.79 in special education, driver’s education, early childhood and transportation funds. As the legislature is in full swing, a number of unfortunate bills have popped up that we are keeping an eye on – some are good, but more are bad. There are currently 24 bills in the House and Senate that will change the curriculum for each District in the state, some even contemplating reaching K-12. These include the following: Home Economics, sex education (includes sexting), medical and legal ramifications of cannabis, K-12 required reading books for all kids on racism, financial literacy (JH), media literacy, Spanish, Asian-American History, work ethics and career explorations starting in 6th grade, how to act during traffic stops, gun safety, include e-cigarettes in health classes, establishing physical boundaries in sex education class, requires certain required reading material be authored by blacks, women, Native Americans, Asian, or Latins, unit on human trafficking, a unit of instruction on how to become a U.S. citizen, and finally a unit of study on Muslim Americans. Other legislation being considered is consideration for changing the special education age from 21 to 22, providing menstrual hygiene products for all starting in 4th grade for boys and girls restrooms, a

requirement for all Districts to develop a sexual misconduct code, gender-based violence legislation, school board members must have a trauma-informed course.

HS Graduation is slated for Saturday, May 29, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Here are the details for HS graduation:

- a. This will be held inside in the New Gym
- b. Each graduate will receive 8 tickets for family and friends.
- c. Junior Marshals will be present.
- d. Teachers will be limited to approval by Principal
- e. No Band or Chorus

8th Grade Promotion

- f. Tuesday, May 25 at 1:30 p.m.
 - g. 8th graders only – awards and promotion certificates
 - h. 5 tickets per 8th grader for parents
 - i. 2:30 – 8th graders only celebration until 4 p.m.
- 2. The FY 21 Budget will be amended this year. A notice will be published in May with a June adoption date.
 - 3. We have some administrative transfers (Board action is not required)
 - a. Ms. Kim to 2nd Grade
 - b. Mrs. Marty to Kindergarten
 - c. Janet Warren to Special Education Aide

The grant has been approved for a vast majority of the summer projects. The greenhouse has been ordered, it is about 6-8 weeks out. The security system and updated intercom system at North has been ordered. Electrician is working on price quotes for rewiring the stage. Plumber is working on price quotes for hot water on east side of HS building – 1st floor. All of the duct work and air quality work has been ordered and will start work in July. We have met with the architect and CM on the kitchen remodel as well as a kitchen designer. We should be getting some drawings soon.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Principals provided the Board with written reports.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FY21 AMENDED SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Fesser to approve the FY21 Amended School Calendar. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FY22 TENTATIVE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion by Gasparich, seconded by Tarter to approve the FY21 Amended School Calendar. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN NOKOMIS CUSD #22 AND THE NOKOMIS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Fesser to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Nokomis CUSD #22 and the Nokomis Education Association.

Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – absent, Bauman – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE SCI CAREER AND INNOVATION CENTER.

Motion by Janssen seconded by Tarter to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the SCI Career and Innovation Center.

Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – absent, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE ILLINOIS SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GO SOLUTIONS FOR THE 2021-2020 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Fesser seconded by Janssen to approve the Illinois Service Agreement with Go Solutions for the 2021-2020 school year.

Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – absent, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE A 2.5% SALARY INCREASE FOR SUPPORT STAFF EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021 AS PRESENTED.

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Fesser to approve a 2.5% salary increase for support staff effective July 1, 2021 as presented.

Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – absent, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Gasparich – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO APPROVE 1st READING OF THE BOARD POLICIES, EXHIBITS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES (ISSUE 106) AS RECOMMENDED BY THE POLICY COMMITTEE.

Motion by Janssen seconded by Fesser to approve 1st Reading of the Board Policies, Exhibits, and Administrative Procedures (Issue 106) as recommended by the Policy Committee. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:47 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATIONS, COMPENSATION, APPOINTMENT AND DISCIPLINE OF PERSONNEL.

Motion by Fesser seconded by Tarter to enter into closed session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of employment, evaluations, compensation, appointment and discipline of personnel.

Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – absent, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 9:25 P.M.

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Janssen to re-enter regular session from closed session at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF PEGGY BROWN AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

Motion by Tarter seconded by Janssen to approve the resignation of Peggy Brown at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed by voice vote.

I MOVE TO EMPLOY MASON FESSER AS THE NHS AGRICULTURE TEACHER FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR PENDING FINAL CERTIFICATION AND BACKGROUND CHECKS.

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Tarter to employ Mason Fesser as the NHS Agriculture Teacher for The 2021-2022 School Year Pending Final Certification and Background Checks. Eisenbarth – absent, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – abstain, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA. Motion passed.

I MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion by Fesser seconded by Tarter to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

Chad Ruppert, President

Denny Bauman, Secretary