

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018**

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 p.m. on Monday, January 15, 2018, in the Library at the Platte-Geddes Elementary School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members absent: Tricia Meyerink

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederink, and Jason Huizenga

Additions or deletions to this agenda

The following item was added to the printed agenda: Consent Agenda: add Lisa DeHaan to substitute teacher list

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion R. Varilek, seconded M. Ferguson approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 11, 2017
- Authorize Payment of Claims for January 19, 2018
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 12/31/2017
- Approve adding Jessica Kaemingk, Anita Schonefelder, and Lisa DeHaan 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

Sarah Erickson and Carly Sprik were congratulated for being named to the South Dakota Academic All-State Volleyball Team.

Students in shop class are collaborating with the Platte Chamber to build local business planter boxes/benches that will add curb appeal to storefronts and Main Street.

Twenty-eight high school students have completed training for the PALS mentoring program that was created by Mrs. Wynia and Ms. Mounts. Mentors and mentees were paired together on January 10.

The KWLPG wrestling team placed 6th out of 25 teams at the Mid Dakota Monster wrestling tournament in Presho. Chase Varilek placed 6th in the 100 lb. weight class and Grayson Hanson placed 5th at 113 lbs.

Congratulations were extended to the junior high boys basketball team and Coach Neuman for winning the Dakota Christian basketball tourney.

Supt. Bailey showed a video presentation from an end of the year Physics Project taught by Mrs. Sandy Biddle.

Superintendent Report

The active shooter workshop Supt. Bailey attended last month was very informational. Keyless lock systems have proven to be the most effective form of school security. Supt. Bailey has looked into transitioning to this system and will be completing an application for a Homeland Security Grant within the next couple of weeks.

Mrs. Semmler, Mrs. Vanderboom and Supt. Bailey attended an English Language Learner workshop at Mitchell Technical Institute on January 5. Each school district is required to have a LAU plan which outlines how they will provide equal education for limited English speaking students. The Core ELL plan has served as a LAU plan, however it will need some modifications and components added in order to comply with the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The administration will be holding several meetings regarding the transition to a middle school concept. The move would bring the 6th grade students to the high school building for the 2018-2019 school term. The conversation began last spring, but the administration could not make a strong decision prior to the verification of educational structure deadline that is set by the Department of Education. Several options will be explained and discussed during these meetings.

The district had to upgrade the geothermal system NAE's to the Metasys software. The old software was not keeping up with the system and was creating problems. The software upgrade will cost the district \$1,244.40. Going forward, the district has the option of upgrading the software every year and including the cost in the service contract for a reduced price. Keeping current software is paramount to ensuring that the district is achieving efficiency guarantee.

The advertisement for bids for new flooring in the multipurpose room will be in the local newspapers for the next two weeks. Based on preliminary numbers, the bids could range anywhere from \$90,000.00 to \$120,000.00 depending on the floor type. The first bid that will be advertised will be for a Taraflex Multi-Use 6.2 vinyl flooring. The flooring is ideal for the multipurpose room gym as it offers excellent resistance to furniture and rolling loads.

The district received the Section 7002 foundation payment for Impact Aid in the amount of \$76,397.00. Based on the Federal Budget, there is a possibility that we will see an increase in funding during the 2018-2019 school year. There is always a threat to losing this funding which is why lobbying efforts need to continue to be strong.

Legislative Session has started. There are about 140 bills that have been introduced so far, and very few are tied to education. The DOE has only introduced one bill and it has to do with Special Education Restraint and Seclusion. Supt. Bailey anticipates that school districts will be encouraged to adopt a policy pertaining to this issue.

Secondary Principal Report

This semester there are 50 students taking online courses. The makeup of the courses consist of 30 students taking dual credit courses, 7 students taking concurrent courses, and 13 students taking various online courses.

The next parent advisory meeting will be held on Thursday, January 25th at the high school library at 6:00 p.m. Snow Coming Week will be held the week of January 29-February 2. The student council is planning everything from a dodgeball tournament to a dance.

The CTE staff will be attending the annual meeting on January 29 in Mitchell. The topics and goals for the day include reviewing Perkins data, discussing the quality of the district's CTE program, and identifying strengths and weaknesses of the current program. A CTE Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 24 in the high school library at 6:00 p.m.

Elementary Principal Report

Special Education services are provided for 53 students in the Platte-Geddes School District. In December of each year the district submits the Special Education numbers to the State of South Dakota through the SPED Child Count. Mrs. Knecht stated that a great deal of work goes into the referral, evaluation, qualification, and placement of each child served. The Special Education referral process was outlined and explained to the board of education.

Business Manager Report

The 2019 Impact Aid Application has been completed and filed with the U.S. Department of Education.

The SASD Delegate Assembly will be held on January 30th in Pierre. Representatives from each parent group gather to discuss legislative bills and their potential impact on education. Bills pertaining to education are very few this year and the funding topic is almost nonexistent.

Work has begun on the 2018-2019 Budget. Petitions for school board may be picked up and circulated beginning January 26.

A Revenue Summary Report showing the last five years history of funding was distributed to board members for review. The report indicated that although revenues have increased steadily over the last five years, they are not keeping up with the increase in expenditures.

Committee Reports

Mid Central Educational Cooperative Report

None

Core Educational Cooperative

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

Building and Grounds Committee

Supt. Bailey gave a report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting held prior the school board meeting.

Second Reading, Section H Policies, Negotiations

The board of education gave second reading to Section H Policies, Negotiations. Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Van Zee to approve and adopt Section H Policies as reviewed and revised. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Driver Education Contract for Ms. Sara Kraft

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson approving the contract of Ms. Sara Kraft as Driver's Education Instructor at an hourly wage of \$18.00/hour for up to ten hours of prep time, thirty hours of classroom instruction, and six hours per student for behind-the-wheel instruction. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set Date for February Board Meeting

Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. Starr moving the February Board Meeting time to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 12th. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson adjourning the meeting at 7:47 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager