

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

President B. Biehl called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017, in the Library at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Brian Biehl, Steve Spawn, Marlon Ferguson, Tami Smit, Ross Van Zee, Tricia Meyerink, Tammie Olson

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, High School Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, patrons from the Platte and Geddes communities, Sharon Huizenga, and the Daily Republic

Additions or deletions to this agenda

President B. Biehl noted that only one executive session will be held during the meeting.

Approve agenda

Motion S. Spawn, seconded R. Van Zee approving the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion T. Olson, seconded R. Van Zee approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting on Thursday, February 2, 2017
- Authorize Payment of Claims for February 17, 2017
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 01/31/2017
- Approve Lane Change Request for Mrs. Cayla Graves from BA to BA+15 for 2017-2018

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Before public participation began, Brian Biehl read a personal statement. He stated that it was his intention to step down as board president but wished to stay on as school board member.

Jess Sondgeroth, Monte Wagner, and Tim Whalen expressed concerns regarding Brian Biehl's position and membership on the board of education.

Routine Business – Administrative Reports

Good News Report

Congratulations were extended to the following Knights of Columbus local free throw winners: Sutton Vander Pol, Kalli Summerville, Parker Bailey, Josie Muilenbury, Joey Foxley, Averi DeVries, Dawson Hoffman, Kianna Major, Will Miller, Addy Boltjes and Weston Vanderpol.

Supt. Bailey commended the seniors for their fantastic senior project presentations.

The following Junior Honor Choir singers were congratulated: Matthew Brink, Brady Sprik, Kelby VanDerWerff, and Joey Kuipers. The high school Region V vocal contest participants were also recognized for their outstanding performances.

Superintendent Report

Individualized professional development has been successful this year. A survey was sent to staff to gather feedback, however only twenty-nine out of forty-three teachers completed the survey. Supt. Bailey reviewed the results with the board of education.

Supt. Bailey has completed the first draft of the 2017-2018 school calendar. The calendar committee will meet this week to review and discuss the calendar. The first reading will be available for the March school board meeting. Supt. Bailey asked for feedback regarding the scheduling of parent-teacher conferences.

Delegate Assembly was held in Pierre in January 31st where administrators representing the SSA, ASBO, ASCD, AESP, ASSP, and CASE organizations set the legislative agenda for current and potential bills. Supt. Bailey reviewed the current status of House and Senate bills that pertained to education.

Johnson Control is finalizing the costs for the shop renovations project. The preliminary cost projections are now in the ballpark of \$100,000.00. The cost can be lowered by reducing the number of welders, however the majority of the costs lie within the renovations.

Discussions are continuing regarding transitioning the sixth grade students to the high school. Meetings have been held with both parent advisory committees and teachers. A meeting will also be held with the fifth grade students to gather their input.

Supt. Bailey commended Regan Holleman for presenting at the State Science and Math Convention in Huron.

Faye Hirt, Marcus King, and Mike Miller judged the senior project presentations. They have written a letter to the editor encouraging the board of education to revisit the continuation of the senior projects. The board agreed to no longer require the senior projects because it is not required at the state level. The board will revisit this issue at the March board meeting.

Secondary Principal Report

The Student Council planned and organized their annual "Snowcoming Week", which was held the week of January 22-27. Mr. Frederick recognized the Student Council for their contributions and involvement in school activities.

Attendance at Parent-Teacher Conferences was approximately 63% at the junior high and high school level. There were conflicts, however Mr. Frederick was pleased with the turnout.

Mr. Frederick attended the Vocal Contest in Kimball last Wednesday. He commented that the Platte-Geddes students were very good representatives of our district. He also congratulated the participants on their outstanding performances.

Mrs. Biddle attended the Math and Science Convention in Huron last Friday and Saturday and reported that it was an awesome experience.

Mr. Frederick stated that 64 students were taking dual credit, concurrent, or other online courses this second semester compared to 26 last year at this time. There are also five students getting work based experience by working in the community at places like Pharmco, Seed Exchange, and the Children's Care Hospital.

Elementary Principal Report

The second Parent-Teacher Conference was held on Monday, February 6. Teachers reported nearly 100% attendance of parents that evening.

Platte-Geddes Elementary Students in grades 1-6 competed in the Missouri Valley Regional Spelling Competition at Dakota Christian School on February 6th. Platte-Geddes had numerous individual placers and also won the traveling trophy by winning the overall team competition. Mrs. Knecht congratulated all the students who participated.

Jamie Nelson, Callie Slaba, Emerson Ringling, Kalli Summerville, Piper Rasmussen, and Isabel Meyerink sent in audition tapes and were chosen to be a part of the Elementary Honors Choir on February 9th in Brookings.

The South Dakota Department of Education is placing focus on regular compulsory attendance this year in all K-12 public schools. In January, all parents of students who accumulated ten or more absences were contacted by letter or phone call. The expectation is for all students to be in school each day unless illness prevents them from attending.

At the last elementary principal's meeting, a guest speaker from the Associated School Boards of SD spoke regarding school safety. Mrs. Knecht addressed safety concerns with the elementary paraprofessionals and teaching staff during their regular meetings. Concerns regarding student drop off procedure still exist. Mrs. Knecht would like to meet with the Buildings and Grounds Committee to discuss options and ideas she received from other schools.

Business Manager Report

Three petitions have been picked up for the two school board member vacancies. The deadline for filing nominating petitions is Friday, February 24th at 5:00 p.m.

K. Holter also attended the Delegate Assembly in Pierre on January 31st as a representative for the ASBO organization.

Athletic Director Report

Supt. Bailey gave the Athletic Director Report in Mr. Cutler's absence. The winter sports season is coming to a close with regular scheduled activities ending soon. The region wrestling tournament will be held on Saturday, February 18th in Wagner.

Committee Reports

Mid Central Educational Coop Report

Supt. Bailey reported on the Mid Central Educational Cooperative meeting held in January.

Core Educational Coop Report

Supt. Bailey reviewed highlights from the Core Educational Cooperative meeting held on February 9th.

Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Steve Spawn gave an update on recent Building and Grounds Committee Meetings. Items discussed included the purchasing of a new stage, remodeling of the concession stand area in the elementary, installing a center hand rail in the seating area of the high school gym, reviewing the plans from Puetz Corporation for a high school addition to the elementary building, purchasing land adjacent to the athletic complex, and reviewing the bussing contracts with Randal Brumbaugh.

Old Business

Second Reading Section F Policies, Facilities Development

Motion T. Olson, seconded T. Smit approving Section F Policies as reviewed and revised. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business

Approve Assistant Spring Play Director

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded S. Spawn approving the Assistant Spring Play Director contract for Katy Duffy in the amount of \$388.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set Driver Education Fees

Motion T. Olson, seconded T. Meyerink setting the fees for driver's education at \$175.00 for students attending Platte-Geddes School and \$225.00 for students not attending the Platte-Geddes School. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board Evaluation Discussion

Per school board policy BK and BK-E, the board will annually review its own performance in terms of generally accepted principles of successful board operations and in relation to its goals and objectives. The board self-evaluation shall address performance in the key functions of vision, structure, accountability, conduct, ethics and advocacy. The results of the self-evaluation shall be used in setting goals for the subsequent year. The evaluation will include the strengths of the Board and the areas of need improvement. Board members were encouraged to complete and return the evaluations by the March board meeting date.

New Stage Purchase Discussion

The current stage needs to be replaced. Supt. Bailey acquired quotes from School Specialty for a replacement. Motion T. Olson, seconded S. Spawn approving the purchase of a new stage which consists of six sections, guard rails, and steps. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Out of State Travel Request

Motion S. Spawn, seconded T. Olson approving the out-of-state travel request for Supt. Joel Bailey and Business Manager Kathy Holter to attend the National Association of Federally Impacted Schools Spring Conference in Washington, DC on March 12-14. NAFIS is tied to the Section 7002 monies that the district receives for nontaxable land. Each year the Section 7002 money is in jeopardy of being cut from the federal budget. During the NAFIS Conference, Impact Aid Schools will meet with South Dakota Representatives to lobby for the continuation of Section 7002 dollars. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Voluntary Separation for Mrs. Laurie Meis

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson approving the retirement and voluntary separation request from Mrs. Laurie Meis effective the end of the 2016-2017 school term and also approving the advertisement for an elementary teacher position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Laurie Meis was thanked for her years of service to the Geddes and Platte-Geddes School Districts.

Approve Resignation of 5th-6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Mr. Dennis DeBoer

Motion T. Olson, seconded T. Smit approving the resignation of Mr. Dennis DeBoer as 5th-6th grade boys basketball coach. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Consideration of Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Authorization Request

None

Executive Session

Motion S. Spawn, seconded T. Olson to enter into executive session at 9:12 a.m. to discuss personnel pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) and a student matter pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(2). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President B. Biehl declared executive session closed at 11:41 a.m.

Offer Contracts to Administration with Salaries, Terms, and Conditions to be Determined Later

Motion S. Spawn, seconded T. Olson offering a contract to Jennifer Knect for the 2017-2018 school term. Voting aye: Spawn, Olson, Van Zee, Smit, Biehl, Ferguson, Meyerink. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion S. Spawn, seconded T. Olson offering a contract to Patrick Frederick for the 2017-2018 school term. Voting aye: Spawn, Olson, Van Zee, Smit, Biehl, Ferguson, Meyerink. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion S. Spawn, seconded T. Olson offering a contract to Joel Bailey for the 2017-2018 school term. Voting aye: Spawn, Olson, Smit. Opposed: Ferguson, Meyerink. Abstaining: Van Zee, Biehl. Motion carried.

Motion T. Olson, seconded T. Smit offering a contract to Kathy Holter for the 2017-2018 school term. Voting aye: Spawn, Olson, Van Zee, Smit, Biehl, Ferguson, Meyerink. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Motion S. Spawn, seconded T. Olson offering a contract to Mike Neugebauer for the 2017-2018 school term. Voting aye: Spawn, Olson, Van Zee, Smit, Biehl, Ferguson, Meyerink. Opposed: None. Motion carried.

Set Date for March Board Meeting

Motion T. Olson, seconded M. Ferguson moving the March School Board Meeting to Wednesday, March 8th at 7:00 p.m. at the elementary library. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Board Action

Motion T. Olson, seconded T. Smit accepting B. Biehl’s resignation as school board president. Voting Aye: Olson, Smit, Spawn, Van Zee, Ferguson, Meyerink. Abstaining: Biehl. Motion carried.

Motion T. Olson, seconded M. Ferguson appointing S. Spawn as School Board President. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ross Van Zee wished to make a statement before adjourning. Because he was asked to recuse himself from voting on the contract of Supt. Joel Bailey because he is a close, personal friend, Mr. Van Zee verbally submitted his resignation from the board of education. Motion S. Spawn to accept R. Van Zee’s resignation from the Platte-Geddes Board of Education. Motion died for a lack of second.

Adjournment

Motion T. Olson, seconded B. Biehl to adjourn the meeting at 11:54 a.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager