

Exeter-Milligan Public School
Regular School Board Meeting – Music Room Milligan, Nebraska
Wednesday, October 11 2017 – 8:00 pm

President S. Kuska declared the regular meeting open at 8:00 pm. Those present were S. Kuska, T. Pribyl, E. Milton, K. Jansky, K. Oldehoeft, A. Erdkamp, Superintendent Sheffield and Principal Kroll. There were 27 visitors present. The Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted.

Motion by T. Pribyl and seconded by K. Jansky 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.

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

Curricular Update

Superintendent Sheffield explained the student assessment process for the 2017-2018 school year. The district is still receiving information from the state regarding how new processes will be put in place. Another vendor will be handling the assessment process this year for the state.

Policy Review

The board reviewed Policy 3015 Part B which addresses denying patron access to school premises or activities and Policy 5055 which describes the timelines and disciplinary actions for student harassment and bullying behaviors.

Mrs. Kovanda spoke about how she regularly schedules class times where she meets with all district students to discuss acceptable behaviors and what to do if a student is being bullied or if they witness a classmate being bullied. Mrs. Lovegrove, the school psychologist, also works with students in this area, but focuses on the preschool through 2nd grade. Our district's administrators all believe that prevention instead of intervention is the preferred method of addressing this issue.

Old Business

Superintendent Sheffield gave the board an update regarding the locker room and hallway remodel project. The project is basically complete minus a few minor craftsmanship repairs that need to be completed. There is also a drainage issue that needs to be dealt with by the contractor.

We still have a problem with the sewer line at the Milligan site. An additional leak has been discovered in the floor of the boy's locker room. Superintendent Sheffield is in the process of arranging for a contractor to begin the repairs, hopefully during fall break.

The board discussed a possible high school football co-op with Friend Public Schools. Several board members, students and community members gave their opinions regarding the possible options for the next two-year football classification period. Motion by A. Erdkamp and seconded by T. Pribyl to approve a cooperative agreement with Friend Public School in 8-man high school

football for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Program specifics will be negotiated and finalized by the administration from each school. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

Mr. Sheffield informed the board of a decision that will need to be made regarding the distribution of the premium savings to individual Health Savings Accounts for employees who choose to move to the high deductible health insurance plan, which goes into effect January 1, 2018. This decision will be made at the November meeting.

Motion by K. Jansky and seconded by K. Oldehoeft to approve an unpaid leave request for Angie Murphy. Motion carried 6-0.

Information/Discussion

NASB State Convention will be held November 15-17 in La Vista. S. Kuska, K. Oldehoeft, A. Erdkamp and Superintendent Sheffield plan to attend the conference.

The yearly superintendent evaluation will be distributed in November. Board members will electronically submit their individual evaluations.

Senator Laura Ebke will host a legislative town hall meeting on Thursday October 12th in Crete.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the community class room at the Exeter site.

Motion by T. Pribyl and seconded by K. Jansky to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. Motion carried 6-0.



Adam Erdkamp

Secretary