

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 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 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2017, 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,

Members absent: Marlon Ferguson, Tricia Meyerink

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, James Neuman, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

None

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 13, 2017
- Authorize Payment of Claims for December 20, 2017
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 11/30/2017

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

None

**Routine Business**

**Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers**

None

**Good News Report**

The Presbyterian Women have donated \$300 to our school lunch program. The Presbyterian Church also did a loose change offering during the summer months and raised an additional \$221.63 for the same cause.

Supt. Bailey congratulated the junior high play cast and Ms. Kraft on their performance on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations were also extended to the eight students who were selected for the SD Elementary Honors Choir Festival. Those selected include: Harper Kirsch, Emerson Ringing, Isabel Meyerink, Josie Muilenburg, Piper Rasmussen, LaRae Severson, Kalli Summerville, and Shayna Thomas.

Armour High School senior, Jamin Leonard, started a Tuba Christmas event for his senior project. The following students gave up their Saturday to join the group and make his concert a success: Cody Fite, Skyler Hanton, Tristen Petrik, Dawson Hoffman, Jaysea Biehl, Brevin DeJong, Michael Rooks, Joey Kuipers, Roger Duba, Sawyer Naasz, Reagan Stegmeier, and Dominique Girton. A few of the students learned how to play an instrument for this special event.

On Monday, December 11, the junior high band performed at the State Capitol Building.

Carly Sprik was recognized for making the SCC All-Conference Volleyball Team. Tori Weins was named honorable mention.

The following Elk's Free Throw Contest winners were congratulated: Kolbi Hoffman, Shooter Frederick, Addison DeVries, Jye Bailey, Karly VanDerWerff, and Dawson Hoffman. Shooter Frederick also won the contest in Mitchell and will now move on to the state contest in Pierre.

Recognition was given to all of the groups that have organized fundraisers for the Sprik family. The generosity from the community has been remarkable.

## **Superintendent Report**

Chad Gullickson, School Specialty territory manager, was on site on December 7 to take measurements of the multipurpose room gym floor. Supt. Bailey is continuing to work with Chad and Nick Flood, JWood Sports Flooring, to write specs for the different types of flooring that could be installed in the multipurpose room.

The students from Platte Colony School made several stops on their field trip to town last Wednesday. Their first stop was at the Platte Library where they checked out 152 books. A thank you was given to Jan VanVuren for opening the library on an unscheduled day. The students then serenaded the residents at the Platte Care Center with Christmas songs. Their field trip ended with Art and PE at the elementary school. This was the first time that the colony students participated in class at the elementary. It was a great experience for the students.

The district received notification that the Title I Consolidated Application has been approved. Verification was also received on the district meeting the IDEA Maintenance of Effort requirement for FY 2017.

The Governor's Budget Address was disappointing, as he proposed no inflationary increase for education funding for the 2018-2019 school year. Although state statute states that education should be funded at 3% or the CPIw, whichever is less, this is not always followed. Survey results from a recent state superintendent survey indicate that many schools are using their reserves to balance their budgets, are utilizing the Capital Outlay flexibility to supplement their General Fund, and are planning to continue with their opt out or will need to pursue one. Schools will also be forced to trim their budgets by eliminating programs or reducing staff.

Supt. Bailey has ordered the Dodge Grand Caravan from Wegner Auto in Pierre. The district has not been given an estimated date of delivery.

Mike Mikuska and his family were honored between the girls and boys basketball games Saturday night for their generous donation to the new scoreboards. The Boys 2008 State Championship basketball team was also honored. They celebrated their ten-year championship reunion.

Supt. Bailey will be attending an Active Shooter presentation in Rapid City tomorrow. A large part of the presentation will be put on by the Department of Homeland Security and South Dakota Office of Public Safety.

The school mini van received some damage from an encounter with a deer last Friday night. An estimate should be received very soon.

## **Secondary Principal Report**

Supt. Bailey gave the Secondary Principal's Report in Mr. Frederick's absence. Mr. Frederick is attending an informational meeting in Armour about a new program that has been popular west river that is now in the process of being implemented east river. The C.O.R.E. Freshman Impact program is geared toward raising awareness in freshman students that decisions have consequences. It is an entire school day filled with comprehensive learning stations and skits that will leave an unforgettable impact. The program brings together local, county, state, and federal resources to educate students, parents, and school staff on destructive teenage issues and the consequences.

Average daily attendance for the first semester is at 96.13% at the junior high and 95.60% at the high school. Enrollment in grades 7-12 is at 186 students. The semester test schedule was also reviewed.

The Parent Advisory Committee members were thanked for their generosity in providing lunch for staff during American Education Week. Their next meeting is Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Elementary Principal Report**

Travis Lape presented to the Platte-Geddes elementary staff on the November 21<sup>st</sup> professional development day. His presentation was on the 16 Habits of Mind which focused on how the world is changing and how teachers must change the way they are teaching and learning to prepare kids for the changing world they will be living and working in. The elementary staff has decided to begin using some of the Habits of Mind language and prepare lessons around that model.

The PAL Program is moving forward. Twenty-seven students have volunteered to be mentors with twenty-four elementary student mentees. Once mentors have received their training they will be paired with a student and begin meeting with them. Mrs. Knecht hopes this will happen in early January.

End of the semester events were reviewed.

**Business Manager Report**

None

**Committee Reports**

**Mid Central Educational Cooperative and Core Educational Cooperative Reports**

R. Van Zee reported on the recent Mid Central Educational Cooperative Meeting. J. Sondgeroth gave a report from the Core Educational Cooperative Meeting.

**Delegate Assembly Report**

J. Sondgeroth reported on the ASBSD Delegate Assembly he attended in Pierre on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**After School Program**

Katy Burket has provided an updated proposal for the Bright Beginnings Learning Center's after school program. Supt. Bailey stated that he was in favor of approving the program on a trial basis that would run the remainder of the school year. The program can be reassessed after that to determine whether or not the district would like to continue. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek approving the after school program. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appoint Legislative Action Network Representative**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Varilek appointing Ross Van Zee as the district's Legislative Action Network Representative. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set School Board Election Date**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Van Zee approving the joint city/school election and setting the date for April 10, 2018. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. The terms of Ross Van Zee and Ross Varilek will expire on June 30, 2018.

**First Reading of Section H Policies, Negotiations**

The board of education gave first reading to Section H Policies, Negotiations.

**Approve Sick Bank Leave Request for Mrs. Kalli Oolman**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr approving the recommendation from the Platte-Geddes Educational Association Sick Leave Bank Committee for 12 ½ days of sick leave from the sick leave bank for Kalli Oolman. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Out of State Travel**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Van Zee 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 18-20. 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 meet with South Dakota Representatives to lobby for the continuation of Section 7002 dollars. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Date for January Board Meeting**

Motion R. Varilek, seconded R. Van Zee moving the January Board Meeting date to Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Van Zee to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**