

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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, November 13, 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, Marlon Ferguson, Ross Varilek, Jess Sondgeroth, Duke Starr, Tricia Meyerink

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Frank Cutler, Shawn Wynia, Melissa Mounts, Katy Burket, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

The following item was added to the printed agenda: Approve Vehicle Purchase

**Approve agenda**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded T. Meyerink approving the agenda as amended. 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, October 9, 2017
- Authorize Payment of Claims for November 20, 2017
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 10/31/2017

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

Katy Burket, board member from the Bright Beginnings Learning Center, spoke to the board regarding renting space from the district to offer an after school program.

**Routine Business**

**Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers**

None

**Good News Report**

The Cheer and Dance Teams were congratulated on their performances at the state competition. They received 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Small Stunt/Tumble category, 6<sup>th</sup> in Grand Champion Cheer, 1<sup>st</sup> in Hip Hop, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kick, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pom and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Grand Champion Dance.

Congratulations were extended to the following eight students on being chosen for the South Dakota Junior Honor Choir: Latisha Thomas, Dawson Hoffman, Will Miller, Joey Kuipers, Kelby VanDerWerff, Kally Millar, Carly Reiser, and Sadie Ransmussen.

Supt Bailey commended the Platte-Geddes students and staff for the many fundraising activities for Brady Sprik and his family.

The Junior High Student Council, Mr. VanEssen's U.S. History Class, and the music department were thanked for the Veteran's Day breakfast and program.

Riley Stegmeier and Trevor Sprik were recognized for Football All Conference. Payton Foxley and Peyton Nelson received Honorable Mention.

The high school quiz bowl team, led by Ms. Kraft, is one win away from the finals. Members of the team are Martin DeKam, Sarah Erickson, Meghan Mount, Kalli VandenBerge, and Jessica Vanderheiden.

Platte-Geddes Elementary received a \$500.00 grant from Stern Oil Company to be used for math and science curriculum.

**Superintendent Report**

Mrs. Knecht and Supt. Bailey have been working with the Bright Beginning Board of Directors to explore the possibility of an after school program. A survey was sent out to determine the level of

interest for a program. Day care providers were also contacted to ensure that this program would not interfere with their businesses.

The following two quotes were received for new flooring in the multipurpose room gym:

Connor Alliance I Wood athletic flooring system - \$98,300.00

Connor ARS DIN Wood athletic flooring system - \$103,400.00

The quotes give an estimation for the project. There are other options of wood and floor coverings that can be explored. These quotes were secured to give the board of education an idea of the cost and to help in determining if this is a project that the board wants to pursue. The board of education authorized Supt. Bailey to move forward with specifications and securing bids for this project.

Supt. Bailey and Kenny Antonsen have met with a representative from 3-D Security regarding ADA entrances and a key fob system. Switching from a key system to a fob system is a reasonable move since the logistics are already in place with the current buzzer system. The cost of the project would be \$11,571.19. There would be an additional cost to change our current locks. If a Homeland Security Grant can be acquired, the entire project could be covered by the grant. Supt. Bailey was directed to secure the information needed for the project and to pursue the Homeland Security Grant.

### **Secondary Principal Report**

Supt. Bailey gave the Secondary Principal's Report in Mr. Frederick's absence. The first Parent Advisory Committee Meeting was held recently. Topics discussed included Platte-Geddes Staff School District Expectations, the Bobby Jones assembly, open lunch privileges, prom formalities, graduation formalities, parent involvement, and American Education Week. Mr. Frederick thanked the members of the committee for their dedication and time to working with the school district and improving the communication between the school, parents, and community.

Bobby Jones presented an assembly on his life story and the struggles he faced with addiction. Feedback from the assembly was positive. His presentation made everyone think about the daily choices made in our lives.

Most staff SLO's and Individual/Professional Goals have been approved and Mr. Frederick has begun formal observations on staff. Coaching evaluations from the fall sports are also being completed.

### **Elementary Principal Report**

Mrs. Wynia and Ms. Mounts presented information on the new PAL Program being offered to the students at the elementary. The PAL Program has been designed as a school-based organization that helps young students learn appropriate social and daily living skills, build lifelong friendships, and to be valuable members of the community. By pairing them with a high school student, they will have opportunities to do school activities together as well as whole group functions out of school. The hope is to boost the school's friendly and inviting atmosphere.

### **Business Manager Report**

Health screenings are scheduled for the morning of November 17<sup>th</sup>. These are free to staff who participate in the school's health insurance plan.

Supt. Bailey and K. Holter attended a Region Meeting on October 12<sup>th</sup> sponsored by ASBSD. Potential legislative issues were discussed along with preschool, homeschool student's participation in extra-curricular and cocurricular activities, and audit legislation. K. Holter also attended an Impact Aid meeting and an Election Workshop. The school board terms of Ross Van Zee and Ross Varilek will end June 30, 2018.

The district received their health insurance renewal rates. Premiums increased between 6.17% and 9.14% depending on the plan. The increases were attributable to increase in claims over the last few months.

The district received the matching funds from the state for the Workforce Education Grant. This grant was used for the welding shop retrofit project.

K. Holter distributed copies of the 2016-2017 Audit Report to board members and highlighted several areas. Holter then gave an explanation of General Fund expenditures by function and object.

### **Committee Reports**

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

Supt. Bailey and R. Van Zee reported on the recent Mid Central Educational Meeting. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. J. Sondgeroth and Supt. Bailey gave a report from the Core Educational Cooperatives Meeting.

**Second Reading Policies GDE-GDPD**

The board of education gave second reading to Policies GDE-GDPD. Policies GDG (Support Staff Probation and GDBB (Support Staff Supplementary Pay Plans) were discussed. Motion T. Meyerink, seconded R. Van Zee approving and adopting Policies GDE-GDPD with revisions as proposed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Second Reading Policies AH, AH-E(1), AH-E(2)**

The board gave second reading to Policies AH, AH-E(1), and AH-E(2), Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Authorization. Motion T. Meyerink, seconded M. Ferguson approving and adopting Policies AH, AH-E(1) and AH-E(2) as presented. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Elementary Custodian Contract**

Motion M. Ferguson, seconded J. Sondgeroth approving the contract of Myrna Overweg as elementary custodian at an hourly rate of \$10.71 per hour. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Vehicle Purchase**

The district is in need of an additional school vehicle. Purchasing another mini-van would allow for more seating, additional room for equipment, and better fuel efficiency. Wegner Auto was awarded the state bid for a Dodge Caravan priced at \$21,872.00. Other state bid options are a Chevy Malibu for \$17,429.00 or a Chevy Impala for \$20,747.00. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded T. Meyerink approving the purchase of an additional vehicle not to exceed \$22,000.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Date for December Board Meeting**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Van Zee setting the December Board Meeting at its regular scheduled date of Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded M. Ferguson to enter into executive session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss Consultation with Legal Counsel pursuant SDCL 1-25-1(3) and Negotiations pursuant SDCL 1-25-1(4). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President T. Smit declared executive session closed at 9:16 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded M. Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**