

**NEWS RELEASE**  
**UNOFFICIAL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 16, 2020**  
**7:30 p.m. JH Library and Google Meets**

**CALL REGULAR BOARD MEETING TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL.**

President Chad Ruppert called the regular board meeting to order and roll call was taken with seven board members present. Board members present were Janssen, Ruppert, Eisenbarth, Bauman, Fesser, Tarter, and Gasparich. Also present were Superintendent Doerr, Principal McDowell, Assistant Principal McDonald, and Principal Reedy.

Guests present included Lydia McDonald, Greg Frost, Hannah Riedle, Marissa Hartke, Kendall Knodle, Ty Knodle, Gia O'Malley, Jenn Endsley, Ellen Christner, and Randy Rieke.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BOARD MEETING AGENDA FOR JUNE 16, 2020 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the Board Meeting Agenda for June 16, 2020 as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

The Consent Agenda included the regular and closed minutes for May 21 2020 bills, payroll, and Treasurer's Report for approval. Also included was approval of moving the July Board meeting to July 14, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2020 CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Gasparich, seconded by Fesser to approve the June 16, 2020 Consent Agenda as presented.

Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA. Motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

So, the monthly spreadsheet shows the state owes us \$154,141.79, but that also includes the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter mandated categorical payments that are due on June 30, 2020. However, surprisingly, the State made their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter MCAT payments last week. State aid funding is on track to be paid for the fiscal year, but other state payments are behind, at this point, by 1 payment, we did receive some Early Childhood money in the past month. I do expect federal grant money along with breakfast and lunch federal money. The General Assembly passed a budget and the Governor signed it on 06/10/2020. It calls for level funding for schools in all categories; however, the state budget is dependent on either borrowing from the federal government or hoping Congress provides additional COVID funding for local government (states) AND the passage of the graduated income tax increase. The budget bill calls for a Commission to be created to look at the budget if none of those items happen to see where cuts can be made in the budget.

**Summer Maintenance Projects:**

- a. SMS Masonry Work – Will start the week of June 22.
- b. Phones - Should be installed in late June/early July.
- c. A roof ladder for the 3<sup>rd</sup> story HS roof: field measurements have been completed.
- d. HS blacktop sealing coating: Should start the week of June 22
- e. North School parking lot: Should start the week of June 22.

- f. Fix drywall at North: This work has begun and should be completed by the end of June.
- g. We also have some HLS items to take care of this summer.
  - i. Fire Shutters: They have begun some work, but waiting on shutters to be manufactured and delivered.
  - ii. Installing moisture proof lights in both shower rooms.
  - iii. Doors: I was able to get approval from ISBE to not install the door at North School due to its age and egress possibilities. However, I have ordered the two doors for the HS – cost is \$6545.00 (HLS Funds)
  - iv. Replace fire pull stations in the HS - \$1512 (HLS Funds)

The Governor signed a bill into law allowing for Election Day (this year only) to be a state holiday. Our hope was that we could waive it, unfortunately, the law amended the Election Code and not the School Code. ISBE legal is looking into it and should have a response soon.

Plan for PROM. NHS will just hold the Coronation on July 25 as planned. After that the Post-Prom Committee can take over to hold a dance/post-prom at a location of their choice, except on district property. We will provide them with some of the decoration and picture set at no cost.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Reedy and Mrs. McDowell provided reports.

Miss Riedle and Miss Hartke along with Ty Knodle and Kendall Knodle presented the annual FFA Report.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM FARMER'S OIL FOR GAS, OIL, AND DEF EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2021.**

Motion by Janssen, seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the bid from Farmer's Oil for gas, oil, and Def effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA. Motion passed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **I MOVE TO APPROVE THE AMENDED FY20 BUDGET AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Gasparich, seconded by Fesser to approve the amended FY20 Budget as presented.

Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA. Motion passed.

#### **I MOVE TO APPROVE THE PRAIRIE STATE INSURANCE COOPERATIVE PROPERTY CASUALTY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION RENEWAL FOR FY21.**

Motion by Gasparich, seconded by Fesser to approve Prairie State Insurance Cooperative Property Casualty and Worker's Compensation renewal for FY21.

Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE NOKOMIS JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ATHLETIC CODE FOR FY21.**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Tarter to approve the Nokomis Jr./Sr. High School Student Athletic Code for FY21.

Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE CLOSED BID FROM PHILIP FISCELLA ON THE 2003 GRAVELY MOWER FOR \$1,009.63.**

Motion by Fesser seconded by Eisenbarth to accept the closed bid from Philip Fiscella on the 2003 Gravelly Mower for \$1,009.63.

Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM OPAA! FOOD MANAGEMENT COMPANY for FY21.**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Eisenbarth to accept the bid from Opa! Food Management company for FY21.

Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOKOMIS CUSD #22 AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (MENTA) FOR CHRISMONT SERVICES FOR FY21.**

Motion by Eisenbarth seconded by Gasparich to approve the Agreement between Nokomis CUSD #22 and Special Education Services (MENTA) for ChrisMont services for FY21.

Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN NOKOMIS CUSD #22 AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES (MENTA) FOR LUNCH SERVICES FOR FY21.**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the Agreement between Nokomis CUSD #22 and Special Education Services (MENTA) for lunch services for FY21.

Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE IESA/IHSA GUIDELINES FOR THE SUMMER 2020.**

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Fesser to approve the IESA/IHSA Guidelines for the summer 2020.

Eisenbarth – NAY, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – NAY. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE BEHIND-THE-WHEEL AND SUMMER SCHOOL GUIDELINES FOR THE SUMMER 2020.**

Motion by Fesser seconded by Tarter to approve the behind-the-wheel and summer school guidelines for the summer 2020. Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NOKOMIS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION REGARDING SUMMER BEHIND-THE-WHEEL CLASSES.**

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Tarter to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nokomis Education Association regarding summer behind-the-wheel classes.

Eisenbarth – NAY, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA. Motion passed.

The Board held a discussion on the future of the JH Graduation Ceremony and changing it to the JH Promotion Ceremony held during the last day of school as part of the Honor/Awards program. After some discussion, the Board directed the Administration to seek further input from parents and the community.

**I MOVE TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:46 P.M.**

Motion by Gasparich, seconded by Janssen to enter into closed session at 8:46 p.m. for the purpose of gathering evidence for fan disciplinary hearing, employment, evaluations, compensation, appointment and discipline of personnel and litigation.

Fesser – YEA, Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR SESSION AT 9:15 P.M.**

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Fesser to re-enter regular session from closed session at 9:15p.m. Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF ERICA KING (JH SCIENCE) AND DARCI HARRISON (HS YEARBOOK) EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2020.**

Motion by Fesser seconded by Eisenbarth to accept the resignations of Erica King (JH Science) and Darci Harrison (HS Yearbook) effective June 30, 2020. Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR: ALEXIS MCDOWELL (HS YEARBOOK), AND SHANNON ABENDROTH AND JENNIFER DOYEN (CO-JUNIOR CLASS SPONSORS).**

Motion by Janssen seconded by Fesser to employ the following for the 2020-2021 school year: Alexis McDowell (HS Yearbook), and Shannon Abendroth and Jennifer Doyen (Co-Junior Class Sponsors).

Tarter – YEA, Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – YEA. Motion passed.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COACHING STAFF FOR FY21:**

Head HS Football	Paul Watson
F/S and JV Football	Frank Steele
Freshman and Asst Football	J.J. Sabol
Head HS Volleyball	Megan Mehochko
F/S and JV Volleyball	Amy Stolte
Head HS Boys Basketball	Dan DeWerff
Freshman Basketball	Derek Johnson
Head HS Girls Basketball	Brandon Engelman
F/S and JV Girls Basketball	Bonnie Brownback
F/S and JV Baseball	Tim Miller

Head HS Softball	Mark Sowarsh
F/S and JV Softball	Karson Gragert
HS Cheerleading	Laura Smalley
JH Softball	Mark Sowarsh
JH Baseball	Justin Goodwin
JH Volleyball Head	Megan Mechocko
JH Asst. Volleyball	Amy Stolte
JH Girls Basketball	Brandon Engelman
JH Assistant Girls Basketball	Dylan Perkins
JH Cheerleading	Marissa Cesaretti

Motion by Tarter seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the following coaching staff for FY21:

Head HS Football	Paul Watson
F/S and JV Football	Frank Steele
Freshman and Asst Football	J.J. Sabol
Head HS Volleyball	Megan Mehochko
F/S and JV Volleyball	Amy Stolte
Head HS Boys Basketball	Dan DeWerff
Freshman Basketball	Derek Johnson
Head HS Girls Basketball	Brandon Engelman
F/S and JV Girls Basketball	Bonnie Brownback
F/S and JV Baseball	Tim Miller
Head HS Softball	Mark Sowarsh
F/S and JV Softball	Karson Gragert
HS Cheerleading	Laura Smalley
JH Softball	Mark Sowarsh
JH Baseball	Justin Goodwin
JH Head Volleyball	Megan Mehochko
JH Asst. Volleyball	Amy Stolte
JH Girls Basketball	Brandon Engelman
JH Assistant Girls Basketball	Dylan Perkins
JH Cheerleading	Marissa Cesaretti

Motion passed by voice vote.

**I MOVE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEER COACHES FOR FY21:**

Football	Corey Black, Ben Tarter, and Nick Fox
HS Cheerleading	Michelle Hill
HS Girls Basketball	Beth King and Alexis McDowell
HS Softball & JH Softball	Isabelle Batty
JH Baseball	Greg Lyons
JH Girls Basketball	Beth King and Bonnie Brownback
JH Softball	Karson Gragert
JH Cheerleading	Amber Wright

Motion by Janssen seconded by Eisenbarth to approve the following volunteer coaches for FY21:

Football	Corey Black, Ben Tarter, and Nick Fox
HS Cheerleading	Michelle Hill
HS Girls Basketball	Beth King and Alexis McDowell
HS Softball & JH Softball	Isabelle Batty
JH Baseball	Greg Lyons
JH Girls Basketball	Beth King and Bonnie Brownback
JH Softball	Karson Gragert
JH Cheerleading	Amber Wright

Gasparich – YEA, Janssen – YEA, Ruppert – YEA, Eisenbarth – YEA, Bauman – YEA, Fesser – NAY, Tarter – ABSTAIN. Motion passed.

### **I MOVE TO ADJOURN**

Motion by Gasparich seconded by Janssen to adjourn. Motion passed by voice vote.

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Chad Ruppert, President

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Denny Bauman, Secretary