

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

President T. Smit called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2017, in the Conference Room at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Tami Smit, Ross Van Zee, Marlon Ferguson, Ross Varilek, Jess Sondgeroth, Duke Starr, Tricia Meyerink

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Denise Mushitz and Jason Huizenga

Additions or deletions to this agenda

None

Approve agenda

Motion D. Starr, seconded J. Sondgeroth approving the agenda as printed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded M. Ferguson approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017
- Authorize Payment of Claims for September 20, 2017
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 08/31/2017
- Approve Adding Kelly Varilek to the 2017-2018 Substitute List

Voting aye: Sondgeroth, Starr, Smit, Ferguson, Meyerink, Van Zee. Abstaining: Varilek. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Routine Business – Administrative Reports

Good News Report

The Fall Sports Season is in full swing and is off to a great start. The Cheer and Dance team placed first in Cheer in Winner on Saturday and both the volleyball and football teams have earned their first wins.

A thank you was extended to Ron Audiss and Joel Foxley for planting grass seed in some dead areas on the football field. The Platte-Geddes Athletic Foundation was also thanked for purchasing and installing an additional speaker at the athletic complex and donating additional agrilime for the shot and discus areas.

Supt. Bailey congratulated the Platte-Geddes School Board for receiving the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Gold Level Act, Learn, Lead Award. Dr. Randy Royer will attend the October board meeting to present the award.

The Platte-Geddes School District's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs have been recognized in the latest edition of ASBSD's "The Good News Bulletin".

Superintendent Report

Notification has been received that the new bleachers should arrive late this week. Installation is scheduled to begin the week of September 18. No home events are scheduled that week so there shouldn't be any conflicts with the installation.

The Title I Private School Consultation was held on Thursday, September 7. Superintendents from Armour, Corsica-Stickney, Platte-Geddes, and Dakota Christian are required to hold a consultation meeting every year for Title I funding purposes. The calculation and process used to divide the costs among the three schools has changed which will result in the Platte-Geddes School District incurring a larger portion of the costs. The annual Title I Parent Meeting will be held tonight to inform and educate parents on the program.

Supt. Bailey recently attended a meeting that covered the new certification changes made for teachers and paraprofessionals. There will now be varying levels of certifications that one can achieve to become a teacher. Also, in 2019, paraprofessionals will have to start accumulating credits for certificate renewal.

The professional development days held before school began were a success. The focus for the 2017-2018 school term will be “Shifting from What’s Wrong to What’s Strong”. Teachers were involved in developing district expectations and discussing current assessments and their validity. Goals will be set during the professional development days in October. Because the district missed the 2016-2017 math AMO goal, additional time is needed to evaluate the data before setting goals.

The district will be partnering with Aptegy to create a new district website and mobile app. The website will allow for instant live feeds and school related announcements. Creating the website and app may take 60-90 days. Mrs. Larson, Mr. Neugebauer, Mrs. Olsen, and Supt. Bailey will work with the company on the concept design.

Kendall Aldinger, from the South Dakota Department of Public Safety, visited the school on Thursday to verify that the door lock system that was purchased through a Homeland Security Grant was in compliance with their specifications. Supt. Bailey also discussed moving from keyed entrances to a key fab system. Mr. Aldinger felt this change would qualify for another Homeland Security Grant. The projected date for the new funding is January 1st. Supt. Bailey will research companies and secure quotes in preparation for the new grant application.

Supt. Bailey informed the board that the district will see higher than normal substitute pay due to an increase in staff absences.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Frederick reported on the activities that will take place during Homecoming Week. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, September 15th followed by the 5th Annual Missouri Valley Marching Festival.

The district received a college readiness report on the graduating class of 2017. Mr. Frederick reported that Platte-Geddes’s scores showed an increase while the average state scores decreased. The average composite score for Platte-Geddes increased from 20.6 to 22.2 while the state decreased from 21.9 to 21.8.

This semester there are nine students taking dual credit courses, fifteen taking Virtual School Online courses, seven students taking concurrent courses and twelve students taking E-Learning classes. The number of students taking these courses is similar to last year.

To kick off the year, staff organized 7th and 8th Grade Opening Day Activities. These activities help the junior high students become familiar with the many aspects of the school, staff, and routine. Freshman Orientation meetings were also held prior to the beginning of the school year.

Q107 FM of Mitchell will be contacting the school every Monday for a report on the community and school upcoming events and happenings. Mr. Frederick thanked Kylie Burket for providing this report. For the second year, Mr. Frederick will form a 7th-12th grade Parent Advisory Committee.

Elementary Principal Report

Supt. Bailey gave the elementary principal’s report in Mrs. Knecht’s absence. Current enrollment is 247.

SASD/SDAESP has announced a program called “Preschool Levels of Excellence”. Elementary principals across the state of South Dakota will work with private preschools to encourage them to meet a level of excellence in the areas of relationship, teaching, health, families, physical environment, curriculum, assessment of child’s progress, teachers, community relationships, and leadership and management. Preschools that achieve this will be given a “Seal of Excellence” from SASD to be placed in their window. Mrs. Knecht has contacted both preschools in Platte as well as at Dakota Christian to offer this program to them.

Business Manager Report

Schoenfish & Co., Inc. will begin the audit of the 2016-2017 records today. Board members will be contacted when a final exit review has been scheduled. K. Holter will be attending a President/Vice President Retreat at Granite Springs Lodge in Alexandria with SASD on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. She will also be attending the SDASBO Fall Conference in Pierre on September 19-21.

Committee Reports

Core Educational Coop Report

J. Sondgeroth reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting held on September 7th.

Routine Business

Adopt Budget

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded R. Van Zee adopting the following resolution:

Let it be resolved, that the School Board of the Platte-Geddes School District No. 11-5, after duly considering the proposed budget and its changes thereto, to be published in accordance with SDCL 13-11-2 hereby approves and adopts its proposed budget and changes thereto, to be its Annual Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. The adopted Annual Budget totals are as follows:

General Fund	\$4,156,555.00
Capital Outlay	\$1,680,425.00
Special Education	\$ 952,330.00
Pension Fund	\$ 21,900.00
Impact Aid Fund:	\$ 1,000.00
Food Service Fund	\$ 228,350.00
Driver's Education Fund	\$ 6,415.00
Capital Outlay Certificates	\$ 170,345.00

Voting aye: T. Smit, R. Van Zee, M. Ferguson, T. Meyerink, D. Starr, R. Varilek, J. Sondgeroth

Opposed: none

Resolution adopted

Accept Propane Quote

The following two quotes were received for LP gas for heating the elementary building

Severson Oil & LP Co. \$0.95 per gallon

Samuelson Tire & Oil \$1.05 per gallon

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Varilek accepting the quote from Severson Oil & LP Co. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Declare Dodge Stratus Surplus

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Van Zee declaring the 2004 Dodge Stratus surplus property. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Supt. Bailey will advertise the car and award it to the highest bidder.

Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers

None

Set Date for October Board Meeting

The October Board Meeting will be held on its regular scheduled date of Monday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

Adjournment

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded M. Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 a.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager