

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**

Vice President H. VanDerWerff 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 Tuesday, January 14, 2020, in the Library at the Platte-Geddes Elementary School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members absent: Jess Sondgeroth

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Donna Nelson, Joni Willoughby, Frank Cutler, Susan Porter, Jeff Patzlaff, Randall Brumbaugh, Carter Kemnitz, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

The following items were added to the printed agenda: Public Participation, Music Program – Susan Porter, Basketball Rebounding Machine Proposal, and Elementary Music Position

**Approve agenda**

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

**Approve Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019
- Authorize Payment of Claims for January 17, 2020
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 12/31/2019
- Approve adding Mary Sarah Saube and Tara Heuer to the Substitute Teacher list
- Void Check #42028, Region V High School Music Festival for \$110.00 due to cancellation

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

Donna Nelson, Jeff Patzlaff, Joni Willoughby, and Susan Porter addressed the board concerning the music program. They thanked the board for their past support and expressed how fortunate they are and have been to provide music instruction with three music teachers.

**Routine Business**

**Basketball Rebounding Machine Proposal**

Supt. Bailey was approached by Mr. Carter Kemnitz regarding the purchase of a new basketball rebounding machine. The basketball program currently has one that is approximately 13 years old and is no longer in suitable working condition. Mr. Kemnitz approached the Platte-Geddes Athletic Boosters and asked for their financial support in purchasing a new machine. The Athletic Boosters agreed to commit \$7,000.00 to the purchase with the stipulation that the district purchase two machines. Mr. Kemnitz was able to secure a quote from Dr. Dish in the amount of \$12,790.00 for two machines. He stated that the girls and boys basketball clubs would be willing to contribute one-third each of the balance which would leave a cost to the district of \$1,930.00. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer approving the purchase of two Dr. Dish Basketball Rebounding Machines with \$7,000.00 funded by the PG Athletic Boosters, \$1,930.00 from the Boys Basketball Club, \$1,930.00 from the Girls Basketball Club, and \$1,930.00 from the school district. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Good News Report**

Supt. Bailey congratulated the KWLPG wrestlers on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 29 teams at the Mid Dakota Monster. Individual place winners were: Kasen Konstanz, Kyler Konstanz, Chase Varilek, and Grayson Hanson placing 2<sup>nd</sup> and Austin Severson placing 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Denise Nachtigal has been tracking the number of books checked out per month in the high school library. Over the last year, the number has increased from 99 books per month to 119. The Overdrive e-book system has also been getting a lot of good use for students needing books quickly.

Ten girls in grades 4 and 5 have been selected for Elementary Honor's Choir. They will represent Platte-Geddes Elementary in Brookings in February. Those selected include: Cassie Groon, Charly Veurink,

Dulcie Veurink, Leah Schuman, Claire Maydew, Kala Maxon, Ava Olson, Abigail Meyerink, Brynn Meyerink, and McKenzie DeHaan. Kalli Summerville was also chosen to participate in the Junior High Honors Choir.

Mrs. Semmler's "Donor's Choose" project was fully funded. Students in grades 4 through 8 at the Platte Colony School received new books for their classroom library.

#### **Superintendent Report**

The concrete steps at the northeast and northwest entrances of the elementary school are breaking up. A temporary solution will be sought, but options will need to be looked into to fix/replace the steps. The walk-in refrigerator/freezer in the kitchen will also need to be replaced this summer. The district will solicit vendors and look into discounted pricing through various purchasing cooperatives.

Midwest Tennis and Track has contracted Supt. Bailey regarding the track resurfacing project. The board of education had decided to delay the project and schedule it for the summer months. If the cost of the project exceeds the bid limit of \$50,000.00, the district will need to advertise for bids.

Mount Vernon, Ethan, Sanborn Central, and Woonsocket School Districts used the Shared Services Grant offered by the Department of Education to hire Roxane Dyk as an instructional coach. The current grant ends this year. Woonsocket is opting out of the group and the other three schools have approached the district about becoming the fourth member school. Supt. Bailey feels that this would be a great opportunity for Mrs. Dyk to continue the great things she has started with our district as well as provide our teachers with instructional coaching and ensure that lessons are taught to the depths of the standard. Cost to the district for this service would be approximately \$23,000 - \$24,000 per year. Supt. Bailey was encouraged to continue to work with the other schools on the agreement.

The Platte-Geddes Athletic Boosters have agreed to purchase a new Dr. Dish shooting machine for the basketball teams. Supt. Bailey thanked the booster club for their contribution and also thanked them for committing time on weekends in providing open gym for our student athletes.

Governor Kristi Noem delivered her State of the State Address today. With actual revenues coming in higher than projected, Noem said she wants to find extra flexibility in the budget to fund pay raises for teachers, state employees, and medical providers.

#### **Secondary Principal Report**

This semester, the high school has a total of 71 students taking dual credit, online, and concurrent courses. This consists of 25 students taking dual credit courses, 8 students taking concurrent courses, and the remaining 38 students taking various online courses.

Mr. Frederick explained the changes made to the ICU Program. Beginning this semester there will not be required after school ICU on Mondays through Thursdays. Instead, students who are on ICU at the beginning of the day on Friday will be required to attend ICU from 2:08 until 3:28 p.m. on that Friday. If the student clears their assignments with the teachers prior to 2:08 p.m. on Friday, the student will not be required to serve the Friday ICU time.

#### **Elementary Principal Report**

The elementary math committee has been looking at and reviewing math curriculum for nearly two years. This past fall, the committee met with Roxane Dyk to assist them in understanding the SD Unpacked Math Content Standards. Using the SD Content Standards as a guide, the "Into Math" curriculum was chosen as the new math series for students in grades 1-5. Mrs. Knecht thanked the math committee for their time and commitment in studying and researching various math curriculums.

#### **Business Manager Report**

The 2021 Impact Aid Application has been completed and submitted to US Department of Education. The Food Service Management Company RFP was submitted to the state for review. Once it is accepted by the state, the district may begin the notification process.

The notice of school board member vacancies will be published in the district's legal newspapers the last two weeks in January. Petitions may begin to circulate on January 31 with a return date of February 28.

K. Holter will begin work on the 2020-2021 budget this month. Several legislators have indicated that they want to do more than what the governor has recommended for education. ASBSD and SASD will be lobbying for the 2% increase as required by law.

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

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

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

Supt. Bailey reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting.

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

None

**First Reading Section B Policies, School Board Governance and Operations**

The board of education gave first reading to Section B Policies, School Board Governance and Operations.

**Approve Drover Education Teacher Contract**

Motion R. Varilek, seconded R. Summerville approving the contract of Ms. Sara Kraft as Driver’s Education Instructor at an hourly wage of \$18.00/hour for up to ten hours of prep time, thirty hours of classroom instruction, and six hours per student for behind-the-wheel instruction. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Out of State Travel Requests**

Supt. Bailey is requesting to attend a National Conference on Education, which is the National Superintendent’s Conference, in San Diego, CA, from February 12-15. The Administrative Master Agreement allows attendance to a national association convention at district expense once in each three-year period subject to board approval. As part of the conference the Small School Early Learning Rural Cohort is meeting on Wednesday, February 12. Approximate cost of the conference is \$1,280.00.

The NAFIS Conference will be held in March 15-17 in Washington, DC. Per the Administrative Master Agreement, the superintendent and business manager may also attend one NAFIS convention per year at district expense subject to board approval. Supt. Bailey will not be attending the NAFIS convention, however K. Holter is seeking board approval for attendance. Approximate cost of the NAFIS convention is \$2,100.00 with the \$500.00 registration fee to be reimbursed by SD Impact Aid Association.

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Van Zee approving Supt. Joel Bailey to attend the National Conference on Education in San Diego, CA and Kathy Holter to attend the NAFIS Convention in Washington DC. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Offering Administrative Contracts**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek offering contracts to the following administrators for the 2020-2021 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.

**Approve Resignation/Retirement of Elementary Teacher, Ms. Donna Nelson**

Motion D. DeBoer, seconded D. Starr approving the resignation/retirement of Ms. Donna Nelson as elementary music teacher. Supt. Bailey and the board of education sincerely thank Ms. Nelson for her 39 years of dedicated service to the district. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Elementary Music Position**

Discussion was held on the elementary music position that will be open due to the resignation of Ms. Donna Nelson. Supt. Bailey shared information from Mrs. Knecht which encouraged the board to look creatively at how the new position may be filled. Supt. Bailey and Mrs. Knecht will review the elementary music position’s schedule and job responsibilities to help determine the best way to fill the position to meet the student’s needs. Supt. Bailey would like to advertise the open position in hopes of collecting a pool of potential candidates. Motion R. Summerville, seconded D. DeBoer authorizing Supt. Bailey to advertise for an elementary music teacher. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Time/Date for February Board Meeting**

There are no conflicts for the February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting date so it will remain as scheduled.

**Adjournment**

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

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President

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Business Manager