

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 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 Monday, March 11, 2019, 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

Members absent: Heather VanDerWerff

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Phyllis Schaefer, Denise Mushitz, Caitlin DeGroot, Jeff & Martha Patzlaff, Dennis DeBoer, Randal Brumbaugh, Melissa Mounts, Nicki Nelson, Donna Nelson, Susan Porter, Roxanne Summerville, Lacey Mills, Phyllis Daum, Sadie Hanson, and Jason Huizenga

Additions or deletions to this agenda

The following items were added to the printed agenda: Public Participation: Randal Brumbaugh, Accept Resignation of Assistant Volleyball Coach Kalli Oolman, Accept Resignation of Paraprofessional Gloria Kok, Executive Session Pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(2) Student Matter

Approve agenda

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink 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 Thursday, February 7, 2019
- Authorize Payment of Claims for March 20, 2019
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 02/28/2019
- Approve Adding Patricia Anderson to the Substitute Teacher List

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

Phyllis Schaefer presented the new championship banners she recently completed. She gave a brief explanation of the work they entail. The board of education thanked her for her time and effort put into making the banners.

Mrs. Martha Patzlaff spoke on behalf of the elementary staff in support of renewing the IXL program.

Mr. Jeff Patzlaff, Ms. Donna Nelson, and Mrs. Susan Porter addressed the board concerning the position that will be vacated by Mrs. Susan Porter.

Randal Brumbaugh spoke in support of maintaining the number of vocal music positions that the district currently has.

Routine Business

Conflict Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers

None

Superintendent Report

Supt. Bailey congratulated the seven students whose artwork has been selected for the South Dakota's high school state art competition which will be held in Rapid City on March 14-16 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

Senate Bill 55 passed on a 47-19 vote which will require public schools to display the national motto of the United States – "In God We Trust" – in a prominent location in all school buildings. ASBSD was able to get an amendment of a hold-harmless clause on the bill which will help schools in the event of a lawsuit.

Supt. Bailey has been looking into an additional school safety option called Panic Button. It is an app that would allow all staff members and law enforcement to easily be notified in the as of a school emergency. The Panic Button would cost \$1,800.00 per building. Supt. Bailey feels that this would be a great purchase and a way to increase the safety of our students and staff.

Over the past two years the administration has been debating whether or not to send the 6th grade students to the high school building and develop a middle school. After the 2019-2020 school year, the change would have been made due to lack of classrooms at the elementary. The decision has been made to transition the current 5th grade class to the high school building next year. Mrs. Knecht and Supt. Bailey will send out a letter out to all 5th grade parents informing them of the changes. The letter will provide as much detail as possible and will also invite the parents to reach out with any questions.

Other structural changes for next year include: Mrs. Holleman will be moving to town and teaching 4th grade. Mrs. Oolman will be moving to the Platte Colony and teaching the lower elementary, and Mr. Aisenbrey will join Mrs. Holleman as the other 4th grade teacher.

Mr. Frederick, Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. DeHaan, and Supt. Bailey attended the “Navigating the SD Comprehensive Needs Assessment” training on March 6. The SDCNA will be used as the district’s tool for school improvement. The Title I 1003 grant application was approved. The grant money will be used to pay for substitute teachers so staff can attend trainings like the SDCNA and for school improvement meetings that take place during the summer.

The Calendar Committee met recently and reviewed the first draft of the 2019-2020 calendar. One recommendation from the committee was to do away with early dismissals on Fridays. The committee members felt that the shortened day wasn’t as productive.

State law establishes the minimum number of hours in a school term. If the district does not have any more snow days those hours will be met. Eliminating early dismissal time on Fridays is an option if additional hours are needed.

Secondary Principal Report

The National Honor Society will be conducting their induction ceremony on March 26th in the Lyric Theatre at 7:30 p.m. There will be thirteen new members inducted. Mr. Frederick congratulated all of the fine and hardworking students.

On February 27th a Kindness Assembly was presented to students. The assembly was centered on being kind to others and also touched on topics such as proper use of technology and social networking sites.

FFA Week was a big success. Staff and students participated in Ag Olympic activities. The Student Council completed their Blood Donor Drive on Wednesday, February 27 with 43 donors.

Platte will be hosting the fourth annual FFA District 4 Career Development Event on March 12th. There will be 13 different schools bringing 360 students to participate in the various contests. Contests are being held throughout the Platte-Geddes area. Many community volunteers are donating their time to help with the event. Mr. Frederick thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Frederick is exploring the option of allowing juniors and seniors to have open campus during the periods in which they are taking online dual credit courses. He will research the idea further before making a recommendation to the board.

Elementary Principal Report

Twelve students represented Platte-Geddes Elementary at the Missouri Valley Spelling Bee in Lake Andes on February 27. There were five place winners and the participants tied for the overall team traveling trophy. Mrs. Knecht congratulated all of the representatives and place winners.

The annual Platte-Geddes Elementary Kindergarten Registration and Screening will be held on Monday, March 25 at the elementary. All children who will be five years old by September 1, 2019 and who plan to attend Kindergarten or ½ day Kindergarten at Platte-Geddes Elementary next fall are invited to attend.

The Prairie Readers competition will be held on Wednesday, March 13th in Armour.

Due to the number of late starts the district has experienced this year, moving the ½ day Kindergarten class to the afternoon is being considered. A questionnaire will be ready for parents at the Kindergarten Registration to see if they feel this would be a favorable move. The class time would be very nearly the same and time would not be lost due to late start days.

Quarter 3 ended on March 8, 2019. Report cards will be send home with all students on grades K-6 on March 13 prior to Spring Break.

Mrs. Knecht will be attending the State Special Education Conference on March 19 and 20 in Deadwood. A team of paraprofessionals and special education teachers will also be attending the New Directions Down Syndrome Conference in Brandon on April 26 and 27 in Brandon.

Business Manager Report

Three petitions were returned for the three positions on the school board that will expire on June 30. No election will be needed and the members being seated at our July meeting will be Heather VanDerWerff, Roxanne Summerville, and Dennis DeBoer.

Committee Reports

Mid Central Educational Cooperative

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

Core Educational Cooperative and Delegate Assembly Report

None

First Reading of Section K Policies – School, Community, and Home Relations

The board of education gave first reading to Section K Policies – School, Community, and Home Relations.

Approve Voluntary Separation for Mrs. Susan Porter

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Varilek approving the request for voluntary separation from Susan Porter effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school term. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Supt. Bailey thanked Mrs. Porter for her 19 years of service with the Platte and Platte-Geddes School Districts and for assisting in making the Platte-Geddes music program one of the best in the state.

7-12 Vocal Music Position Discussion

Discussion was held as to whether the position that Mrs. Susan Porter currently holds should be filled. After considerable discussion, motion by T. Olson, seconded R. Varilek to advertise for a full-time vocal music position. Voting aye: Olson, Varilek, Meyerink, Van Zee. Opposed: Sondgeroth, Starr. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Art Teacher, Ms. Jordan Heeren

Motion D. Starr, seconded T. Meyerink accepting the resignation of Ms. Jordan Heeren as K-12 art teacher. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Supt. Bailey thanked Ms. Heeren for her year of service to the district.

Art Program Discussion

Discussion was held concerning filling the art position. Motion D. Starr, seconded J. Sondgeroth tabling the decision until the April board meeting and directing the administration to explore other options for offering an art program. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Offering Contracts to Certified Staff

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink offering contracts to certified staff for the 2019-2020 school term. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

IXL Quote

Supt. Bailey provided the board of education with survey results from staff regarding the use of IXL in their classrooms. After the results were discussed and conversations with some teachers were had, motion J. Sondgeroth to approve the IXL quote with the stipulation that the IXL assignments will only be completed at school and not taken home. Motion died for lack of a second. After additional discussion, motion D. Starr, seconded R. Varilek approving the IXL quote in the amount of \$16,200.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Appoint Members to Serve on Local Board of Equalization

Ross Van Zee (Platte) and Tricia Meyerink (Geddes) were appointed to serve on the Local Boards of Equalization.

Approve Contract for Special Education Servicers for Donna Kuipers

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Olson approving a contract for special education services from Donna Kuipers in the amount of \$34.75 per hour. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Due to the increased number of students in the birth to three and early childhood special education programs, Mrs. Brumbaugh's schedule does not allow her to provide services to the students at Platte Colony. Mrs. Kuipers will provide services on an as needed basis, approximately one day a week.

Approve Contract for Assistant Spring Play Director, Katy Duffy

Motion T. Olson, seconded D. Starr approving the contract of Katy Duffy as assistant spring play director at a salary of \$391.25. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Advertising for Bids for High School Building Roof Replacement

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Varilek authorizing the administration to advertise for bids for the high school building roof replacement. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Accept Resignation of Assistant Volleyball Coach, Kalli Oolman

Motion D. Starr, seconded T. Olson accepting the resignation of Kalli Oolman as assistant volleyball coach and authorizing the administration to advertise for the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Supt. Bailey thanked Mrs. Oolman for her service.

Accept Resignation of Elementary Paraprofessional Gloria Kok

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded T. Meyerink accepting the letter of resignation from Gloria Kok as elementary paraprofessional. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Supt. Bailey Thanked Mrs. Kok for her twenty years of service to the school district.

Set Time/Date for April Board Meeting

The April school board meeting will be held at the regular scheduled date and time on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Session

Motion J. Sondgeroth, seconded R. Varilek to enter into executive session at 9:24 p.m. pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(2) Student Matter. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President R. Van Zee declared executive session closed at 9:42 p.m.

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded D. Starr to enter into executive session at 9:42 p.m. pursuant SDCL 1-25-2(4) Negotiations. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President R. Van Zee declared executive session closed at 10:18 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion T. Meyerink, seconded D. Starr to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager