

Exeter-Milligan Public School
Regular School Board Meeting – Community Classroom Exeter, Nebraska
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – 7:00 pm

President S. Kuska declared the regular meeting open at 7:00 pm. Those present were S. Kuska, T. Pribyl, E. Milton, K. Jansky, K. Oldehoeft, A. Erdkamp and Superintendent Sheffield. There were 12 visitors present. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted.

Motion by T. Pribyl and seconded by K. Oldehoeft to verify that this meeting of the School Board of Exeter-Milligan Public Schools was duly advertised and that all board members were notified as to the time and place of the meeting pursuant to board policy and practice. Motion carried 6-0.

All board members signed their Oath of Office Statements and completed their Conflict of Interest Declarations.

The 2018 School Board Officers are: Sharon Kuska-President, Tim Pribyl-Vice President, Adam Erdkamp-Secretary and Kendra Jansky-Treasurer.

Motion by E. Milton and seconded by A. Erdkamp to approve the consensus agenda consisting of the treasurer's report, minutes for the regular board meeting on December 13, 2017 and the January expenditures. Motion carried 6-0.

Policy Review

All board members were asked to read and familiarize themselves with the three following board policies:

Policy #4008 - Outside Employment of District Staff

Policy #4045 - Reduction in Force

Policy #4054 – Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect by District Staff

The policies were discussed and Superintendent Sheffield addressed questions asked by board members pertaining to each policy.

Curricular Update

Superintendent Sheffield advised the board that all teachers would be asked to sign their Letter of Intent next week. He does not have current knowledge of any staff members who plan to leave the district after this school year.

High school students will choose their class schedules for next year in the middle of March. A senior seminar class will be added to the high school curriculum for next year. A coding or programming class will be added to the elementary curriculum for the 4th, 5th and 6th graders for next year. Other curricular changes will be determined at a later date, depending on student and teacher requests.

Old Business

Superintendent Sheffield gave the board an update regarding the locker room and hallway remodel project. The project is complete and the drainage issue previously discussed has been addressed by the general contractor. The hallway lights still need to be added to the night control system by the electricians. The sewer line issue at the Milligan site was worked on during Christmas Break and they believe the problem has been permanently resolved. They do plan to monitor the situation to assure that the repairs completed have eliminated the issue.

The board has decided not to offer a Separation Incentive Program this year.

The superintendent evaluation has been completed by all board members and President S. Kuska has discussed the results with Superintendent Sheffield. At our next regular meeting Superintendent Sheffield will present his personal goals and any changes he plans to make this year in order to address any issues identified by board members during the evaluation process.

Motion by A. Erdkamp and seconded by K. Jansky to approve the 2018-2019 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Committee assignments for all board members from 2017 will be maintained in 2018. The committee assignments are as follows:

Americanism/Curriculum

Kendra Jansky (Ch.), Kendra Oldehoeft, Tim Pribyl, Adam Erdkamp (Alt.)

Negotiations/Finance

Sharon Kuska (Ch.), Adam Erdkamp, Eric Milton, Kendra Oldehoeft (Alt.)

Building and Grounds

Tim Pribyl (Ch.), Kendra Jansky, Eric Milton, Sharon Kuska (Alt.)

Area Discussions

Adam Erdkamp (Ch.), Sharon Kuska, Kendra Oldehoeft, Kendra Jansky and Tim Pribyl (Alt.)

JPA Members

Sharon Kuska (President) and Kendra Jansky (Treasurer)

No action was taken concerning the Superintendent contract, which will allow the current contract to automatically renew for a period of one year as of February 1, 2018. The negotiations committee will meet after the regular board meeting next month to discuss negotiating a new contract with Superintendent Sheffield.

Motion by A. Erdkamp and seconded by K. Oldehoeft to approve an unpaid leave request submitted by Brian Murphy. Motion carried 6-0.

Information/Discussion

Superintendent Sheffield discussed some of the new bills that have been put forward by State Senators during the bill introduction period for this year's legislative session.

Football schedules will be released for all classes on February 13, 2018 at 9:00 am.

The board terms for S. Kuska, K. Jansky and A. Erdkamp will expire this year. Incumbent board members have until February 15, 2018 to register with the County Clerk for re-election.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 8, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the music room at the Milligan site.

Motion by T. Pribyl and seconded by K. Jansky to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Motion carried 6-0.



Adam Erdkamp

Secretary