

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2
September 14, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:00 PM at the Mitchell High School 920 North Capital 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 #3351454

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

At this time the School Board recognized Julie Olson who was the National Geographic Grosvenor Fellowship winner and she talked about the Grants she has written that has brought in over \$12,000 to the Science department at the High School.

Also, Luke Hagen of Mitchell Main Street and Beyond and Karen Pooley of the Carnegie Historical Resource center presented a check for \$1,000 for the School District to use for supplies needed during the pandemic.

Motion #3351455

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Kenkel to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the regular board meeting on August 24, 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 that was approved were the claims, and the Personnel items.

New Classified Hires: Judy Gair, Crossing Guard/GBR, \$14.00/hr., effective August 19, 2020. Lorry Dykes, Food Service/MS, \$12.75/hr., effective August 27, 2020. Conny Tschoepe, Sp. Ed./ParaEducator/LBW, \$11.26, effective September 2, 2020. Maggie Ireland, Food Service, \$12.75, effective September 1, 2020. Cheryl Liddeke, ParaEducator/LBW, \$11.26/LBW, effective September 9, 2020. **Resignations:** April Rickel, ParaEducator/LBW, effective September 4, 2020. Mary Pranger, ParaEducator/LBW, effective September 11, 2020.

MTC New Hire: Tristan Sawyer-Kociemba, Substation Student Worker, less than 20 hr. week, \$10.25/hr., effective September 14, 2020. Alexander Pugsley, \$10.25/hr., effective September 14, 2020, Substation Student Worker, less than 20 hr. week. Riley Whitley, Substation Student Worker, \$10.25/hr., less than 20 hr. week, effective September 14, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion #3351456

Motion by Musick, seconded by Christiansen to approve on first reading Board Policy 115 Sexual Harassment and Board policy 115R Sexual Harassment Regulations. Motion carried.

Motion #3351457

Motion by Kenkel, seconded by Putnam to approve on first reading revisions to MTC Board policy 115 Harassment, and Board policy 117 Sexual Harassment, Title IX. Motion carried.

Motion #3351458

Motion by Putnam, seconded by Musick to pass the resolution for General Obligation Certificates and approve the State Aid Pledge agreement to refinance the Performing Arts Center Debt obligations. Roll call vote: Putnam, yes; Musick, yes; Christiansen, yes; Kenkel, yes; and Olson, yes. Motion carries.

Motion #3351459

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Kenkel to declare Emergency maintenance situation and bypass the formal bid timelines and obtain quotes for the repair of the Middle School roof that was damaged by a wind storm on September 2, 2020 and make the repairs as soon as possible. Motion carried.

During public commentary, citizens of Mitchell spoke to the school board about the mandate of everyone wearing masks when they are in the school buildings and would request the board to change that to recommending wearing masks and gave their reasons behind that requested change. They have also requested that the School Board do a survey of parents and staff about the Mask mandate. The School board took no action.

At this time the board heard the report and toured the "Caring Closet" located at the High School.

There being no further business, President Olson adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Cash Balance as of August 31, 2020

Beginning Balance, \$14,999,871

General Fund Balance \$6,792,560 Capital Outlay Balance \$2,501,080, Special Education Balance \$164,414, Mitchell Tech Balance \$3,851,880, Food Service Balance \$601,195, Driver's Ed Balance \$12,735, T/A Balance \$1,048,771, James Valley Coop Balance \$27,236

Total Revenue, \$4,681,788

General Fund \$1,484,838, Capital Outlay \$79,299, Special Education \$249,691, Mitchell Tech \$1,464,625, Food Service \$270,246, Driver's Ed \$557, T/A \$1,132,532, James Valley Coop \$0-
Total Expenditures, \$4,206,214

General Fund \$1,500,271, Capital Outlay \$472,469, Special Education \$221,859, Mitchell Tech \$1,468,305, Food Service \$101,643, Driver's Ed \$10,407, T/A \$393,165, James Valley Coop \$38,095

Ending Balance, \$15,475,445

General Fund \$6,777,127, Capital Outlay \$2,107,910, Special Education \$192,246, Mitchell Tech \$3,848,200, Food Service \$769,798, Driver's Ed \$2,885, T/A \$1,788,138, James Valley Coop (-\$10,859)