

Regular Meeting of the Trustees of School District #3

Thursday, March 12th, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Blue Creek School District #3 was held Thursday evening, March 12th, 2020 at Blue Creek School. Chair Megan Loveridge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Phil Pimley, Aimee Rust, Megan Loveridge, Leslie Friedel and Rachel Meech. A quorum was present.

Administrator Rude and Clerk Joan Iverson were present for the entire meeting.

Guests: Michelle Zimny, Karen Evanson, Trish Glaser & Beth Stulc

Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

Correspondence

Board Chair, Megan Loveridge, read a letter from Sherry McDonald who is retiring at the end of the 2019-2020 school year after teaching at Blue Creek School for 25 years.

1. & 2. Consent Agenda

Phil Pimley moved, seconded by Leslie Friedel to approve the minutes of February 13, 2020 and approval of bills. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

3. Enrollment

Administrator Cathi Rude reported the current enrollment at 185 students.

4. Community Ed Report

M.J. Dimich was not in attendance but emailed information on Spring classes. She is looking into using the school kitchen for cooking classes.

5. Staff Report

Michelle Zimny is assigned to the 2nd/3rd combo classroom this year. She has 16 students, 9 in 2nd grade and 7 in 3rd grade. They have been working on their writing and Michelle shared examples of persuasive letters, pointing out the differences between the two grade levels. She reported that they are also writing stories.

Karen Evanson is assigned as the K-6 Music Teacher. In Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade they have been completing activities with a Dr. Seuss theme. They are learning songs from "Seussical the Musical" and composing music using Dr. Seuss characters. The 3rd and 4th graders are enjoying their recorder unit utilizing the "Recorder Karate" program. The 5th and 6th graders are completing an African drum unit. Ms. Evanson reported that students have enjoyed playing Robin Thompson's (a BCS teacher) drums and have also made paper mache drums of their own.

6. Clerk Report Business Report

Clerk Joan Iverson reported that we have received 1 filing thus far for the two Trustee Candidacies. Administrator Rude reported that Business Manager Heimbigner included the check listing report included with the bills each month for Trustees to review .

7. Administration Report

Administrator Cathi Rude reported the following:

- 1) Administrator Rude and Business Manager are discussing the 2020-2021 budget;
- 2) Spring conferences will be March 31st & April 1st from 4:00-8:00 PM;
- 3) Kindergarten roundup is scheduled for May 1st;
- 4) There is a development proposal from a community member for Falcon Heights Park which borders school property. The school's position on the proposal has been addressed in a letter from Administrator Rude and Board Chair Megan Loveridge;
- 5) Kenco will be installing new cameras and DVR upgrades on March 30th;
- 6) Administrator Rude addressed COVID-19 concerns regarding preparedness.

BUSINESS ITEMS

OLD BUSINESS

8. School Elections

Administrator Cathi Rude reminded the Board the deadline for filing for the trustee positions is March 26th. Phil Pimley and Rachel Meech's terms expire in 2020.

9. Policy

The Board reviewed the 5000 Series on Personnel as a whole Board in January (first reading) and February (second reading). No action was taken. Following tonight's board meeting the whole Board will continue review of the 5000 series. This will be the third reading of this series.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Permissive Levy Resolution

As an essential part of its budgeting process, the Blue Creek Board of Trustees is authorized by law to impose levies to support its budget. Administrator Rude recommended the Board move to approve the anticipated increases to SD3 permissive levies at this time. Rachel Meech moved, seconded by Phil Pimley to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

11. Calendar for 2020-2021

Administrator Cathi Rude reviewed with the Board the process in place in selecting the calendar days for a school year as well as survey input from staff and community stakeholders on three options for calendars (named options X, Y and Z). Based on start/finish days, SD2 calendar, other area calendars, and staff & stakeholder input, Administrator Rude recommended the approval of Calendar Y. The Board discussed the differences in the calendars. A motion was made by Aimee Rust, seconded by Rachel Meech to approve Calendar Y for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

12. Classroom Information for 2020-2021

Administrator Cathi Rude stated that based on enrollment projections, the classes for the 2020-2021 school year may look like the following:

● Kindergarten	26	(2 out of dist)
● Grade 1	26	(1 out of dist)
● Grade 2	21	(1 out of dist)
● Grade 3	26	(1 out of dist)
● Grade 4	22	(3 out of dist)
● Grade 5	28	(1 out of dist)
● Grade 6	27	(2 out of dist)

These are only preliminary, as numbers will change. The state cuts off class sizes at 20 students for K-2, Grades 3-4 at 28, and Grade 5-6 at 30 with additional students allowed up to 4 with a full-time aide. Administrator Rude shared different options for classes that may work to meet staffing and student needs.

Different scenarios are possible. Options for 10 classrooms:

K, K/1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, $\frac{5}{6}$, 6

K, K/1, 1, 2, $\frac{2}{3}$, 3, 4, 5, $\frac{5}{6}$, 6

K, K/1, 1, 2, 3, $\frac{3}{4}$, 4, 5, $\frac{5}{6}$, 6

15. Date and Time of Meeting

Next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This is the Board's regular meeting which will be held on a different day than usual upon unanimous consent of the Board.

Adjourn

Leslie Friedel moved, seconded by Phil Pimley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Time of Adjournment: 7:27 p.m.

Board Chairman _____

Attest:

Clerk _____