

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019**

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 Thursday, February 7, 2019, in the Conference Room at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members absent: Tricia Meyerink

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

The following item was added to the printed agenda: Declare Easy Stand Bantom Stander as Surplus Property

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019
- Authorize Payment of Claims for February 20, 2019
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 01/31/2019
- Void Check #41595 to Kevin Ball for GBB/BBB Official in the amount of \$178.80

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

Kay Hubers presented a request and proposal for a new mic system for the high school gym. Currently, it is very difficult to hear students' performances at the plays and it has gotten more difficult to mic student at the pops concert. The total proposal from Pauer Sound from Aberdeen is \$9,902.00 however between the drama department, music department, private donations, and some available matching funds they have \$5,000.00 to donate towards the purchase.

**Routine Business**

**Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers**

None

**Superintendent Report**

February 18-22 is South Dakota School Board Recognition Week. On behalf of the district, Supt. Bailey thanked the Platte-Geddes Board of Education for their support and service to the district. Their commitment to the students, staff, administration, and taxpayers is greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. DeHaan, and Supt. Bailey attended the first school improvement meeting in Pierre on January 16. The primary objectives will be to complete a needs analysis and then an action plan to address the needs. Members of the leadership team will attend a training on the needs assessment on February 28. The action plan is due May 2020.

The 1003 School Improvement Grant was submitted to the state last week. The money will be used to cover the cost of substitute teachers during DOE meetings, leadership team meetings within the school day, and for stipends for meetings after the school year. Costs of sending a team to the 2019 Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Conference in June will also be supported by the grant.

Work has begun on the 2019-2020 calendar. Supt. Bailey recommends keeping the calendar similar to the previous two years. Early dismissals on some Wednesdays for professional development has been discussed. Many schools dismiss students on Wednesday afternoons for PD purposes.

Over the last couple junior high track seasons, participation has been high. Unfortunately, the district only budgets for one coach. It is difficult for one person to manage all of the athletes in a variety of events. With board approval, Supt. Bailey would like to volunteer to assist Coach Haley Whalen. His schedule would not allow him to attend all practices and meets, but he would help when possible.

Supt. Bailey reviewed numerous legislative bills, their status, and the impact they would have in education.

A representative from Midwest Tennis & Track was in the area recently and inspected the surface of the track. His recommendation was to consider resurfacing within a year or two.

This week is National School Counselor Appreciation Week. The district is fortunate to have two excellent counselors. They are an instrumental part of our staff and the success that takes place within our school. Supt. Bailey extended appreciation to Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Konechne.

### **Secondary Principal Report**

Last week the student council dedicated the week as "Snowcoming Week". There was a food pantry war to collect non-perishable items for the food pantry, dress up days each day, and a "Clash of Classes" dodgeball tournament on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Larson, and Mr. Frederick attended the CTE improvement meeting in Mitchell on January 28. The district must have their CTE Program application submitted by March 1.

Mr. Patzloff and Mrs. Porter will be attending the Band Masters Convention in Brookings on February 7-8. Mrs. Biddle will attend the Math/Science Convention in Huron on February 8-9.

The seniors will present their projects in the band and choir room on Wednesday, February 13. These will begin in the morning and carry on throughout the day.

School will dismiss at 12:15 on Thursday, February 14 for parent teacher conferences. Conferences for 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders will be held in the High School Gym from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Mr. Frederick congratulated Regan Stegmeier for qualifying for All State Band which will be held on March 21-22 in Aberdeen.

### **Elementary Principal Report**

Sixteen students are representing Platte-Geddes Elementary on February 7 in Brookings at the State Elementary Honors Choir. Ms. Nelson, Mrs. Knecht, and several parent volunteers will accompany the students to Brookings on February 6 and 7.

The Missouri Valley Spelling Bee will be held in Lake Andes on February 27. There will be three representatives from each grade level participating in the event. Classroom competitions will be held in the next couple of weeks to determine the winning students who will move on to the regional competition in Lake Andes.

A scholastic Book Fair was held in the elementary main entry way on February 5, 6, and 8 from 3:30-5:30 each day. Mrs. Knecht congratulated Mrs. Patzloff for the work she puts into this great event each year.

Mrs. Knecht plans to attend the State Special Education Conference in Deadwood on March 19 and 20. Mrs. Wynia won a free conference registration last year and she is unable to attend. The state conference is a great educational conference and there are many happenings this year in the special education department.

### **Business Manager Report**

A preliminary budget has been completed. The potential of fewer students next year combined with the equalization of the other revenue may result in less state funding next year even with a 2.5% increase. A Finance/Negotiations Committee will be scheduled soon to review the information.

As of today, no petitions for school board member have been picked up.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Mid Central Educational Cooperative**

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

#### **Core Educational Cooperative and Delegate Assembly Report**

None

### **Speaker System for High School Gym**

The information presented by Kay Hubers was discussed. Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Olson committing the district up to \$5,000.00 for the purchase of a new mic system in the high school and two, all-in-one, speaker sound systems, with the balance to be raised by the music and drama departments. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Second Reading of Section J Policies – Students, Policies JG through JOB-N**

The board of education gave second reading to Section J Policies, JG through JOB-N. Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Varilek to approve the proposed policies as reviewed and revised. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Driver Education Fees**

Motion T. Olson, seconded D. Starr setting the fees for driver’s education at \$190.00 for students attending Platte-Geddes School and \$240.00 for students not attending the Platte-Geddes School. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve IXL Quote**

IXL is an immersive, adaptive, supplemental learning tool that the district has used for the past three years for English/Language Arts and Math. The subscription ends in May. The teaching staff feels the IXL learning programs are a great tool for kids and are highly in favor of renewing the subscription. The program also does an excellent job assessing students on each standard.

After considerable discussion on the IXL program and how it was being used, it was suggested to table the approval of the quote until next month. Supt. Bailey will discuss the concerns from the board with administration and staff.

**Executive Session**

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Olson to enter into executive session at 7:59 p.m. pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) Personnel. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President R. Van Zee declared executive session closed at 8:28 p.m.

**Offer Contracts to Administration**

Motion T. Olson, seconded R. Varilek offering contracts to the following administrators for the 2019-2020 school term with salaries, terms, and conditions to be set at a later date: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Business Manager Kathy Holter, and Network Administrator Mike Neugebauer. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Declare Easy Stand Bantom Stander as Surplus Property**

Motion D. Starr, seconded J. Sondgeroth declaring an Easy Stand Bantom Stander as surplus property. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Date for March Board Meeting**

There are no conflicts with the regular scheduled meeting of March 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Executive Session**

Motion T. Olson, seconded J. Sondgeroth to enter into executive session at 8:32 p.m. pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(1) Superintendent Evaluation. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President R. Van Zee declared executive session closed at 8:46 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion D. Starr, seconded H. VanDerWerff to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**