

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

Members absent: Jess Sondgeroth

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Susan Porter, Melissa Mounts, Teresa Neman, Sadie Hanson, and Jason Huizenga

Additions or deletions to this agenda

The following items were added to the printed agenda: Approve Voluntary Separation for Mrs. Donna Kuipers, Approve Lane Change for Mrs. Regan Holleman, Authorize Administration to Advertise for Bids for Storage Shed, Executive Session per SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion D. Starr, seconded T. Meyerink approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018
- Authorize Payment of Claims for March 20, 2018
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 02/28/2018

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Terry Hermanson, representative from Hi Line Unique Flooring, presented information and answered questions regarding flooring options for the multipurpose room gym floor.

Routine Business

Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers

None

Good News Report

Congratulations were extended to the KWLPG wrestlers that placed at the State B Tournament. They include Grayson Hanson (6th), Tyler Resick (7th), Ty Namanny (6th), Jackson Nockels (5th), and Wyatt Talbot (6th). Chase Varilek was also congratulated for placing 6th at the State Junior High Tournament.

Modern Woodman of America was thanked for sponsoring the 2nd grade PBL project again this year.

Supt. Bailey congratulated the seniors on their phenomenal senior projects this year and commended them on their hard work.

The following elementary students were applauded for placing at the Missouri Valley Spelling Bee: Addie Walstad (3rd), Owen Feiok (3rd), and Emmie Huizenga (1st).

Platte-Geddes student's art projects will be displayed at the State Visual Art show this weekend at the Premier Center in Sioux Falls. Projects include: Caden Tegethoff-Ceramic, Lacey McLouth-Ink Drawing and Mixed Media, Meghan Mount-3D Sculpture and Craft, Torri Qualm-Acrylic Painting, Mariah Van Zee-Watercolor Painting, Emily Muilenburg-Drawing, and Jaeden Johnson-Graphic Design.

State AAU Wrestling Qualifiers include Shae Petersen, Kenyon Kuiper, Hayes Holter, Asher Kott, Bentley and Briggs Veurink, Chase Varilek, Grayson Hanson, and Kason and Kyler Konstanz.

Superintendent Report

Supt. Bailey updated the board on several legislative bills. SB 46, the restraint and seclusion bill, was amended favorably towards schools and has passed. HB 1297, the Capital Outlay bill, passed the House as amended on a 33-1 vote. HB 1057 provides a 1% ongoing increase for state aid to the General Fund and Special Education. This brings the target teacher salary to \$49,131.96 for fiscal year 2019. HB 1044 provides a .7% one-time payment to schools for state aid to the General Fund.

The administrative team has decided to stay status quo with the current school structure of K-6 elementary, 7-8 junior high, and 9-12 high school. The district will plan and prepare to make the full transition to a middle school model in two years.

An additional sidewalk on the south side of the athletic complex will be poured this spring. The sidewalk will make the complex handicap accessible on both the north and south sides. Drainage problems persist on the north side of the elementary and continue to pose safety issues. Several options have been explored but nothing has remedied the problem. The new strategy is to add 12 inch pipe to all existing drains and route the water to a drop-in drain east of the elementary building. A quote has been received for the concrete work. Supt. Bailey is still awaiting an additional quote for the remainder of the project.

Phil Trip from Architectural Roofing and Sheet Metal will be visiting the district to complete a roof inspection and discuss preventive maintenance. Small repairs have been able to remedy the leakage problems however a roof replacement at the high school is inevitable.

The district received scores from the 2017 State Science Assessment and Supt. Bailey reviewed them with the board. The Smarter Balance Assessments testing window is now open, but students will not begin testing until after Easter break.

Supt. Bailey visited Harrisburg's Endeavor Elementary School to look at their gym floor. They installed the Teraflex flooring that is being considered for the multipurpose room gym.

A rough draft of the 2018-2019 school calendar was distributed. The calendar committee has not been able to meet to finalize. The proposed calendar will be presented to the board for first reading in April with final reading and adoption in May.

Secondary Principal Report

The National Honor Society will be conducting their induction ceremony on March 20th in the Lyric Theatre at 7:30 p.m. There will be eight new members inducted. Mr. Frederick congratulated and commended these students for their hard work.

FFA Week was a big success. Staff and students participated in Ag Olympics activities on Friday afternoon. The Student Council completed their second Blood Donor Drive on Wednesday, February 28th. They had 42 donors give blood.

Platte will be hosting the third annual FFA District 4 Career Development Event next Tuesday, March 13th. Many schools bring their students to participate in the various judging contests. Contests are being held throughout the Platte-Geddes area. Mr. Frederick thanked the many community volunteers that are again donating their time to help with this event.

Congratulations were extended to Kalista Vanden Berge for being selected as the "KSFY Touchstone Energy Scholar of the Week" for the week of March 25th. Kalli will be highlighted on KSFY Television and will attend the Scholar Banquet in Madison this spring where she has a chance to win a scholarship.

Elementary Principal Report

The 3rd Annual Reading Super Bowl was a success. Mrs. Knecht thanked the Parent Advisory Committee for their work in providing the ice cream sundae bar and for planning the activities. Recognition was also given to the teachers for their work in planning the weekly prizes and gathering and compiling points and also to the students for reading.

During the month of March, the elementary is sponsoring the Fathers on Friday lunch event where Dads are invited for lunch and recess. The first two Fridays have been a success and the event will continue on Friday, March 23rd.

The second grade class met with the Geddes City Council to ask for approval of their PBL Project. Mrs. Knecht commended the class for their presentation. The council approved their request.

On March 26 Platte-Geddes Elementary will be hosting the annual Kindergarten Screening/Roundup. Students who plan to enter kindergarten in the fall of 2018 will be screened. Students will be assessed in the areas on fine/gross motor, academic skills, personal information, speech language, and overall kindergarten readiness. Mrs. Knecht encouraged parents to call the elementary building to register their child. Children must be five years old by September 1, 2018 to be eligible.

John Fox of Around the World YoYo Entertainment will be presenting an assembly to students in grades K-6 on April 16 at 8:15 a.m. His message will include the topics of working hard, learning in school, and treating others with kindness. The assembly presentation is free of charge, however the school agrees to sell yoyos for them before and after the presentation.

Social Studies teachers in grades 1-5 attended a training session for the new social studies curriculum, Kids Discover. Staff learned about the on-line resources available to teachers and students through the series.

During the professional development day on April 13, elementary teachers will be hosting an on-site demonstration of the Science Fusion Curriculum. This was purchased on a trial basis at some grade levels last year and this year it will be purchased for all students in grades 1-8.

Business Manager Report

Ross Van Zee and Ross Varilek were the only two candidates returning school board petitions so an election will not be held.

Tami Smit, Supt. Bailey and K. Holter will be attending a Collective Bargaining Seminar in Pierre on Tuesday, March 13. The seminar will update school board members and administrators on the many facets of the negotiations process, including how districts must apply the funding formula and accountability requirements in negotiations, how to prepare for the process, negotiating wages, insurance, early retirement and other contract provisions.

K. Holter gave a presentation on the Capital Outlay issue that schools have been challenged with over the last few legislative sessions.

Committee Reports

Mid Central Educational Cooperative Report

None

Core Educational Cooperative

Supt. Bailey reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting held in March.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

M. Ferguson gave a report from a Building and Grounds Committee meeting held recently.

Multipurpose Gym Floor Bids

Supt. Bailey reviewed the bids received last month from School Specialty for the multipurpose room floor replacement project. The Gerflor, Taraflex Multi-use 6.2mm flooring came in at \$121,400 which includes tile removal and all necessary preparations. The bid also included a 3% attic stock, for repairs if necessary. An alternate bid was also submitted by School Specialty for a similar product in the amount of \$99,400.

The board had direct Supt. Bailey to acquire quotes for replacing the tile. One quote came in at \$52,500 which included installation and painting of the lines. A second quote was for \$69,700 and had the game lines cut into the tile. Both options would require the custodial staff to apply a layer of sealant. An estimate of yearly maintenance fees for the tile flooring was also presented to the board.

This fall the district received two quotes for installing a wood floor in the multipurpose room. The quotes were \$98,300 and \$103,400. A \$3,200 deduction would be applied if a third grade maple wood was chosen. Supt. Bailey also presented the yearly maintenance fees for the wood flooring.

After discussion, motion D. Starr, seconded M. Ferguson to approve the bid from School Specialty for the Gerflor, Taraflex Multi-use 6.2mm flooring in the amount of \$121,400. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Voluntary Separation for Mrs. Donna Kuipers

Based on the Master Agreement, Mrs. Donna Kuipers qualifies for the voluntary separation plan. Motion T. Meyerink, seconded R. Van Zee to approve the voluntary separation for Mrs. Donna Kuipers. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Kuipers was thanked for her 24 years of service to the Platte and Platte-Geddes School Districts.

Approve Offering Contracts to Certified Staff

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded M. Ferguson offering contracts to all certified staff for the 2018-2019 school term. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Appoint Members to Serve on Local Board of Equalization

Motion M. Ferguson, seconded D. Starr appointing Tami Smit (Platte) and Tricia Meyerink (Geddes) to serve on the Local Boards of Equalization. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Second Reading, Section I Policies, IA-IGDG, Instruction

The board of education gave second reading to Section I Policies, IA-IGDG, Instruction. Motion R. Varilek, seconded T. Meyerink to approve and adopt Section I Policies, IA-IGDG as reviewed and revised. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Lane Change for Mrs. Regan Holleman

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson to approve the lane change request from BA + 15 to MA from Mrs. Regan Holleman. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Authorize Administration to Advertise for Bids for Storage Shed

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded R. Varilek authorizing the administration to advertise for bids for the construction of a storage shed to house the school vehicles and to provide additional storage. A preliminary cost estimate meets the bid limit of \$50,000 therefore the board will need to advertise for bids. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set Date for April Board Meeting

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded M. Ferguson moving the April School Board Meeting to Monday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Library. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion R. Varilek, seconded T. Meyerink to enter into executive session at 8:39 p.m. per SDCL 1-25-2(1), Personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President T. Den Besten declared executive session closed at 8:52 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded D. Starr adjourning the meeting at 8:52 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager