

MINUTES OF THE FONTANA JT. 8 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HELD AT THE FONTANA SCHOOL, AUGUST 24, 2015

Present: Board Members – Present: Chadd Hartwig, President; Lisa Laing, Vice-President; Kate Ketterhagen, Member; Tom Labus, Clerk; Dr. Sara Norton, Principal/Administrator; absent was Brandon Marvin, Treasurer. Also present: Mary Coss, Secretary to the Board; Joe McHugh; Margaret Labus; Emily and another student intern.

Call to Order - Board of Education President, Chadd Hartwig, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Buildings and Grounds Report – (A) Energy efficiency projects updated, outside projects completed now. (B) 3M Window film – Joe McHugh discussed quote for window film, he was asked to be quote other areas of the building.

Administrator's Report - (A) Math program curriculum update – Dr. Norton discussed the creation of an algebra math course which would be integrated into the 6-8th grade math courses and the reasoning behind the recommended changes.

(B) In-service days – worked on co-teaching targets, focus is on learning targets and how to continue to best serve all students. District is working on utilizing the skills of our teachers the best we can, not dependent on the grade level they teach.

Business Manager's Report – (A) 2015-16 budget update & 2014-15 final audit – Mary Coss reported that we are still waiting on clarification from DPI and district auditor regarding energy efficiency expenditures guidelines. Final revisions to 2015-16 budget will be presented at September's meeting in preparation for the annual meeting.

Consent Agenda- (A) Minutes of regular board meeting of July 27, 2015 & closed session minutes of July 27, 2015 (B) Treasurer's reports (C) Approval of bills \$ 307,163.86

Lisa Laing moved to approve and was seconded by Kate Ketterhagen. Carried 4-0

Action Items- (A) Annual declaration and parent notice of the District's student academic standards in effect for the 2015-16 school year pursuant to State Statutes 120.12(13) and 118.30(1g)(a)1 - Tom Labus moved to approve the common core state standards for literacy in all subjects as identified on the district's website, he was seconded by Kate Ketterhagen. Carried 4-0 (B) New hires- 1st grade teacher – Tom Labus moved to approve the contract for Nicole Smithyman as the new first grade teacher and was seconded by Lisa Laing. Carried 4-0. Daycare teacher-Lisa Laing moved to approve Courtney Sandfer and was seconded by Tom Labus. Carried 4-0 (C) Creation of an algebra course – Tom Labus moved to approve and was seconded by Kate Ketterhagen. Carried 4-0

Information & Discussion – (A) Tuesday, Sept. 29th area board meeting at 6:00 P.M. (B) Tuesday, October 27, all school board forum at 6:00 P.M. (C) Thank you to Joe McHugh for agreeing to be the district's liaison with the Fontana Public Library Board. (D) Thank you to the Rotary Club for their generous donation of \$750.00 to be used for student leadership and community projects. (E) 1st day of school; back to school nights; Friday, Sept. 4th in-service day, no school for students (F) STEM program discussion – Tom Labus discussed the need for ongoing discussions regarding implementation of STEM program.

President's Report – None

Visitor Response to Agenda Items –Emily, visiting intern, asked about the continuation of the chess club this year at Fontana School; response was that it will be continued this school year.

Adjournment- Lisa Laing moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M. and was seconded by Kate Ketterhagen. Carried 4-0

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Labus, Clerk
Prepared by: Mary Coss, Secretary to the Board of Ed.