

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, APRIL 16, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 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, Duke Starr, Tricia Meyerink, Marlon Ferguson, Jess Sondgeroth

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Frank Cutler, Sadie Hanson, Lacey Mills, Kate Witt, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

The following item was added to the printed agenda: 2017-2018 School Calendar

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018
- Authorize Payment of Claims for April 20, 2018
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 03/31/2018

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

Mrs. Kate Witt attended the State Visual Art Show recently in Sioux Falls at which several of Platte-Geddes student's projects were displayed. Mrs. Witt presented Lacey McLouth's project to the board which received first place in Class A Mixed Media. Congratulations were extended to Lacey and to all of the students for their accomplishments.

**Routine Business**

**Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers**

None

**Good News Report**

Supt. Bailey congratulated Kailena Anderson, Sydney Antonsen, Kaitie Slaba, and Abby Spawn for being chosen as Girl's State delegates for the Platte-Geddes School.

Congratulations were given to the students who competed at the Prairie Readers competition. Platte-Geddes received third place even though there were no teams in seventh grade or high school. The Academic Olympic team also was recognized for their second place finish at their recent competition.

The National Honor Society recently inducted the following students: Tess Ringling, Grace Espicha, Raegen Stegmeier, Abigail VandenBerge, Kade Konstanz, Kade Starr, Caden Tegethoff, and Landon Schulte. Supt. Bailey congratulated these students on their achievement.

Supt. Bailey also congratulated the wrestlers who placed at the State AAU wrestling tourney and Hayden Stluka for qualifying for the state track meet in the long jump and 200m dash.

Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht was recently awarded the Community Leader Award at the Principal's Conference. The award is based on community activities involvement; how the individual makes use of resources from other educational institutions, parents, business, industry, and service clubs; and how they involve student body in the promotion of positive public relations. Supt. Bailey congratulated Mrs. Knecht on her award.

## **Superintendent Report**

The administration has been discussing the district's lockdown procedures and looking at making changes. State Trooper Robert Mayer, who is an ALICE trainer, is willing to present information at a future board meeting on the district's risk and vulnerability, emergency operations plan, prevention, response and training programs, technology and infrastructure, and recovery. The board of education directed Supt. Bailey to invite State Trooper Robert Mayer to a future board meeting.

Last week a deputy sheriff and members of the SD Highway Patrol did a walkthrough of both schools. The Highway Patrol is making an effort to familiarize themselves with all schools. The officers completed a thorough walk through and helped identify some areas where the district could make changes and increase safety. Every officer was given a floor plan of each building. They were also given an open invitation to visit the buildings anytime they are in the area.

K. Holter and Supt. Bailey attended the School Law Seminar on April 4. Topics of discussion included school threats, student suspension/expulsion, legislative updates, and Title IX disputes. Because of the increase in Title IX issues, SASD is hosting a two-day Title IX training. The district will be sending a representative(s) to this training. ASBSD is also working on an updated policy and Title IX statement. Once that is available, it is Supt. Bailey's recommendation to adopt that policy.

The multipurpose room gym floor project will begin with tile removal on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The projected project completion date is June 4.

Supt. Bailey reviewed a proposal from the Department of Education to revise graduation requirements. The proposal combines opportunities for rigor, student engagement and flexibility, in order to build a foundation for success. The proposal was developed to provide students with multiple opportunities to meet their postsecondary and career goals within a framework of general high school graduation requirements. If adopted, schools would have the option to implement the new requirements immediately if they so choose. By fall of 2020, all public school would be required to offer all three of the endorsements and to denote them on their student transcripts.

## **Secondary Principal Report**

The High School drama department will present the play "Wild Pink" on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at the high school gym.

The last Parent Advisory Meeting for the year was held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Frederick commented that a variety of topics were discussed and great conversations were held. He thanked the members for their time and willingness to serve on this committee.

Mr. Frederick will be attending Governor Daugaard's Academic Awards Banquet with Sarah Erickson and her parents on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mrs. Graves and the FFA students were unable to attend the State FFA Convention in Brookings due to the weather. Mr. Neuman, Mrs. Larson, and Mrs. Teresa Nelson are currently attending the TIE conference in Sioux Falls.

Mr. Cutler has nominated Mr. Frederick to serve on the SDHSAA Board of Directors as Division IV Principal Representative. This would be a three-year term running from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. Mr. Frederick asked for the board's support in his efforts to represent Division IV schools.

## **Elementary Principal Report**

Mrs. Knecht and the elementary staff have completed a yearlong homework study. Through the study a decision was made to make changes to elementary Homework Policy. Mrs. Knecht reviewed the suggested changes with the board of education. The policy changes will be included in the summer policy review of the Platte-Geddes Elementary Handbook.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment will be given to students in grades 3-8 and 11 in the upcoming weeks. The Smarter Balanced Assessments measure student achievement in relation to the state standards in the areas of English language arts and mathematics.

Kindergarten Screening/Roundup was held on Monday, March 26. Staff screened forty-one prospective kindergarten students for enrollment in the 2018-2019 school year. Thirty-three of those plan to attend full day kindergarten and eight students plan to attend half day kindergarten in the fall.

### **Business Manager Report**

K. Holter reported on the NAFIS Conference that she and Supt. Bailey recently attended. Impact Aid Funding for Federal Properties was restored with a \$4.5 million increase.

The state will be hosting a DOE Information Sharing Workshop on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in Mitchell. The session will cover an array of topics impacting schools as a result of changes to federal and state law, rules and regulations.

The SDASBO Conference will be held on April 24-26 in Pierre.

### **Athletic Director Report**

F. Cutler reported that the spring weather has brought many postponements and cancellations in golf and track. The Platte-Geddes Junior High Track meet scheduled for this Thursday has been cancelled with no make-up date at this time. The track meet scheduled for Saturday in Chamberlain has also been cancelled. Once conditions are favorable, some of these meets may be rescheduled.

Mr. Cutler also reported on a recent Athletic Directors Conference and SDHSAA Annual Meeting and reviewed impending changes that will affect Platte-Geddes programs.

### **Committee Reports**

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

R. Van Zee reported on the recent Mid Central Educational Cooperative Meeting.

#### **Core Educational Cooperative**

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

### **First Reading Section I Policies, IGDI -ING**

The board of education gave first reading to Section I Policies, IGDI-ING, Instruction. J. Sondgeroth would like to revisit Policy IGD, Cocurricular and Extracurricular Programs, and R. Van Zee would like Policy IGAI, Wellness Policy, reviewed again to make sure it aligns with the new Elementary Homework Policy.

### **Storage Shed Bids**

The following two bids were received for the storage shed:

Summit Contracting	\$43,000.00
Platte Lumber Supply	\$45,290.00

Due to the location and slope of the area, additional ground work and a retaining wall will be needed. Options as to how to proceed with the project were discussed. After considerable discussion, motion M. Ferguson, seconded T. Meyerink to accept the bid from Summit Contracting for \$43,000.00 for a 30' x 60' x 12' post frame building and to advertise for bids for the addition ground work and retaining wall. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Offer Contracts to Classified Staff**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson approving offering contracts to all classified staff. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Offer Contract to K-12 Art Teacher, Jordan Heeren**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink offering a contract to Jordan Heeren for the K-12 Art Position with salary to be determined once negotiations are completed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Accept Resignation of Half-Day Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Staci Erickson**

Motion R. Varilek, seconded R. Van Zee accepting the resignation from Mrs. Staci Erickson as half-day kindergarten teacher and to advertise the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Erickson was thanked for her years of service.

### **Approve Quote for Audit**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson approving the quote from Schoenfish & Co., Inc. to conduct an audit of the 2017-2018 financial records in the amount of \$7,750.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Approve Server Quote**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded M. Ferguson approving the quote from Golden West Technologies for a Fujitsu RX2540 server at a cost of \$5,389.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Approve Computer Purchase Quote**

Motion M. Ferguson, seconded R. Van Zee approving the quote from Golden West Technologies for 35 Fujitsu P728 laptops with a four-year warranty in the amount of \$35,450.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Approve Sick Bank Leave Request for Mrs. Staci Erickson**

Motion D. Starr, seconded T. Meyerink approving the sick bank leave request from Mrs. Staci Erickson for twenty days. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Resolution Authorizing Membership in SDHSAA**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink approving the resolution authorizing membership for the Platte-Geddes High School in the South Dakota High School Activities Association for 2018-2019. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**First Reading 2018-2019 School Calendar**

The board of education gave first reading to the 2018-2019 School Calendar.

**2017-2018 School Calendar**

Supt. Bailey updated the board of education on the number of snow days, late starts, and early dismissals accumulated to date. The district is still within the required number of hours of student contact time. The recommendation of the board was to not add any more days to the school calendar this year.

**Set Time/Date for May Board Meeting**

The school board meeting will be held at the regular scheduled date and time on May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek to enter into executive session at 9:01 p.m. per SDCL 1-25-2(4), Negotiations. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President T. Den Besten declared executive session closed at 10:11 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson adjourning the meeting at 10:11 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**