

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2018**

President T. Den Besten called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018, in the Library at the Platte-Geddes Elementary School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Tami Den Besten, Ross Van Zee, Ross Varilek, Jess Sondgeroth, Duke Starr, Tricia Meyerink at 6:17 p.m.

Members absent: Marlon Ferguson

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Donna Kuipers, Jeff Patzlaff, Colten Schaefer, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

None

**Approve agenda**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek approving the agenda as printed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Van Zee approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 15, 2018
- Authorize Payment of Claims for February 20, 2018
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 01/31/2018
- Approve adding Samantha Ringling to the substitute teacher list

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

None

**Routine Business**

**Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers**

None

**Good News Report**

Mr. Jeff Patzlaff introduced Colten Schaefer to the board of education. Mr. Schaefer will be student teaching under Mr. Patzlaff through the end of the school year.

Supt. Bailey congratulated the KWLPG wrestling team on their first place finish at the seventeen team Wagner Invitational and to Grayson Hanson for placing first in the 106 lb. weight division. Regions will be held this Saturday in Miller.

The Platte-Geddes School District staff and the communities of Platte and Geddes were commended for the "Top Your Tator" fundraiser for the Peterson family. The fundraiser brought in over \$5,100 and Lynn Walstad from Modern Woodman of America matched \$2,500. Several other fundraisers have or will be taking place.

All students participated in Kindness Week during the last week of January. Various activities and challenges were held throughout the schools.

The district received a check in the amount of \$964.07 from EMC Insurance through their School Safety Dividend Program.

Congratulations were extended to the local winners of the Missouri Valley Spelling Bee, the high school choir students who participated in the vocal contest in Kimball, and to the elementary students who won the Knights of Columbus regional free throw contest and Elks Hoop Shoot.

Mrs. Sandy Biddle was congratulated on receiving the Outstanding Physical Science Teacher award at the Math & Science Convention last Friday.

### **Superintendent Report**

The administration sent a Middle School Concept survey to all elementary parents in hopes of gathering feedback on moving the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to the high school building. Results of the survey were supportive of the concept. The district's verification of Educational Structure is due to the Department of Education by March 1. A final decision will be made by then.

Supt. Bailey has begun preparing the 2018-2019 school calendar. Staff members completed a survey regarding the current calendar and have provided great input. The calendar committee will meet to review the surveys and help finalize next year's calendar before it is presented for board approval.

The official Child Count for Special Education has been completed. The district has 55 students receiving special education services this school year.

The district will be replacing the skid loader next year through a state bid with a local vendor. After the trade-in, the cost will be around \$12,000 which also includes a new snow blower attachment. The new minivan arrived in Pierre and is ready for pick up.

Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Larson, and Supt. Bailey attended the CTE Improvement meeting in Mitchell on January 29. They reviewed goals that were set at the meeting last year, reviewed the 2016-2017 Perkins Data summary, and held a consortium meeting. Goals for 2018-2019 include increasing certification offerings by adding two additional CTE courses and restructuring the schedule to allow for additional CTE opportunities. Two other areas for improvement are improving math scores and increasing the number of non-traditional student participation CTE courses.

Mrs. Holleman would like to extend an invitation to all board members to read to her students during Read Across America Week.

The new website should be ready by this week. The website will include a sharable google calendar that will be updated in real time for the most up-to-date events. Supt. Bailey plans to write an article which will give stakeholders an overview of the site and app. A meeting will also be held to train staff.

February 19-23 has been declared School Board Recognition Week. Supt. Bailey thanked the Board of Education for their dedication and commitment to making the Platte-Geddes District a great place to learn, work, and grow. Board members were also invited to attend the ASBSD's Legislative Day at the capitol. This is an opportunity for them to be recognized by our legislators and advocate for public education.

The district leadership team will be sending out stakeholder surveys later this week. The surveys, which are created through the accreditation company Advanced Ed, are a great way to receive feedback for growth.

Seniors will be presenting their final projects on Wednesday. Each student's presentation board is on display in the hallways at the high school. Mrs. Nelson invites and encourages board members to stop in and check them out.

The district's Impact Aid Funding is once again in jeopardy. President Trump's original budget included a \$525 million cut to the Impact Aid Basic Support program and eliminated Federal Property payments. While an addendum restores the Basic Support program, it still eliminates the Federal properties portion of the Impact Aid Program. These cuts are due to the Congressional agreement to raise the caps on non-defense discretionary funding for FY2018 and FY2019.

### **Secondary Principal Report**

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> in the high school gym from 2:30-8:00 p.m.

Mr. Frederick attended the high school vocal contest in Kimball last Wednesday. He commended the students and staff for their outstanding performances.

The district gained one student last week. Current enrollment in grades 7-12 is at 186 students.

The CTE Advisory Board held their meeting on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Frederick thanked the following board members for taking the time out of their schedules to take part in this committee: Ross Varilek, Jonna DeHaan, Jarrod Meyerink, Erica Boltjes, and Susan Hoffman. Mr. Frederick also wanted to thank and recognize the members of the Parent Advisory Committee for their commitment and time: Marshall Ringling, Larura Vanden Berge, Tonna Reiser, Michelle Hubers, Mel Sondgeroth, Tammie Olson, Roxanne Summerville, and Vicki Strand.

National FFA Week is February 19-23. Mrs. Graves and the FFA Chapter have organized various activities which include a coloring contest, petting zoo, "Drive Your Tractor to School" day, and a "Kiss the Pig" contest.

#### **Elementary Principal Report**

Twelve students will be representing Platte-Geddes Elementary at the Missouri Valley Spelling Bee on February 28 in Bonesteel at the South Central School.

Eight girls represented the district at the State Elementary Honors Choir on February 7 and 8 in Brookings.

A committee of teachers including lower elementary, upper elementary, and colony staff members has been formed to review the math curriculum. Several math textbooks will be reviewed to determine which curriculum will be the best for Platte-Geddes students.

Students in grades 1-4 are currently participating in the Reading Super Bowl. Students are placed on reading teams and challenged to read a minimum amount each week.

Mrs. Knecht met with her Parent Advisory team recently. Student safety issues continue to be a major concern. Mrs. Knecht is working with parents, the community, and local law enforcement to resolve some of these concerns.

#### **Business Manager Report**

Two petitions have been pick up for the two upcoming vacancies on the school board. Deadline to file petitions is February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

K. Holter recently attended SASD's Delegate Assembly in Pierre and the Cracker Barrel in Platte. She reviewed several education bills and the effect they would have on the district.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Mid Central Educational Cooperative Report**

None

##### **Core Educational Cooperative**

J. Sondgeroth reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting held in February.

##### **Finance/Negotiations Committee**

R. Van Zee gave a report from a Finance/Negotiations Committee meeting held recently.

#### **Review Multipurpose Gym Floor Bids**

One bid was received for the floor replacement project in the multipurpose room gym. School Specialty submitted a bid in the amount of \$121,400.00 for the Gerflor, Taraflex Multi-use 6.2mm flooring. The bid also included tile removal, preparation work, and a 3% attic stock. They also submitted an alternate bid for a similar product for \$99,400.00. After considerable discussion, the board tabled the topic and requested that additional information on flooring options be investigated.

#### **First Reading, Section I Policies, IA-IGDG, Instruction**

The board of education gave first reading to Section I Policies, IA-IGDG, Instruction.

#### **Offer Contracts to Administration**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded D. Starr offering contracts to the following administrators for the 2018-2019 school term with salaries, terms, and conditions to be set at a later date: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Business Manager Kathy Holter, and Network Administrator Mike Neugebauer. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

#### **Accept Resignation of Art Teacher, Mrs. Kate Witt**

Motion R. Varilek, seconded T. Meyerink accepting the resignation of Art Teacher, Kate Witt, and authorizing the administration to advertise for the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Witt was thanked for her service to the Platte-Geddes School District.

#### **Accept Resignation of Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Trina Olsen**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded J. Sondgeroth accepting the resignation of Administrative Assistant Trina Olsen. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Olsen was thanked for her years of service to the Platte-Geddes School District.

**Approve Administrative Assistant Contract**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink approving the contract of Patti Gerlach as Administrative Assistant at an hourly wage of \$10.71. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Contract of PE Teacher, Mr. Carter Kemnitz**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek approving the contract of Carter Kemnitz as PE Teacher in the amount of \$38,900.00. As part of the agreement with the district, Mr. Kemnitz received substitute pay until certification was attained. Now that the process is complete, he will be compensated at the salary of \$38,900.00 (less substitute pay already received) for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Driver Education Fees**

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded J. Sondgeroth setting the fees for driver's education at \$190.00 for students attending Platte-Geddes School and \$240.00 for students not attending the Platte-Geddes School. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Sick Bank Leave Request for Mrs. Jennifer Semmler**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded T. Meyerink approving the sick bank leave request from Mrs. Jennifer Semmler for 5.5 days. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Sick Bank Leave Request for Mrs. Christa Peterson**

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Varilek approving the sick bank leave request from Mrs. Christa Peterson for 9 days. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Date for March Board Meeting**

The March School Board Meeting will remain as scheduled on March 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

**Adjournment**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek adjourning the meeting at 7:13 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**