

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2  
January 10, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:00 PM at the Mitchell Career & Technical Education Academy 821 North Capital Street, Mitchell South Dakota, Davison County.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call of members present: Deb Olson, Brittini Flood (Via Phone), Matthew Christiansen, Shawn Ruml, and Kevin Kenkel. Absent: None. Others present: Dr. Joseph Graves Superintendent, Steve Culhane, Business Manager, and Student representatives Sarah Sebert & Claire Hegg.

Since Board member, Flood was present via telephone, all motions were done by roll call. All motions are passed unanimously unless otherwise noted.

**Motion #3551594**

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Christiansen to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**Motion #3551595**

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Ruml to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the board meeting on December 13, 2021. These minutes had been furnished to the Daily Republic in unapproved form all in accordance as per SDCL 13-8-35. Also on the consent agenda that was approved were the claims and the personnel items.

**New Classified Hires:** Steven Runyon, Paraeducator/MMS, \$13.40/hr., effective January 4, 2022. Robert Pollard, Custodian, \$14.00/hr., 4 hrs. to 5 hrs./per day, effective December 28, 2021. Henry Buss, Driver of a student to Sioux Falls daily for day school, \$50.00/per trip, effective January 3, 2022. **New Certified Hire:** Deb Thill, Head Track, \$4,219, effective 2021-22 school year. **6<sup>th</sup> Class Assignment:** Danielle Erdmann, 6<sup>th</sup> Class Assignment, effective January 4, 2022. Robert Lemon, 6<sup>th</sup> Class Assignment, effective January 4, 2022. Heidi Cap, 6<sup>th</sup> Class Assignment, effective January 4, 2022. **Resignations:** Conny Tschoepe, Paraeducator/MMS, effective January 3, 2022. Sarah Klentz, Paraeducator/ECH, effective January 3, 2022. Kim Strehlow, Food Service/LBW, effective December 22, 2021. **MTC New Hires:** Jessica Deinert, Student Success Coach/Counselor, \$18,072 (86 days), effective January 31, 2022. Janet Nicolaus, CIS 171 Adjunct Instructor, \$2,250, effective January 10, 2022. Roxanne Hunt, Nursing Clinical Adjunct, \$6,440, effective January 10, 2022. Motion carried.

**Motion #3551596**

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Christiansen to approve the lone bid received from Custom Truck One Source of Canton Ohio in the amount of \$111,985 for a 2013 International 4300 with a Terex Commander 4047 digger derrick. Motion carried.

**Motion #3551597**

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Christiansen to approve setting the date for the joint County/School election for June 7, 2022. Board members Olson and Kenkel seats are up for election. Petitions can be picked up for circulation starting on March 1, 2022. Motion carried.

**Motion #3551598**

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Christiansen to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character or fitness of any public officer or employee as per SDCL 1-25-2.(1) at 5:08 pm. Motion carried.

President Olson declared the meeting back in open session at 9:02 pm. President Olson indicated that there was going to be no decision tonight on the executive session.

**Motion #3551599**

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Kenkel to move into executive session for the purpose of the annual evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools as per SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 9:03 pm. Motion carried.

President Olson declared the meeting back in open session at 9:19 pm.

**Motion #3551600**

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Flood to offer a new three (3) year contract to Joseph Graves as Superintendent of Schools thru June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

School Board members reported on the meetings they had attended since the last meeting. During public commentary, Sonya VanErdwyke presented information on the latest Covid/vaccinations dealing with deaths, hospitalizations and other illnesses. Another citizen asked that the District make sure that the Covid numbers that they release on a weekly basis are the truth.

**Motion #3551601**

Motion by Flood, Kenkel by Flood to adjourn the school board meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried.

Cash Balance as of December 31, 2021

Beginning Balance, \$21,113,385

General Fund Balance \$8,716,733 Capital Outlay Balance \$4,839,561, Special Education Balance \$953,285, Mitchell Tech Balance \$3,488,568, Food Service Balance \$1,104,926, Driver's Ed Balance \$4,581, T/A Balance \$2,169,862, James Valley Coop Balance \$-(164,131), Capital Projects Fund Balance -0-

Total Revenue, \$9,290,071

General Fund \$1,241,113, Capital Outlay \$233,298, Special Education \$439,994, Mitchell Tech \$5,962,731, Food Service \$208,045, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$942,390, James Valley Coop \$262,500, Capital Projects Fund -0-.

Total Expenditures, \$4,861,457

General Fund \$1,886,136, Capital Outlay \$100,633, Special Education \$594,262, Mitchell Tech \$1,541,175, Food Service \$169,561, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$457,838, James Valley Coop \$46,569, Capital Projects Fund \$65,283.

Ending Balance, \$25,541,999

General Fund \$8,071,710, Capital Outlay \$4,972,226, Special Education \$799,017, Mitchell Tech \$7,910,126, Food Service \$1,143,410, Driver's Ed \$4,581, T/A \$2,654,414, James Valley Coop \$51,800, Capital Projects Fund (65,285)