

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
MITCHELL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17-2
April 24, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Deb Olson at 5:30 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, Matthew Christiansen, Shawn Ruml and Terry Aslesen.

Absent: Brittni Flood. Others present: Dr. Joe Childs, Interim Superintendent, Jared Hofer, MTC CFO, and Student representative Dawson Schroeder.

Motion #355257

Motion by Aslesen, seconded by Ruml to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Recognition of Accomplishments by Skills USA, HOSA, FBLA, FFA, FCCLA, Robotics, Culinary Arts (Pro Start Competition Team), and Welding Program Competition

Motion #355258

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Ruml to approve the consent agenda items of the claims, personnel items, and the minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting. These minutes had been sent to the Daily Republic in unapproved form all in accordance as per SDCL 13-8-35.

New Certified Hire: Darby Deffenbaugh- 6th Science/ELA Teacher/MMS, MS Volleyball Coach and MS Track & Field Teacher - \$50,100.00 MS Volleyball Coach- \$1,589.00 MS Track and Field- \$1,345.00 Effective- 2023-24 School year. Justin Siemsen- MHS Principal - \$120,000.00 Effective- 2023-24 School year. Andrew Hiles- Robotics Compensation- \$765.00 Effective- 2023-24 School year. **Classified Hires:** Karisa Hart- MS Show Choir Accompanist Compensation- \$14.00 Effective- 2022-23 School year.

Transfers: Marissa Abts- 5th grade Teacher @ LONG to LONG LEAP Director- 21st Century Grant Director & 5th grade Teacher Effective- 2023-24 School year. **Change of Hours:** Erin Miller- .6 Computer Aide/.4 Special Ed Para @ LONG to Special Ed Para Educator 7.75hrs. daily @ LONG Effective- 2023-24 School year. Lisa Vermeulen- Special Ed Para @ LONG 7hrs daily to .6 Computer Aide/.4 Special Ed Para 7.25hrs. daily @ LONG Effective- 2022-23 School year. **Resignations:** Carolyn Sivik; Librarian @ MHS Effective-June 2, 2023. Cody Jenkins; Para educator @ MHS Effective- May 3, 2023. Tara Waters- Food Service Worker @ MHS Effective- April 28, 2023. Hannah Wehlander- MS Musical Director Effective- End of 2022-23 School year, pending suitable replacement. Ronae Klein- Assistant Debate Coach Effective- End of 2022-23 School year, pending suitable replacement. Melissa Vatter-Miller- MS Theatre Director Effective- End of 2022-23 School year, pending suitable replacement. Clay Loneman- ISS Supervisor Effective-End of 2022-23 School year. **MTC New Hire:** Nicole Tonak- Farm/Ranch Management Instructor Compensation- \$19,125.00 Effective- April 13, 2023 **MTC Resignation:** Kendra Goad- Nurses Support Technician Effective- April 30, 2023. Role call vote, Aslesen -Yes, Ruml – Yes, Christiansen – Yes, Olson - abstained. Motion carried.

During Public Commentary, Amanda Sonne spoke on behalf of MEA to thank the board for their approval of the 8% raise in compensation for the 2023-24 school year. Steve Sibson shared that he has been

working on numbers and he praised Business Manager Steve Culhane's cooperation by sending him the information that he is requesting, even when out of the office on vacation.

Motion #355259

Motion by Aslesen, seconded by Christiansen to Approve Mitchell Middle School Student Handbook. Mr. Tyler spoke on the changes advising the edits were mainly formatting and not anything substantive. Discussion was held on academic dishonesty/plagiarism with the rise of AI technology as well as encouraging the focus on attendance. Motion carried.

Motion #355260

Motion by Ruml, seconded by Aslesen to approve Policy 222 revision upon first reading. Dr. Childs spoke on the updates to the communication policy that previous language was struck out and replaced with the wording recommended by the ASBSD. Discussion was held on wording including the definition of quorum and SD Open Meetings Laws. Motion carried.

Motion #355261

Motion by Christiansen, seconded by Aslesen to Approve Construction bid to remodel Radiation Technology Lab at Mitchell Tech. Jared Hofer spoke on the project where one bid was received from Schmitz Construction of Mitchell. The recommendation was to approve the bid with alternate 1 for \$370,898. Motion carried.

Bid opening was held for Mitchell Tech Student Built House #109 on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. No bids were received. MTC plans to proceed with listing the house with a realtor to sell privately.

School Board members reported on the meetings they had attended since the last meeting. Interim Superintendent Dr. Childs informed the school board that the new Senior High Building project has progressed with the building directly north of MCTEA is being torn down and main east entrance now closed. All students and employees will now use the south doors as the main entrance to the building. He also attended the MTC House #109 Open House and MTC Diesel Project Groundbreaking.

Motion #355262

There was no new business brought forward, motion by Christiansen, seconded by Ruml to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried.