

REGULAR MEETING  
*Unofficial Minutes*

Board of Education  
Ind. School District 739

May 16, 2018  
Kimball, MN

Chair Schreiner opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with all members except Meyer present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Zipoy to approve the agenda as presented.

Lisa Hennen, ECFE, Pre-School and Enrichment Coordinator presented a review of the early childhood education programs. While participation was very good in all of the programs this year, there is projected to be a decline in resident students in the upcoming years. The pre-school program sees about 15% of students open-enrolled in 2017-18. This is projected to increase to about 20% for 2018-19. Lisa also reviewed a couple changes made to the Program Handbook for Pre-school and Enrichment. The addition of an Arrival/Departure procedure has been made to clarify the importance of when, where, and how parents should drop off and/or pick up their students. New for next year will be a Preschool Orientation night. This will be a separate date from the elementary open house so that parents and children can come into the classroom in small groups to learn more about the program. Current pre-school graduation is scheduled for 6:00 pm on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> – board members are encouraged to attend.

Third Grade teachers Kim Ostby, Denise Nusbaum, and Holli Sauerer commended Bailee Schiefelbein on her enthusiasm and creativity in presenting an All About Ag series for the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders throughout the year. Bailee put together 27 short video recordings sharing information about agriculture. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders toured the Schiefelbein Farm last fall, and will be returning for a second visit. Bailee plans to expand this experience to other grade levels hoping to make an impact in the importance of agriculture and to potentially build the FFA program in the future.

EM-K President Erin Durga addressed the board on behalf of the teaching staff. She stated that several teachers are looking for teaching positions elsewhere, or have resigned their positions. EM-K asked that administration hold exit interviews with those resigning to gain an understanding as to why they are leaving, in hopes of making changes to be able to retain quality teachers. Mr. Wagner indicated that this practice will be implemented through face to face communication.

Celebrations and success of students and staff included Bailee's FFA project seen earlier, kudo's to the bus company in being able to fully accommodate the continued changes in the sports schedules this spring. Everyone got to the location they needed to be. The band and choir concert on Monday night was phenomenal. Very impressed with the abilities of the students under the direction of Ms. Hohulin, especially with this being her first year. Congratulations to the FFA program for their participation at the State Convention. These students do a great job representing Kimball.

Motion by Zipoy, seconded by Davis, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried. The Consent Agenda included:

- Approve minutes from the April 18, 2018 Regular meeting
- Approval of Bills
- Treasurer's Report
- Accept resignation received from Jessica Wessling, elementary paraprofessional, effective April 27, 2018
- Accept resignation received from Andria Fritz, Pre-School (School Readiness) instructor effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year
- Accept \$500 donation from Central Counties Co-op for the FFA program

In Ms. Johnson's absence, Mr. Wagner reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Iron Range field trip went very well. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are presenting their request to plan for next year's trip. Motion by Davis, seconded by Waldorf to approve this field trip for 2019. MC With all testing complete, the school year is winding down.

Mr. Widvey reported that testing for grades 3 through 11 is complete after five weeks of non-stop testing. Graduation is at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> will start with junior high awards at 8:30, senior high awards at 9:45, followed by the all-school picnic and annual signing at 12:30. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers submitted a formal request to continue their Deep Portage trip for 2019. Motion by Waldorf, seconded by Becker to approve their request. MC May 14<sup>th</sup> was 5<sup>th</sup> grade orientation. The current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students came over for a tour of the building. They divided into smaller groups with a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student leading their tour. May 21<sup>st</sup> is the Twins game with the seniors; 44 will be attending this year. May 23<sup>rd</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be going to Willow Creek Park for their class picnic. This is also the last day of school for students.

Mr. Wagner noted that the governor is asking for an additional \$126 per student for schools to help with security and also special education costs. It will be interesting as the Legislative Session ends, to see if this amount comes through. The district mailer/brochure is being worked on presently. Hopefully this will bring in more students. We are graduating 54 seniors this year, but projected to have only 29 Kindergarten students in the fall. This is a significant loss. The fire lane on the west side of the building has been newly paved. This completes the construction projects for the year. He asked the board to look for a date for a work session. June 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 was selected by the members.

Mr. Zipoy commented that Central Minnesota Manufacturer's Association has applied for a large grant of which Kimball stands a chance to benefit from and thanked Mr. Wagner for his participation with this organization.

Other reports included negotiations – Schreiner, Benton-Stearns Education District – Waldorf, and Health, Safety and Wellness – Widvey.

Motion by Zipoy, seconded by Davis to appoint the Business Manager as Election Clerk from this point forward. MC This allows election documents to be submitted in a timely manner to meet deadlines.

Following review, motion by Becker, seconded by Zipoy to approve the second revised budget. MC

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund (including capital)	\$ 8,312,897	\$ 8,119,135
Food Service Fund	377,187	364,843
Community Education Fund	326,993	314,087
Construction Fund	34,100	41,000
Debt Service Fund	788,003	811,949
Scholarship Fund	<u>20,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Totals	\$ 9,859,180	\$ 9,666,014

Motion by Becker, seconded by Davis to approve revised Wellness Policy #533. MC

Motion by Davis, seconded by Waldorf to approve the Pre-School & Enrichment Program Handbook as presented by Lisa Hennen. MC

Motion by Zipoy, seconded by Becker to authorize increase in school lunch prices for 2018-19 school year as follows: Grades PreK-5 - \$2.45; grades 6-12 - \$2.65. This is a five cent increase for the elementary, and a ten cent increase at the high school. MC

Motion by Davis, seconded by Zipoy to accept resignation received from Emily Fogel, Early Childhood Special Education teacher, effective at the end of the school year. MC

The next Benton Stearns Education District meeting is on June 20<sup>th</sup>, the next school board meeting is also June 20<sup>th</sup>, with the work session at 4:00 prior to the meeting.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Waldorf to adjourn at 7:16 p.m.

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Brian Becker, Clerk