

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Education
Ind. School District 739

May 20, 2020
Kimball, MN

Chair Schreiner opened the meeting at 6:00 pm with members Becker, Helgeson, Waldorf and Zipoy present. Member Davis joined remotely at 6:10. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Motion by Zipoy, seconded by Helgeson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Ryan Hoffman with ICS and Jodie Zesbaugh with Ehlers joined the meeting virtually to review with the board the possibility to levy LTFM funds to complete the HVAC projects at both the elementary and high school due to the construction bond issue being tabled for the time being.

Celebrations and Successes included congratulations to the student completing their diploma requirements through the Kimball ABE program. Preschool graduation was held on the 18th with a parade. Fifth grade graduation was tonight (20th), and congratulations to all of our seniors graduating tomorrow (May 21st).

Motion by Helgeson, seconded by Davis, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote. The consent agenda included:

- Approve minutes from April 15, 2020 regular meeting
- Approve minutes from May 11, 2020 special meeting
- Approval of Bills
- Treasurer's Report
- Resolution Accepting Donations

Mrs. Bonnifield reported the following:

- Graduation is tomorrow night at 7:30. Our plan for a drive-up and live-streamed ceremony is within the guidelines set by the MN Department of Education and will be a truly unique event. The parade through Kimball will start at approx. 8:15. We have 50 seniors graduating.
- Summer School this year includes a credit recovery program for Gr 8-12 and a targeted services program for Gr 6-7. The credit recovery program will be offered from June 15-July 2 and will be a hybrid model. Some students will continue their learning using distance learning and others who have not been successful in distance learning will be asked to attend school. Targeted services for Gr 6-7 is a new program called ROAR: Preparing for Success. Taking place the first three weeks in August, students will be focusing on reading and study skills while preparing for success in the next school year. This will be an in-person program and we may need to limit to 9 students at a time depending on the restrictions in August.
- Two new 6th grade teachers have been hired and the sixth grade team has already met to begin planning for next year. Ms. Looman is beginning to move into her new role as Middle School Interventionist and Curriculum Coordinator. She has moved into a new space which will serve her well for both roles. The position for a Tech Ed teacher is not filled, but a few applications have been recently received.
- Dean Mozena has been awarded Minnesota School Bus Driver of the Year. Congratulations to Dean and thank you for the many years of service to our students.

- As I finish my second year in this role as High School Principal, I want to thank the school board and Mr. Widvey for their continued support. I love my job and continue to appreciate this professional opportunity.

Mr. Timmerman reported the following:

- As we are wrapping up the UNIQUE 2019-2020 school year we have everything ready for parents to stop by the school for drop-off and pick-up school materials. I would like to thank all the staff that helped organize the gym and other areas of the school to make this process successful. Among the supplies going home with students will be a T-shirt designed by Nancy. Helps to mark a memorable learning experience. **KIMBALL STRONG!**
- Staff has completed report cards and we do have a few incomplete grades for students that decided for one reason or another that they didn't want to complete the last few weeks of distance learning. The incomplete will remain on their report card until the school receives evidence of the necessary work completed. Students have until the end of the 1st semester of the 20-21 school year to complete the work and change the grade to a "pass."
- Despite the learning and teaching environment, I have seen some pretty unique and cutting edge lessons. Many comments I have received include comments on how teachers have changed the way they look at teaching and individualize student needs a lot more. I see many of this carrying over into next year as well.
- Preschool had their graduation ceremony and parade on Monday, May 18th and fifth grade is having their graduation tonight (May 20th). Both are conducted as "drive through" graduations.
- A parent survey will be sent out to parents next week on how distance learning went and what we can do better if we need to conduct this type of learning for next year. I will share the results at the next board meeting.
- Making plans on how we can safely hold Extended School Year this summer. Meagan, Stacy, Moya and I have met and I believe we have a good plan laid out to keep kids and staff safe as well as provide a "Jump Start" to the 20-21 school year. We will be looking at having 8 days in August for students to attend either physically or through remote learning. More details still need to be ironed out but we are excited about the possibility of meeting with kids.

Mr. Widvey reported on the following:

- Legislative update. They did not finish their work. A special session will start on, or around, June 12.
- The upcoming 2020-2021 school year format is still to be determined. We have asked MDE to provide guidance as early as possible in regards to changes made due to COVID-19.
- The school district is continuing to wait for guidance from the Governor and MDH in regards to summer recreation programs. Due to legal liability concerns for the school district, school legal counsel is advising the district to close facilities to outside organizations.
- Graduation will take place at 7:30 on May 21st.
- The board will have a work session following the June 17th board meeting to work on school district strategic plan.

Member Waldorf gave an update from the May 20 Benton Stearns Education District Board Meeting.

The board held brief discussion in response to the earlier presentation from ICS and Ehlers.

Motion by Helgeson, seconded by Zipoy to adopt the 2020-2021 school calendar. Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

Motion by Helgeson, seconded by Becker to approve the second revision to the FY20 budget.

	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>
General Fund	\$ 9,027,259	\$ 8,986,844
Food Service Fund	\$ 429,756	\$ 421,923
Community Service Fund	\$ 367,021	\$ 380,691
Construction Fund	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000
Debt Service Fund	\$ 963,225	\$ 888,462
Scholarship Fund	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	<u>\$ 25,000</u>
Total	\$ 11,327,260	\$ 11,217,920

Motion carried 6-0 on a roll call vote.

The proposed FY21 budget was briefly reviewed with approval coming at the June meeting.

The next Regular School Board meeting is at 6:00 pm on June 17. The next Benton-Stearns Education District meeting is June 17th at 3:30.

Motion by Davis, seconded by Zipoy to adjourn at 7:11pm. Motion carried 6-0.

Barb Waldorf, Clerk