

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019**

President J. Sondgeroth called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, December 9, 2019, in the Conference Room at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jess Sondgeroth, Ross Van Zee, Duke Starr, Heather VanDerWerff, Roxi Summerville, Dennis DeBoer, Ross Varilek

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey (via telephone), Business Manager Kathy Holter, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, High School Principal Patrick Frederick, and Jason Huizenga

Additions or deletions to this agenda

None

Approve agenda

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Summerville approving the agenda as printed. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. DeBoer approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2019
- Authorize Payment of Claims for December 20, 2019
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 11/30/2019

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Routine Business

Superintendent Report

Abby VandenBerge and Leah DeHaan were congratulated for receiving superior ratings at the State Oral Interpretation Contest held last week. The Platte-Geddes Team was also awarded the Team Excellence Award. Supt. Bailey congratulated the team and Mrs. Teresa Nelson for their success.

The KWLPG Wrestling Team took second place in their home tournament on Saturday. Supt. Bailey congratulated all place winners and the team on their efforts.

Supt. Bailey has been exploring the option of creating a cyber-school to generate more revenue for the district. The district would need to change their educational structure to include a cyber middle school and high school. The administration and school board would also need to work together to create policies and procedures. Supt. Bailey will continue to investigate this, but feels it is a very viable option for the school district.

Supt. Bailey met with Representative Lee Qualm on Wednesday, November 27 to discuss potential legislative issues and ask for his support of K-12 public education. He appreciated Representatives Qualm and Finck for taking the time to visit the district.

Superintendents from across the state met in Chamberlain on December 4 to discuss the Governor's budget address. During the meeting, superintendents set their legislative positions and provided feedback to the executive board. He shared with the school board the results of the meeting and the standing position from the collective group.

Supt. Bailey encouraged all school personnel and supporters of public education to contact their elected officials and ask for them to follow the law by giving public schools the 2% CPI increase as stated in statute.

Allowing junior high students to participate in high school level athletics is a common practice for small school districts. The Platte-Geddes School District has used 8th grade boys to comprise a C team for

basketball, but they have not participated at the varsity level. The district does not have a policy that specifically addresses this topic, however it does adopt the SDHSAA bylaws and policies which does allow junior high students to participate in high school activities. Supt. Bailey asked the board of education if they feel a policy is needed to cover this issue. The board of education did not feel it was necessary to adopt a policy since the district is already following SDHSAA bylaws and policies.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Frederick shared first semester average daily attendance and enrollment figures with the board. He also reviewed the semester test schedule.

Mr. Frederick thanked the 6-12 parent advisory committee members for providing lunch for staff during American Education Week. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13th.

At the Region Principal's meeting on November 19th, Highway Patrolman Sergeant John Lord presented alarming information on drugs and drug usage. Mr. Frederick would like to bring Sergeant John Lord to the district for a parent meeting to share the information with all parents and guardians of K-12 students.

Elementary Principal Report

Ten students will represent Platte-Geddes Elementary at the South Dakota Elementary Honors Choir on the campus of SDSU in Brookings in early February.

The 5-8 Christmas Concert will be held on Thursday, December 12. On Thursday, December 19, the K-4 Christmas Operetta will be held in the high school gym.

The 5th grade students will be presenting their annual Science Fair on Friday, December 20 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. The second quarter ends on Friday, December 20. Report cards will be sent home with students on Wednesday, January 8.

Business Manager Report

The Request for Proposal for a Food Service Management Company was included in the school board member's packets for their review. The RFP will be submitted to the state by mid-January for their approval. Once approved, the district will advertise for proposals.

The Impact Aid Application site is now open. Mrs. Holter will work with Max Schochenmaier to complete the application before the January 31st deadline.

Governor Kristi Noem's Budget Address was disappointing as she proposed a 0% increase to education funding. School districts will need to be proactive during the legislative session to receive any sort of an increase.

K. Holter presented information to the board on purchasing the school accounting system online option. After attending several sessions on cyber security at the SDASBO Conference and the School Law Seminar, she feels it is necessary to protect the district and its employees. The new school Accounting System-Online option is a completely cloud-based solution that offers online access to the School Accounting System and integrated add-on modules. The software is hosted on secured servers with multiple redundancies to ensure the safety of data. The online environment also manages all software updates and backup storage for the School Accounting System database. Moving to the cloud option will assure that the district's sensitive financial data is secure and will be unaffected in event of hardware failure or any other major incident at the district. The cost of moving to the cloud option is \$1,450.00 per year.

Mid Central Educational Coop Report

R. Summerville reported on the Mid Central Educational Cooperative meeting.

Core Educational Coop Report

R. Van Zee reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers

None

Second Reading Section A Policies, Foundation and Basic Commitments

The board of education gave second reading to Section A Policies, Foundation and Basic Commitments. Motion R. Summerville, seconded R. Van Zee approving Section A Policies with the recommended additions and revisions. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Sick Bank Request for Mrs. Darcie DuFrain

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the sick bank request from Mrs. Darcie DuFrain for five days. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set School Board Election Date

Motion R. Varilek, seconded R. Van Zee approving the joint city/school election and setting the date for Tuesday, April 14, 2020. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. The terms of Jess Sondgeroth and Duke Starr will expire on June 30, 2020.

Approve Cedar Grove Colony Paraprofessional Contract for Ms. Donna Hanten

Motion R. Summerville, seconded D. Starr approving the Cedar Grove Colony paraprofessional contract for Ms. Donna Hanten in the amount of \$12.25 per hour to include the special education hourly differential. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Resignation of Junior High Track Coach, Haley Whalen

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer approving the resignation of Haley Whalen as Junior High Track Coach and authorizing the administration to advertise for the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Appoint Legislative Action Network (LAN) Representative

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Van Zee appointing Dennis DeBoer as the district's Legislative Action Network Representative. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set Time/Date for January Board Meeting

Motion D. Starr, seconded H. VanDerWerff to change the date of the Monday, January 13 board meeting to Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. due to a girl's basketball game conflict. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion R. Summerville, seconded d. DeBoer to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager