

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2
February 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:00 PM at the Mitchell Technical Institute 1800 E. Spruce Street, Mitchell South Dakota, Davison County.

Roll call of members present: Deb Olson, Neil Putnam, Matthew Christiansen, Lacey Musick, and Kevin Kenkel. Absent: None. Others present: Dr. Joseph Graves Superintendent, Steve Culhane, Business Manager.

Motion #3351386

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

At this time the School Board recognized Tracy Christensen, Special Services Director for the School District who was awarded a 5-year Transition programs Grant award to help those students ages 18-21 with special needs.

Motion #3351387

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Christiansen to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular board meeting on January 13, 2020. 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 were the claims, personnel items and open enrollment requests.

New Certified Hire: Michelle Bechen, Paraeducator/MS to Special Education teacher/LBW, \$43,250, effective 2020-21 school year. **Transfer:** Rebecca Gunnare, Abbott House teacher, .05 FTE to teacher/LO, 1.0 FTE, effective 2020-2021 school year. **Resignation:** Emma Thury, ELA teacher/MS, effective end of 2019-2020 school year. **Retirement/Early Retirement:** Arla Runyon, Special Education teacher/GBR, effective end of 2019-2020 school year. John Solberg, Social Studies teacher/SH, effective end of 2019-2020 school year. **Retirement:** Margo Taylor, Special Education teacher/SH, end of 2019-2020 school year. **MTI Retirement:** Dave Garton, MTI Accounting instructor, effective end of 2019-2020 school year. **MTI Resignation:** Heather Lentz, Deputy Director of MTI Foundation, effective February 3, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion #3351388

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Kenkel to approve the membership for year 4 in the Eastern South Dakota Food buying group with Brandon Valley, Brookings and Yankton School Districts. Motion carried.

Motion #3351389

Motion by Musick, seconded by Christiansen to not accept either calendar proposals for the 2020-2021 school year but to accept the school board's proposed calendar of accepting all the dates proposed but to move the date of November 25th to a school day and create a day off in the second semester to either February 5th, April 1st or May 21st 2021, with the calendar committee choosing. Motion carried.

At this time the Board members reported on meetings they had attended since the last school board meeting.

Dr. Graves gave his Superintendent report, by announcing that at this time the legislature is looking at a 1% increase in State Funding. Other Education bills this session are being watched. Mitchell Technical Institute administrators presented on the college's strategic plan and preparations for an upcoming accreditation review with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). MTI Vice President John Heemstra provided background on the strategic plan and then subcommittee chairs Clayton Deuter, Dr. Carol Grode-Hanks, Scott Fossum and David Boos reviewed progress that MTI has achieved in the three areas in the plan: Product (growing a skilled workforce), People (leading with appropriate quality and quantity of faculty, staff, and administrators), and Plant (ensuring facilities are adequate and conducive to learning). Deuter highlighted activities that are geared to increase overall student enrollment, including expanding the Admission team, increasing faculty participation in the recruiting events, and forming a strategic enrollment committee. Grode-Hanks reported on the activities and achievements that assure MTI's faculty and staff are appropriately qualified and compensated, and Fossum and Boos reviewed the campus facility updates that have fostered accessibility and efficiency and better meet student needs.

Brookbank spoke to the board about the college's current and future efforts to prepare for a comprehensive evaluation by HLC, which culminates with a peer team on campus October 26-27, 2020. Smith outlined the activities that will take place during the team's visit in October giving special emphasis to the role of the school board. Brookbank concluded MTI's presentation with information from a return on investment study done by Georgetown University's Center on Education and the Workforce that ranked MTI #19 nationally among all public, Associate-degree institutions on "net present value" of earnings 40 years after enrollment.

MTI President Mark Wilson commended his faculty and staff for the significant progress the college has made to meet its goals and achieve excellence. At the request of board member Putnam, Heemstra will send Dr. Graves a copy of the slide used in MTI's presentation. Board President Olson expressed thanks to MTI for the update and efforts to serve students. There being no further business, President Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Cash Balance as of January 31, 2020

Beginning Balance, \$12,819,021

General Fund Balance \$5,078,344 Capital Outlay Balance \$2,100,826, Special Education Balance \$345,341, Mitchell Tech Balance \$2,994,052, Pension Fund Balance \$1,239,242, Food Service Balance \$531,091, Driver's Ed Balance \$5,036, T/A Balance \$712,582, James Valley Coop Balance \$(-187,493)

Total Revenue, \$3,720,119

General Fund \$978,200, Capital Outlay \$25,523, Special Education \$130,247, Mitchell Tech \$1,973,107, Pension Fund \$80, Food Service \$128,514, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$472,208, James Valley Coop \$12,240

Total Expenditures, \$5,569,305

General Fund \$1,523,822, Capital Outlay \$276,148, Special Education \$432,449, Mitchell Tech \$2,641,242, Pension Fund \$5,900, Food Service \$123,850, Driver's Ed \$-0-, T/A \$521,117, James Valley Coop \$44,777

Ending Balance, \$10,969,835

General Fund \$4,532,722, Capital Outlay \$1,850,201, Special Education \$43,139, Mitchell Tech \$2,325,917, Pension Fund \$1,233,422, Food Service \$535,755, Driver's Ed \$5,036, T/A \$663,673, James Valley Coop \$(-220,030)