

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

President R. Van Zee called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 12, 2018, in the Library at the Platte-Geddes Elementary School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Ross Van Zee, Ross Varilek, Jess Sondgeroth, Duke Starr, Tammie Olson, Tricia Meyerink, Heather VanDerWerff

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Shawn Wynia, Phyllis Daum, Sadie Hanson, Caitlin DeGroot, Sandy Biddle, Delaney Millar, Sawyer Naasz, Kylie Burket, Cayla Graves, Caden Foxley, Jayden Johnson, Taylor Larson, Ashton Summerville, Chase Varilek, Grayson Hanson, Addy Boltjes, Rob Graves, Steve & Jeana Foxley, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

The following items were added to the printed agenda: Approval of South Central School District Membership into Core Educational Cooperative and Executive Session pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) Busing Contract

**Approve agenda**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Varilek approving the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion T. Olson, seconded T. Meyerink approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018
- Authorize Payment of Claims for November 20, 2018
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 10/31/2018

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

An Operation Lesson Plan demonstration was given by Mrs. Caitlin DeGroot. Mrs. Biddle and the Advanced Biology Students gave a Landscape Project Presentation. Mrs. Cayla Graves and her FFA Junior Parliamentary Procedure team presented their skit performed at the FFA District Leadership Development Contest recently.

**Administrative Reports**

**Superintendent Report**

Supt. Bailey thanked the junior high students and Mr. Neuman for organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Veterans Appreciation Breakfast. He also thanked Mr. Van Essen and his junior students for preparing the Veterans Day Program.

A thank you was extended to the Olive Presbyterian Women for their donation to our school lunch program.

The Superintendent's Retreat that Mr. Bailey attended was time well spent. One of the programs discussed at the retreat is called ACE, Adverse Childhood Experiences. The ACE program provides tools for district's to be a trauma informed school and gain a better socioemotional understanding of our student's experiences. The program also provides resources and tools to help students who have dealt with traumatic experiences. This is a program that will be explored further.

A new quote from T&W Glass & Glazing has been received for new windows on the west side of the elementary building in the amount of \$14,847.20. Unfortunately, the lead time on delivery is six weeks. The windows will be ordered in February and installed in May. They will open from the bottom and have enough room for students to exit. This project was included in the FY19 budget.

3-D Security will begin the installation of the key fob system this week. The project will take approximately a week and a half. After installation, 3-D Security will provide training for the administrators. The system should be fully functional when school resumes second semester.

A new clock/bell system has been ordered for the elementary school. The system will allow both buildings to sync clocks. It will also simplify setting up the bell system in the elementary and provide all clocks to work together. The cost of the system is \$4,980.45.

The state report card data will not be available until November 20<sup>th</sup>. The report card will reflect new accountability under ESSA. Due to this and more reporting requirements to the USDOE, it has taken more time to prepare at the state level. Supt. Bailey will present results of the district report card at the December Board Meeting.

On November 1, the district received a letter from the Department of Education stating that the Platte-Geddes School District was in compliance with the allowable general fund cash balance percentage requirements. Districts with enrollment between 200 and 600 are capped at 30%. The lowest cash balance reported for the district was \$909,170 which put the percentage at 23.44%.

Although it is hard to predict what will happen this legislative session regarding education funding, the average teacher compensation accountability is back in play. There was no accountability for FY18. The accountability runs from FY19 through FY21. During that time, each fiscal year's average teacher compensation must be greater than FY17 of \$59,655.00. As of now, the district is expected to exceed that compensation.

Kenny Antonson acquired a quote for a new skid-steer loader with snowblower. The current skid steer was purchased in 2012 with the snowblower in 2007. The amount of the quote, after trade-in, is \$19,500.00. This will be discussed further at the December meeting.

The board of education will need to appoint a Legislative Action Network representative at the next board meeting. The LAN representative's role is to keep the board of education informed on legislative issues and to contact our state legislators, if necessary, and communicate the legislative stance of ASBSD and the Platte-Geddes School District.

Supt. Bailey thanked the 4-H Club's Hearty Helpers for awarding \$200.00 grants to six Platte-Geddes teachers and administrator.

#### **Secondary Principal Report**

Supt. Bailey gave the Secondary Principal's report in Mr. Frederick's absence. Mr. Frederick announced the results from the FFA District IV Leadership Development Contest: Kaitlyn Slaba received 1<sup>st</sup> place, Kaetlyn Engebretson received 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Sawyer Naasz earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Employment Skills. All three students now qualify for the state competition in Pierre.

The Parent Advisory Committee had their meeting recently. This year the committee consists of seven members. During the first meeting, topics discussed included: homecoming, district ACT scores, prom banquet meal option, parent-teacher conferences, and American Education Week.

On November 14, Mr. Frederick will be accompanying 23 students to Chamberlain where they will attend "Scrubs Camp". This is a one day camp where you work along-side individuals who actually work in the healthcare field for a living.

This year Mr. Frederick has established a new Middle School/Secondary School Improvement Team which is made up of five volunteer staff members and him. The Improvement Team's goal will be to work together in order to find areas where we can improve the school/district. The team will bring forward ideas and suggestions to the School District Wide Leadership Team.

#### **Elementary Principal Report**

This week is American Education Week, a chance to celebrate public schools and recognize the valuable work of all those who contribute to children's education. Mrs. Knecht has been informed that several organizations will be bringing treats to the school to acknowledge and thank staff.

The 2016-2017 State Special Education Review "Determination Letter" was officially received last week. The district has met every state target and each compliance issue has been addressed and closed. A score of 42/42 points was received for the 20 State Performance Profile Determination Points. Mrs. Knecht congratulated the entire Special Education team for the work they put into serving the students each day as well as for the work they put into the paperwork that is involved in a review of our entire Federal Special Education Program.

On Tuesday, November 13, the elementary staff will have a professional development day. Brittany Schmidt from Autism Behavioral Consulting has been invited to speak with the staff regarding serving students with special behavioral needs. She is a consultant that the district has utilized in the past to assist

with writing behavior plans and behavior goals for students. Paraprofessionals as well as the service providers from the Core Educational Cooperative have also been invited to attend.

Elementary staff members have written their Student Learning Objective goals for the school year. These are student learning goals that they are striving to achieve with all students. They have also completed their Personal Professional Development Plans/Goals for the school year.

#### **Business Manager Report**

A brief PowerPoint presentation was shared with the board which explained how the school district receives its General Fund revenue and how its funds are spent.

Ross Van Zee and K. Holter attended an ASBSD Region Meeting in Mitchell on October 11. Potential legislative issues were discussed. Topics included: School Funding, allowing school bond elections to be approved by a simple majority instead of 60%, allowing school boards to deny home school exemptions, creating an additional levy to raise money for school safety purposes, increasing resources for behavioral and mental health issues, requiring school board members to complete training, the extraordinary cost fund, transgender legislation, and Capital Outlay Funding.

Supt. Bailey and K. Holter have been in communication with GenPro, Johnson Controls, and Northwestern Public Service to determine if the lighting project has produced the savings intended.

BankWest presented the Platte-Geddes School District with a Money Market account proposal. Currently, research is being done to determine what the other local banks can offer.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Mid Central Educational Coop Report**

T. Olson reported on the Mid Central Educational Cooperative meeting.

##### **Core Educational Coop Report**

J. Sondgeroth reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting.

#### **Routine Business**

##### **Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers**

None

##### **First Reading of Section J Policies, Students, Policies JA through JFH**

The board of education gave first reading to the first half of Section J Policies, Students. This included policies JA through JFH.

##### **Resignation of Assistant Track Coach, Mrs. Christa Peterson**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink approving the resignation of the assistant track coach position from Mrs. Christa Peterson's contract and authorizing the administration to advertise for the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Peterson was thanked for her eight years of service to the track program.

##### **Approval of South Central School District Membership into Core Educational Cooperative**

Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. Starr offering South Central School District a buy-in amount of \$35,000.00 to join the Core Educational Cooperative, payable within ten years of membership.

Voting aye: T. Olson, H. VanderWerff, R. Varilek, T. Meyerink, D. Starr, J. Sondgeroth, R. Van Zee

Opposed: None

Motion carried.

##### **Set Time/Date for November Board Meeting**

The December School Board Meeting will be held at its regularly scheduled time and date of December 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary library.

##### **Executive Session**

Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. Starr to enter into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to discuss the Activity Bus Contract pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President R. Van Zee declared executive session closed at 9:49 p.m.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion T. Olson, seconded D. Starr to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**