

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2020**

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, February 10, 2020, in the Conference Room at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jess Sondgeroth, Heather VanDerWerff, Duke Starr, Roxi Summerville, Dennis DeBoer

Members absent: Ross Van Zee, Ross Varilek

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Roxane Dyk, Darren DeNeui, and Jason Huizenga

**Additions or deletions to this agenda**

The following item was deleted from the printed agenda: Approve Computer Purchase

**Approve agenda**

Motion D. Starr, seconded D. DeBoer approving the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion R. Summerville, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020
- Authorize Payment of Claims for February 20, 2020
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 01/31/2020

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Public Participation**

None

**Routine Business**

**Good News Report**

Karly VanDerWerff, Kolbi Hoffman, Cade Block, and Braxton Breukelman were congratulated for winning the Knights of Columbus Free Throw District Competition.

The Platte-Geddes Boys Basketball Team was recognized for showing an act of kindness at the recent game against Miller.

Supt. Bailey congratulated the Platte-Geddes Quiz Bowl Team on their 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish at the Q107.3 competition. Thirty-two teams competed in the contest. Platte-Geddes Team members were: Caden Tegethoff, Tess Ringling, Abbey Vanden Berge, and Raegan Stegmier.

Addison Walstad was recognized for being selected to participate in the SD Middle School All-State Band.

Mrs. Wynia and Mrs. Pazour are pleased to report that their students are working on building many life and job skills including communication, social, money skills, and following directions with the Coffee Cart Program they have started.

The FFA Chapter received a \$500 donation from Farm Credit Services of America. They will use the money to purchase small panels for goats, pigs, and sheep for the annual petting zoo during FFA week.

The Physical Science students will be ending their chemistry unit by making chapstick and plan on presenting it at Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday. They hope to have people test the different types of chapstick.

**Superintendent Report**

The January PD day was very productive. A roundtable discussion about the school evacuation plan was held. The elementary staff received additional training on the Waterford Early Literacy and Math/Science Programs. ELA and Math Teachers worked with Roxane Dyk on the Smarter Balance Interim Assessments.

February 17-22 is South Dakota School Board recognition week. On behalf of the Platte-Geddes School District, Supt. Bailey thanked the board members for their time and commitment.

A letter was sent to home school families to see if there would be interest in holding a meeting to discuss a future school/home school partnership. The goal of the meeting is to better understand the educational needs of the home school families and to see if a mutually beneficial relationship can be formed. A meeting will be scheduled in late February or early March.

Supt. Bailey will be completing the verification of education structure throughout the month of February. He will be working with the Department of Education to set up the Cyber School. Assistance has been received from another district that operates a very successful Cyber School. Supt. Bailey does not expect to have a lot of participation in the first year, but he is optimistic that it will grow as it becomes more established.

Supt. Bailey attended the School Improvement Boost Up meeting in Pierre on Tuesday, February 4. Topics covered included: Evidence Based Practices, Action Plans, 1003 Funds, Exit Criteria, and the state plan. The district's action plan was submitted to the Department of Education on December 31. All of the requirements have been completed for school improvement with implementation being the next step. Additional 1003 grant money will be available through the 2020-2021 school year.

Meyerink Farm Service has been contacted concerning the concrete issues on the north side of the elementary building. They will evaluate the situation in the spring to see if they can create a viable solution for the northwest and northeast steps.

Supt. Bailey was approached by a patron of the district wishing to donate beef to the school lunch program. Several area schools do participate in the Farm to School Program. Research will be conducted to determine the requirements needed to implement this program in the school.

Supt Bailey reviewed several legislative bills and updated the board on the Cracker Barrel session held on Saturday.

#### **Secondary Principal Report**

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

The seniors will present their projects in the band/choir room on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. These will begin at 8:15 a.m. and run into the early afternoon.

School will be dismissed at 12:15 on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup> for parent-teacher conferences. Sixth through twelfth grade conferences will be held in the teacher's classrooms from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

The Platte-Geddes School District invites all K-12 parents to an educational assembly to be held in the Armory gymnasium on Thursday, February, 13<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The assembly will include a presentation from troopers Shane Johnson and Deanna Johnson. Both troopers are members of the Police Service Dog Central Squad. They will provide information on drug trends, names, and how to recognize use. Their presentation will also include a Police Service Dog Demonstration. Special Agent Kendra Russell with the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation will also be presenting valuable information. Kendra specializes in digital evidence and is a member of the South Dakota Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Special Agent Russell will be presenting information on Internet Safety, Sexting, and Cyberbullying; as well as provide parental resources and recommendations on creating a Family Electronics and Social Media Plan.

Mr. Frederick congratulated LaTisha Thomas for being selected for the SD High School All-State Bank on clarinet. She will be part of the concert in Mitchell in March.

Mr. Frederick and Mrs. Stacey Larson are studying how a STEM program may be implemented into the Junior High program next year.

#### **Elementary Principal Report**

Ten students are representing Platte-Geddes Elementary on February 13 in Brookings at the State Elementary Honors Choir.

The Missouri Valley Spelling Bee will be held in Burke on February 26, 2020. Mrs. Knecht congratulated all of the winners who will be participating in the contest.

Mrs. Martha Patzlaff hosted the Scholastic Book Fair in the elementary Panther Paws classroom during the last week of January. Each classroom benefits by receiving books for their classroom. Mrs. Knecht thanked Mrs. Patzlaff for the work she puts into the event each year.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 13 from 1:00-6:00 p.m. Mrs. Knecht is requesting that conferences be completed by 6:00 p.m. in order for everyone to have the opportunity to attend the Highway Patrol/DCI presentation.

**Business Manager Report**

Several school board petitions have been picked up from the business office. Deadline for filing is Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

Holter attended the SASD Delegate Assembly in Pierre on February 4<sup>th</sup> and the Cracker Barrel Session held in Platte on February 8<sup>th</sup> and highlighted some of the bills that could affect the school district.

The Report for Proposal for Food Service Management Company was received and accepted by the Department of Education. The district will begin the notification process on March 2.

K. Holter distributed information on previous year's financials and also presented some preliminary calculations. Discussion was held on the Capital Outlay topic and Holter presented several scenarios as to how changes during legislative session could impact the fund and school district.

**Core Educational Coop Report**

Supt. Bailey reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting.

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

None

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

The board of education gave second reading to Section B Policies, School Board Governance and Operations. Motion D. Starr, seconded D. DeBoer approving Section B Policies with stated changes. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Set Driver Education Fees**

Motion R. Summerville, seconded H. VanDerWerff 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.

**Supplement Budget**

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Summerville approving the following supplemental budget:

**General Fund:**

Expenditure:

10-2642-000-319 Professional Services \$ 250.00

Means of Finance:

Cash Applied \$ 250.00

**Capital Outlay Fund:**

Expenditure:

21-6900-000-549 Cocurricular Equipment \$22,000.00

21-6900-035-479 Other Non-consumable Supplies \$ 7,610.00

Means of Finance:

Cash Applied \$29,610.00

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approve Sick Bank Request**

Motion D. DeBoer, seconded R. Summerville approving five additional sick days from the sick leave bank for Mrs. Darcie DuFrain. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Instructional Coach**

Supt. Bailey presented additional information supporting the Shared Services Grant with Mt. Vernon, Ethan, and Sanborn Central School Districts and the instructional coach contract. Partial funding for the service would be supported by the SRSA and School Improvement Grants. Mrs. Roxane Dyk also shared a list of duties that she performs as an instructional coach.

Substantial discussion was held both in support and in opposition to joining the Shared Services Grant and securing an instructional coach. The board felt it would be best to make a decision when all members are present; therefore the topic was tabled and will be decided upon at the March Regular Board Meeting or at a Special Board Meeting if necessary.

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

Motion D. Starr, seconded H. VanDerWerff moving the regular school board meeting date from Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary library. All members present voted aye.  
Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Summerville to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 a.m. All members present voted aye.  
Motion carried.

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**President**

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**Business Manager**