

Exeter-Milligan Public Schools
Regular School Board Meeting
January 11, 2017 – Community Class Room Exeter, Nebraska

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, Superintendent Sheffield, Principal Kroll, Athletic Director Filipi and Coach White. There were several community visitors in attendance as well as administrators from Friend Public Schools and representatives from the Fillmore Central School Board. 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.

All board members signed their "Oath of Office" statements and completed their conflict of interest declarations.

The 2017-2018 School Board Officers are: Sharon Kuska-President, Tim Pribyl-Vice President, Adam Erdkamp-Secretary and Kendra Jansky-Treasurer.

Motion by A. Erdkamp and seconded by K. Jansky to approve the consensus agenda consisting of the treasurer's report, the minutes from the regular board meeting on December 14, 2016 and the January expenditures. Motion carried 6-0.

No curricular report was presented at the meeting.

Old Business

Building Project Update-Superintendent Sheffield

We are still waiting for the trophy cases to be completed in the new activity entry way. The material used to surround the electrical transformer at the East entrance of the new addition is incorrect. Superintendent Sheffield is in discussions with Rogge Contractors concerning a resolution to the problem. Concrete cutting to address drainage concerns at the East side of the addition will be completed sometime this spring. There are a small number of punch list items still left to be cleaned up but we should be nearing project completion.

Motion by K. Jansky and seconded by A. Erdkamp to approve the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar. Motion approved 6-0.

Board members and visitors discussed the continued decrease of student athlete participation in the volleyball program and the potential need to partner with another district in order to maintain the viability of the program for the upcoming 2017-2018 season.

Representatives from the Fillmore County School Board made comments regarding their positive feelings surrounding the current Softball Coop agreement that has been in place for several years. They also voiced their willingness to be open to any discussions the Exeter-Milligan Board would have regarding cooperation in any athletic or extracurricular activities.

Administrators from Friend Public Schools also made comments pertaining to their willingness to discuss any needed cooperation between the two districts with respect to athletic or extracurricular activity needs.

Several visitors from the public made comments in favor of the Exeter-Milligan volleyball program staying on their own for the upcoming season as well as many visitors who made comments suggesting that the board find a partner to form a cooperative agreement with in order to participate in next year's season.

Motion by A. Erdkamp and seconded by T. Pribyl to continue on as Exeter-Milligan for the 2017-2018 athletic year. Additional discussion between board members and visitors continued for several minutes. Motion carried 5-1.

Superintendent Sheffield asked for any questions pertaining to the finalized 2015-2016 audit report. Motion by A. Erdkamp seconded by K. Jansky to approve the findings provided in the 2015-2016 audit report. Motion carried 6-0.

Current members of the negotiations committee A. Erdkamp and S. Kuska presented a proposed 2-year Negotiated Agreement agreed to by the Exeter-Milligan Education Association for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 contract year periods. Motion by K. Jansky seconded by K. Oldehoeft to approve the Negotiated Agreement as presented. Motion carried 5-0-1 with board member T. Pribyl abstaining from the vote.

Motion by K. Jansky seconded by K. Oldehoeft at 8:14 pm to enter executive session to discuss the superintendent contract. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by T. Pribyl seconded by K. Jansky at 8:23 pm to end the executive session and continue with the regular meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Board members decided to take no immediate action regarding Superintendent Sheffield's contract for the 2017-2018 period. This action will allow his contract to automatically renew for a one year period if he is not contacted by the board before Feb 1st, 2017. The newly appointed Negotiations Committee will start negotiations with Superintendent Sheffield regarding his 2017-2018 contract later this spring.

Motion made by A. Erdkamp seconded by K. Jansky to accept a School Board Resolution to accept Trane as our Energy Services Company partner for any potential future facility projects. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business

President S. Kuska will assign new committee assignments no later than the February meeting. All board members were asked to rank their committee preferences and get them to President S. Kuska by the following week.

Information/Discussion

Superintendent Sheffield discussed topics of interest for the upcoming State Legislative Session.

Superintendent Sheffield also discussed upcoming training opportunities for board members. The NASB Legislative Conference will be Monday January 23rd in Lincoln. The NCSA Educational Forum will be Wednesday February 8th and Thursday, February 9th in Kearney. Any board members wishing to attend should let Superintendent Sheffield know as soon as possible.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on Wednesday February 15, 2017 at 7:00pm in Milligan.

Motion by T. Pribyl seconded by A. Erdkamp to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Motion carried 6-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Erdkamp', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Adam Erdkamp
Secretary