

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

President J. Sondgeroth called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 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, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, Randal Brumbaugh, Brandon Semmler, and Jason Huizenga. Via Zoom: Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Marla Tegethoff, Lacey Mills, Frank Culter, Lisa Brumbaugh, Jonna Vanderboom, Jennifer Semmler

Additions or deletions to this agenda

The following items were deleted from the printed agenda: Mid-Central Educational Cooperative Report, Executive Session Pursuant SDCL 1-25-2 (3) Legal. The following items were added to the printed agenda: Approve Crow's Nest Quote, Approve Resignation/Retirement of Paraprofessional Gladys Kuipers, Broz Engineering Proposal

Approve agenda

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

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion R. Summerville, seconded R. Van Zee approving the following consent agenda:

- Approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020
- Authorize Payment of Claims for May 20, 2020
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 04/30/2020
- Void the following checks:
 - #42064 to City of Platte for \$50.00 PALS Skating Party Cancelled
 - #42676 to SASD for \$639.00 Formula for dues restructured

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Routine Business

Superintendent Report

Emergency remote instruction (e-learning) will continue through May 15. The teachers will use May 18-20 to assist students in completing their final assignments and wrapping up the school year. Students who have completed all of their work will be able to begin checking out on May 18.

Summit Contracting will be submitting a proposal to replace the steps on the north side of the elementary. The walls along the ramps and building are stable, but the concrete between the building and walls are causing the problems. They feel they can replace the steps and ramps and keep the walls in place. Meyerink Farm Service will also submit a proposal.

As previously reported, the district will receive approximately \$112,000 from the CARES Act. The district will use the funds to cover our busing contract guarantee, mifi hot spots for families without internet access, classified staff wages, summer school costs, additional cleaning supplies and some software.

With the uncertainty of K-12 Funding and a potential special legislative session, budgeting has been extremely difficult. Currently, Governor Noem's 2% increase is set to go into law on July 1, 2020. Supt. Bailey is hoping to get some clarification on whether or not they governor's office or legislators can take that money away if the special session is held after July 1. This uncertainty also makes it extremely difficult to begin negotiations with staff and administration.

Secondary Principal Report

Student check out will take place on May 21st and May 22nd. Tables will be set up in the high school gym and will be designated and labeled with a specific teacher's name with a class roster list on it. Students will be able to come in and place their textbooks on the appropriate table and check their name off the class list. Computers and chargers will also have designated tables. Juniors and seniors will check out from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on May 21st and freshman and sophomores on May 22nd. If students have not already cleaned out their lockers, they may do so on these days.

Mr. Frederick, Mrs. Sadie Hanson, and Mrs. Stacey Larson are in communication with the senior class to make final plans for graduation day.

Elementary Principal Report

Elementary student assignments will end this week. Students will have until May 20, 2020 to complete all school work.

The collection of school owned items will begin this week. Each teacher will have a box for the collection of their student's school owned materials.

Report cards and 2020-2021 teacher assignments will be mailed out to our families during the week of May 25, 2020.

Through the CARES Act, the district will be able to offer Summer Educational Services to Platte-Geddes Elementary Students. The plan is to work with individual students in grades K-5 for eight weeks this summer. The dates will include June 1-26 and July 7-31. The individual tutoring will focus primarily on grade level reading and math skills. Sites will be located at the elementary school in Platte and also at a site to be determined in Geddes. Students will participate on a voluntary basis with referrals also made by teachers and parents.

Business Manager Report

The 2020-2021 Preliminary Budget was reviewed. With funding from the state still uncertain and schools still awaiting guidance regarding the CARES Act, it has been a new challenge.

The district is on target to meet the cash balance requirement of 30%. The state did send out a survey asking schools if they would meet the teacher and cash balance accountabilities. Because of all of the uncertainties, there is speculation that the state may be more flexible with these requirements.

The Small Rural School Achievement Grant was completed recently. If approved, the district would receive approximately \$11,625 from this grant.

There has been an increase in absentee voting requests due to COVID-19. County auditors did mail out applications to all registered voters which has triggered a larger response as well. Currently, 244 ballots have been mailed out and 136 have been returned.

The School Board Election is still scheduled for June 2nd. I have not heard any mention of postponement.

Most of the mileage reimbursement claims have been filed with the business office. There are still approximately 10-12 yet to be filed.

Athletic Director Report

Mr. Frank Cutler updated the board on the actions recently taken by the SDHSAA. He also reported that school gymnasiums will not be opened until at least June 1st.

Core Educational Coop Report

Supt. Bailey reported on the Core Educational Cooperative meeting.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures and Consideration of Waivers

None

Approve Crow's Nest Quote

Summit Contract and Meyerink Farm Service are working together to design and build an additional crow's nest for the east side of the athletic complex. The design will be very similar to what is at the baseball field with two boxes. The bottom portion will be enclosed and used for additional storage. Supt. Bailey received a proposal for the project in an amount of \$18,564.78. Summit Contracting, APEX Buildings, and Meyerink Farm Service are willing to make donations totaling \$7,500.00 for lifetime advertisement, bringing the cost down to \$11,064.78 plus costs for electrical work. The Athletic Boosters or Athletic Foundation may be willing to make contributions towards the project at a later time. Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. Starr approving the quote from Summit Contracting for an additional crow's nest/media tower in the amount of \$11,064.78. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Preliminary Budget

K. Holter presented a preliminary 2020-2021 budget for review.

First Reading Section D Policies, Fiscal Management

The board of education gave first reading to Section D Policies, Fiscal Management.

Cheer/Dance Cooperative

The Andes Central/Dakota Christian sports cooperative committee met and reviewed the Cheer/Dance cooperative agreement last week. The committee felt the agreement was acceptable and both school boards will be taking action during their May school board meetings. Motion R. Summerville, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the Cheer/Dance Cooperative with Andes Central and Dakota Christian Schools. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Contract for K-12 Vocal Music Teacher

Motion D. Starr, R. Van Zee, seconded approving the contract of Mrs. Halie Kirwan as K-12 Vocal Music Teacher in the amount of \$42,000.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Resignation of Junior High Play director, Caitlin DeGroot

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer approving the resignation of Caitlin DeGroot as Junior High Play director and authorizing the administration to advertise the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Contract for Head Dance Coach, Caitlin DeGroot

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the contract of Caitlin DeGroot as Head Dance Coach in the amount of \$2,800.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Resignation of Platte Colony Teacher, Shelby Burket

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Van Zee approving the resignation of Shelby Burket as Platte Colony Teacher for the lower grades and authorizing the administration to advertise the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Supt. Bailey thanked her for her two years of service.

Approve Bus Bid

The district received bids from Foreman Sales & Service and Randal’s Busline. The route bus bid specs included buses that were 2012 or newer and would be at least 59 passengers. The activity bus specs included busses that were 2012 or newer and seating for 50 passengers or more. Activity bus specs also required reclining seats with arm rests, heat and air conditioning, video equipment, and outlets by each seat. Storage was required under the seating areas and for additional luggage storage.

The district received the following bids from Foreman Sales & Service, Inc. and Randal’s Busline:

Foreman Sales & Service, Inc.:

Route Bus: \$1500/month for 10 months = \$15,000/year

Activity Bus: \$4,690/month for 10 months = \$46,900/year + \$14.50 per hour for driver

All buses will be 2012 models or newer

Randal’s Busline:

Route Bus: \$910.62/month for 12 months=\$10,927.44/year

Activity Bus: \$2.71/miles + \$12.63/per hour for driver

Buses provided will be his current fleet of 1985, 1993, and 2002 models

The Building and Grounds Committee met with both vendors prior to the board meeting and made the recommendation to accept the transportation bids from Forman Sales & Service, Inc. Motion R. Varilek, seconded R. Summerville approving the bid from Forman Sales & Service for Activity Bus and Route Bus transportation. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve E-Rate Cabling Project

Motion R. Summerville, seconded R. Van Zee approving the E-Rate Cabling Project for a total amount of \$17,843.76 with 50% of the cost supported through E-Rate Funding. The cabling project will have the ability to transmit more bandwidth which will increase the wireless speed and access to the more than 500 wireless devices the district has on the network. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Extended School Year Contracts

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr approving the following extended school year contracts:

Lisa Brumbaugh	\$36.03/hour
Melissa Johnson	\$27.63/hour
Shawn Wynia	\$30.89/hour
Brooke Bonte	\$30.21/hour
Deb Pazour	\$35.41/hour
Terri Griesse	\$12.51/hour
Michelle Rabenberg	\$13.16/hour
Chelsea Voetberg	\$12.51/hour
Tristen Turnis	\$27.88/hour

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment No. 1

Motion D. DeBoer, seconded R. Varilek approving SDHSAA Constitutional Amendment No. 1 which addresses mandated team practice time. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

SDHSAA Board of Directors Election

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr casting ballots for the following individuals: Marty Weismantel (Groton Area) for Small School Group Board of Education Representative, Tom Culver (Avon) for East River At Large Representative, and Dan Conrad (Sioux Falls Washington High School) for Division I Representative. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Advertising for Kitchen Personnel

The district did not receive any proposals from Food Service Management Companies to operate their Food Service Program. Therefore, the only option is to go back to a self-operated program. Motion D. Starr, seconded H. VanDerWerff authorizing the administration to advertise for a head cook and support personnel for the food service program. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Health Insurance

The district's health insurance premiums have increased between 12%-17% over last year. In an effort to keep the cost of a single insurance premium affordable, the administration and PGEA have agreed to change from the current deductibles of \$750, \$1,500, and \$2,500 to \$1,000, \$2,000, and \$3,000 deductible plans. The plan benefits are identical to the current plans other than the increased deductibles. Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. DeBoer to approve the adoption of the new health insurance deductibles of \$1,000, \$2,000, and \$3,000. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Resignation/Retirement of Paraprofessional Gladys Kuipers

The district sincerely thanks Mrs. Gladys Kuipers for her 29 years of service as a paraprofessional for the Platte and Platte-Geddes School District and congratulates her on her retirement. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded R. Summerville approving the resignation/retirement of Mrs. Gladys Kuipers and authorizing the administration to advertise the position. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Broz Engineering Proposal

Broz Engineering was contacted about providing engineering services for the re-design of the north parking lot at the elementary, the Duba lot, and repairs to the track and areas at the elementary playground. They have provided the district with a cost proposal for the scope of services they would provide:

Prepare bid documents and complete bid letting: \$9,000

Laboratory testing of materials: \$2,000

Provide construction inspection while contractor completes project: \$3,000 (includes checking material rates, proper material application, and proper traffic control)

Provide quantities and assist with pay requests: \$1,000

Total: \$15,000

Motion D. Starr, seconded D. DeBoer approving the proposal from Broz Engineering in the amount of \$15,000.00 for providing engineering services for the two parking lots and track repairs at the elementary playground. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Set Time/Date for April Board Meeting

Motion R. Summerville, seconded R. Van Zee to hold the June meeting on June 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Library at the High School. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Executive Session

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr to enter into executive session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss Negotiations (Health Insurance) pursuant SDCL 1-25-2 (4). All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President J. Sondgeroth declared executive session closed at 9:04 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager