

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 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 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020, in the Library 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, Ross Van Zee, Ross Varilek

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Randal Brumbaugh, Jason Huizenga. Via Phone: Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Frank Cutler, Marla Tegethoff, Sandy Biddle

Additions or deletions to this agenda

The following item was added to the printed agenda: ASBSD Board of Directors Ballot

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

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

- Approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2020
- Approve minutes of the Special Board Meeting on Friday, March 13, 2020
- Approve minutes of the Special Board Meeting on Monday, March 30, 2020
- Authorize Payment of Claims for April 20, 2020
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 03/31/2020
- Void the following checks:
 - #42587 to SDASBO for \$75.00 Cancelled Conference
 - #42593 to USD Center for Disabilities for \$175.00 Cancelled Conference

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Routine Business

Good News Report

Supt. Bailey congratulated the following basketball players for being selected All-Conference:

Girls: Karly VanderWerff – All SCC; Candence Van Zee – All SCC, All ESD

Boys: Kelby VanderWerff – 3rd Team All-State, All ESD, All SCC; Caden Foxley – All ESD, All SCC; Kade Starr – All ESD, Academic All State, Brody Boltjes – All SCC; Will Miller – All SCC

Mr. Frank Cutler was also congratulated on being selected as the Region 6 Boys Basketball Coach of the Year.

Superintendent Report

Governor Noem has recommended that schools remain closed for the remainder of the year. Secretary of Education, Dr. Jones, is also recommending that school continue with E-learning and packets.

The district is tackling the tasks of e-learning to the best of their abilities. The Department of Education has provided guidance through the school closure but has also left many local control decisions. A state workgroup is being formed to provide guidance surrounding specific items in flux. The administration has been evaluating the situation on a daily basis and continues to make adjustments where needed.

The SDHSAA has announced the cancellation of all spring activities and state basketball tournaments.

The district will be receiving a CARES Act Allocation for approximately \$112,000.00 or 15% less than our Title I Allocation. Guidance has not yet been released on how those funds can be used.

K. Holter and Supt. Bailey met with the paraprofessionals following the Special Board Meeting to explain the board's decision regarding their pay. The majority of them are working additional hours in one capacity or another, but none are assisting the custodians at this time.

Prom has been cancelled for this year. In an effort to regain some normalcy for the seniors, the administration would like to try and keep the graduation date as scheduled with an alternate date in June.

Supt. Bailey met with engineers from Brosz Brothers on Thursday afternoon to look at the parking lots and elementary playground area. They are going to provide the district with a quote for writing the specs for the asphalt project and repairs. Several options will be presented for the playground area. Hopefully the spring and summer will be dry enough to allow for these projects to be completed this year.

Secondary Principal Report

Mr. Frederick has met with Mr. Bailey, the junior class advisors, and the senior class advisors. At this point the administration and the majority of the class advisors are in favor of cancelling prom to focus on other areas such as graduation.

Last Wednesday, Mr. Frederick met with the senior class advisors. After much discussion and considering all of the variables involved, Mr. Frederick sent a message to the senior class and asked them to share with their parents the proposed plan for holding graduation on May 23rd. After reading the feedback and visiting with Supt. Bailey on Thursday morning, the decision was made to stick with the May 23rd plan and reevaluate the situation the week of May 3rd. Mr. Frederick is also proposing setting an alternate date of June 13th if May 23rd does not work. At this time, additional alternative dates for July or August will not be set as there are too many unknowns and further planning may cause more problems and eliminate options.

After considerable discussion by the board of education, President J. Sondgeroth directed Supt. Bailey to survey the senior class to get their feedback on an alternative graduation date if the original date of May 23rd will not work. With all that has transpired since COVID-19, it is the goal of the board of education to give the seniors the type of graduation that they want and deserve if at all possible.

Mr. Frederick held a Zoom meeting with the high school staff on April 9th. He received mixed reports in regards to student effort and completed work. It was understood that the majority of the staff have seen a decline in overall student effort and completion of work during the third week. Staff are being encouraged to continue to follow the guidelines set by the administration.

Elementary Principal Report

Mrs. Knecht expressed her appreciation for her teachers and expressed how valuable they are. Through this time of crisis, distance/homeschool/crisis learning is not ideal for most K-12 students. A few students are excelling, but many are struggling. K-12 children belong in a classroom, with a teacher, in a structured setting, learning their grade level skills.

The teachers are continuing to work hard preparing, presenting, and correcting lessons via distance learning. They have Zoom meetings with their entire classes and with individual students needing assistance. Many have set up Google Classroom as their method of instruction, others e-mail parents their daily and weekly lessons.

Mrs. Knecht and the elementary teachers had a Zoom meeting and discussed the 4th quarter report cards. In the elementary, a Standard's Based Grading System is used, which means students are given a mark based on their understanding of each grade level skill. Teachers determine the student's understanding of those skills through assessment. Without having students in the building, it is difficult to individually assess their mastery of these grade level skills. Therefore, many of the teachers will be marking 4th quarter skills as "complete" or "incomplete", meaning the child completed all work assigned. The teachers feel it may be difficult to say definitively that a child is "proficient" at a particular skill when they are not working directly with the child in the classroom and not able to assess them in a classroom setting. The "comments" section will be used to clarify any personal student information regarding specific skills and to provide individual explanations for students and parents.

Parents will be able to begin picking up student personal items this week. All student personal items and school supplies will be placed in grocery bags, in the hallways near each classroom, beginning Wednesday, April 15. Mrs. Knecht will be in the building all week to assist with this distribution of personal items.

Business Manager Report

With the passage of House Bill 1298 on Veto Day, schools and municipalities were required to postpone their elections if scheduled between April 14th and May 26th. After discussing the dates with the City, K. Holter is recommending that the school board election be held on Tuesday, June 2nd. This is also the date

of the primary election. In Platte, the school board election will be joint with the city. The city/school election will be together but separate with the county running the primary and the city/school election board running the city/school election in the community building. In Geddes, the school board election will be held in the community center with the primary, but separate as well. The county will have their election board for the primary and the district will have an election board for the school. The original election workers for Platte were still willing and available to work, however two of the three workers were already working the primary in Geddes. Therefore the board will need to approve two new election workers for the Geddes site. HB 1298 did not allow for the option to postpone a second time.

Work on next year's budget has been challenging with funding being uncertain. A preliminary budget will be presented next month for the board's review, however, it will certainly be subject to change. K. Holter distributed information and explained the effects the proposed 2% increase to state funding would have on the district as well as a 0% increase. An explanation of the changes to the Capital Outlay funding was also discussed.

The SDASBO Spring Conference that was to be held April 21-23 has been cancelled. K. Holter has been arranging and holding "team meetings" through Outlook with her area business manager group as an opportunity to share ideas and offer support.

Lunchtime Solutions contacted the school regarding the FSMC RFP that was advertised. Their company discouraged travel for the Voluntary Tour which was scheduled for March 25th. In lieu of that tour, Supt. Bailey sent them a YouTube video of the kitchen, equipment, etc. per their request. The deadline for submitting proposals is May 1st.

Renewal rates for the district's health insurance came in higher than the district has seen in the past. Janet Tegethoff was asked to look into some alternative plans for the district to consider.

Athletic Director Report

F. Cutler reported on a recent Athletic Directors Conference. A 'Let it Shine' event will be held on May 1st to honor everyone affected by COVID-19. Between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1st, South Dakota residents, businesses, and stadiums are being encouraged to go outside and "Let it Shine". The idea is to get everyone to turn on their lights as a sign that there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

Cutler informed the board of education of several of the proposals voted on by the Athletic Directors including start date for girls' basketball practice, starting date for football practice, ADM count, a five class system for football, implementing a Top 24 performance standard for track, going to a single site venue in all classes for the state track meet, amending the schedule for the state wrestling tournament, adding a girl's division for wrestling, and changing the reclassification schedule.

Core Educational Coop Report

Supt. Bailey reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting.

Mid Central Educational Coop Report

R. Summerville reported on a recent Mid Central Cooperative meeting.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers

None

Second Reading Section C Policies, General School Administration

The board of education gave second reading to Section C Policies, General School Administration. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer to approve Section C Policies, General School Administration as reviewed and revised. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Second Reading Section B Policies, Amending BFC, BFCA, BFF and Deleting BF, BFB, and BFG

The board of education gave second reading to the amended policies BFC, BFCA, and BFF. These amended policies incorporated the information that was contained in BF, BFB, and BFG making them unnecessary. Motion R. Summerville, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the revisions to policies BFC, BFCA, and BFF and approving the deletion of Policies BF, BFB, and BFG. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Second Reading 2020-2021 School Calendar

Motion R. Varilek, seconded R. Van Zee approving the 2020-2021 School Calendar with the following change: School will resume after Christmas Break on Monday, January 4 instead of Tuesday, January 5 and there will be no school on Thursday, February 25, which will allow students and staff to attend the state wrestling tournament. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Cheer/Dance Cooperative

Discussion was held last month regarding forming a Cheer/Dance Cooperative with Dakota Christian and possibly Andes Central. The board of education directed Mrs. Tegethoff to gather additional information before making a decision. Mrs. Tegethoff stated that both Dakota Christian School and Andes Central School Boards were meeting Monday night to formally approve participation in the cheer/dance cooperative. Between the two schools, there could potentially be an additional ten girls interested in the

cheer/dance team. The board of education will make a final decision next month after the results are known of the other two school's decision.

Approve Contracts for Classified Staff

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer approving the following for contract renewal for the 2020-2021 school term:

Mike Anderson, Jill Antonsen, Kenny Antonsen, Ember Bartels, Kathy Boltjes, Julie DaShay, Josie DeHaan, John Fuerst, Teri Griesse, Donna Hanten, Kay Hubers, Melissa Huizenga, Gloria Kok, Gladys Kuipers, Bob Maresh, Denise Nachtigal, Carol Oberbroekling, Myrna Overweg, Michelle Rabenberg, Denise Van Zee, Traci VanderPol, and Chelsea Voetberg. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set School Board Election Date

Based on the passing of HB1298, the district was forced to move the date of the school board election. It is recommended that the election take place in conjunction with the primary election on June 2, 2020. Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. Starr rescheduling the school board election date to June 2, 2020. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Election Workers

SDCL 13-7-12 requires local school boards to approve election workers for school board elections. No changes are needed for the Platte site, however two of the three secured for the Geddes site were already scheduled to work the primary. The two new election workers for the Geddes site will be Donna Ringling and Tammy Darling. Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Summerville approving the new school board election workers in Geddes with Denise Van Zee and Josie DeHaan as alternates. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Computer Quote

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Van Zee approving the quote from Riverside Technologies, Inc. for 35 PC computers for the 8th grade class in the amount of \$34,930.00. The base price for one computer is \$859.00 and includes a 4-year ADP warranty. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Platte Colony Teacher Contract for Mrs. Roxane Dyk

Supt. Bailey is recommending Mrs. Roxane Dyk for the upper-level Platte Colony teaching position. Mrs. Dyk will bring a wealth of knowledge to the district. Mrs. Dyk has a master's degree in curriculum instruction, with an emphasis in technology and a math specialist degree. Based on her qualifications, her contractual amount will be \$48,360.00 plus an additional \$600.00 for the rural teacher incentive. Motion R. Summerville, seconded R. Varilek approving the contract of Mrs. Roxane Dyk in the amount of \$48,960.00 for upper-level instruction at the Platte Colony. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Busing Contract

Due to the fact that the district's current transportation provider, Randal Brumbaugh, is running for a school board position and the change in date for the school board election, the district needs to be proactive in ensuring the transportation needs are met for the 2020-2021 school year. If elected, Mr. Brumbaugh could no longer serve as the transportation provider. South Dakota Codified Law 3-23-6 states "no board member.....may have an interest in a contract nor receive a direct benefit from a contract in amount greater than five thousand dollars or multiple contracts in amount greater than five thousand dollars with the same party within a twelve-month period to which the school district is a party".

The district is in year four of a five-year contract with Mr. Brumbaugh. The contract states the following, "The term of this agreement shall be for five (5) years, commencing on August 1, 2016 and ending on July 31, 2021. However, either party may terminate this agreement on or before July 31 each year by providing the other with 30 days written notice."

Supt. Bailey stated that it would be prudent for the district to advertise for transportation bids, based on this information. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek approving the advertisement for transportation provider bids. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Busing Contract Payout

Per the current contract with Randal's Busline, "District agrees to guarantee Busline 10,000 miles for the 2019-2020 school year. Any miles between 8,000 and 10,000 that aren't driven, will be paid at half the mileage rate o \$1.32/mile.

The total miles driven for the current year total 6,800 miles. In order for the district to meet their contractual obligation, they need to pay Randal's Busline for 2,000 miles at the rate or \$1.32/mile. The total payout amount is \$2,640.00. Motion D. Starr, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the payment to Randal's Busline for 2,000 miles at \$1.32 per mile for at total of \$2,640.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Resignation of Cheer/Dance Coach, Abby Buitenbos

Coach Buitenbos has made the decision to resign from her coaching position to spend more time with her two young children. The district thanks her for her five years of service and commitment to the Platte-Geddes Cheer/Dance Team. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr approving the resignation of Abby

Buitenbos as Cheer/Dance coach and authorizing the administration to advertise the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ASBSD Board of Directors Ballot

According to the ASBSD by-laws, all contested Board of Director elections shall be determined by ballot election. One seat is being contested by Terry Crandall-Yankton, Tara Johanneson-Tea Area, and Ellie Saxer-Brandon Valley, for the Southeast Region-enrollment 1,400-9,999 on the board. The Platte-Geddes School Board may cast a vote for the contested board position. Item died for lack of motion and the ballot will not be cast.

Set Time/Date for April Board Meeting

There are no conflicts with the regular scheduled school board meeting in May, however the location will be changed to the High School Library to comply with the social distancing recommendation. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Varilek to hold the May meeting on May 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the High School. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager