

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020**

President Jess Sondgeroth called a special meeting of the board of education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 in the Library at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jess Sondgeroth, Heather VanDerWerff, Roxi Summerville, Duke Starr, Ross Van Zee, Dennis DeBoer, Ross Varilek

Members absent: None

Others present: Supt. Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Elementary Principal Jennifer Knecht, and Jason Huizenga. Participating via Zoom: Donna Duba, Stacey Larson, Michelle Mount, Lynn Walstad, Lisa Millar, Roxane Dyk, Sara Kraft, Tammy Chaney, Sandy DuFrain, Sadie Rasmussen, Celeste Wilson, Nicole DeVries, Phyllis Daum, Lacey Mills, Julie Bultsma, Trina Olsen, Kim Fite, Sue Hoffman, Chelsey Schrank, Amanda Hermanek, Shawn Wynia, Ashley Frederick, Darcie DuFrain, Shauna Meyerink, Jared Veurink

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

Amend "Approve" Platte-Geddes School District Return to Learn Plan to "First Reading" of Platte-Geddes School District Return to Learn Plan

Approve Agenda

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

Asphalt Repairs Proposal – Brosz Engineering

Supt. Bailey shared proposals from Brosz Engineering on asphalt improvements for the elementary northeast parking area, the northwest lot (Duba lot), and the elementary playground area. Clint Powell, Brosz Engineering representative, was present to explain the plans as well as answer questions from the board. Preliminary costs for the projects were: \$254,077.50 for the northeast parking area, \$94,773.00 for the northwest parking area, and \$17,685.00 for the elementary playground. The board will revisit this topic at a later date.

Approve Elementary Steps and Ramp Repair Quote

At the last Building and Grounds Committee meeting, Supt. Bailey was directed to advertise this project, however no quotes were received. Summit Contracting had initially submitted a quote for the repair which included the removal and replacement of current concrete ramps, stairs, sidewalks, landings, and handrails. With the delay in the project and the start of school approaching, Summit informed Supt. Bailey that they would not have time to complete the project before the start of the school year.

J. Sondgeroth inquired as to if the district could get a price reduction on concrete if the parking area projects were coupled with the Elementary Steps and Ramps project. Mr. Powell will ask the engineers at Brosz for a price comparison of asphalt vs. concrete for the parking lot projects. The board did feel it was imperative to make repairs to the northeast and northwest steps at this time. Motion R. Varilek, seconded D. DeBoer to contract with Summit for repairs to the elementary northeast and northwest steps and to table the remaining project until a later date. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Head Volleyball Coach Contract

Motion R. Summerville, seconded D. Starr approving the contract of Melissa Johnson as head volleyball coach in the amount of \$4,050.00. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Junior High Volleyball Coach

With Mrs. Johnson accepting the varsity head volleyball coaching position, the junior high volleyball coach position became vacant. Supt. Bailey advertised the position within the district and publically. Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. DeBoer approving the contract of Heather VanDerWerff as junior high volleyball coach at a salary of \$2,025.00. Member voting aye: Sondgeroth, Van Zee, Varilek, DeBoer, Summerville, Starr. Abstaining: VanDerWerff. Motion carried.

Approve Platte Colony Paraprofessional Contract

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Varilek approving the contract of Liz Brondsema as paraprofessional at Platte Colony at an hourly wage of \$11.00. The wage also includes differential pay for hours spent working with special education students. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

First Reading, Information Security Policy

With the district implementing an online credit card payment option for student meals and other charges, it is required to have an Information Security Policy. This policy encompasses all aspects of security surrounding confidential district information.

First Reading, Platte-Geddes School District Return to Learn Plan

Supt. Bailey introduced the Return to Learn Plan for the 2020-2021 School Term. Information/ideas/strategies for the plan were collected from a task force comprised of school district administration, school board members, parent advisory council members, community stakeholders, and hospital personnel. The plan includes procedures for instruction, operations, food service, transportation, personal protective equipment, and wellness. Because the COVID-19 situation is volatile, the plan will require revisions throughout the year. However, the administration feels that this plan offers a common-sense approach that will meet the needs of the district and current situation within our communities.

Adjournment

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded H. VanDerWerff to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager