

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
APRIL 27, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
VIRTUAL MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 27th day of April at 7:00 p.m. as a virtual meeting.

Members Present: Jeff Benson, Sandy Benson, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, John Desotell, Jill Hanson and Melissa Sagedahl.

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; Brett Benson, Elementary Principal; Jim Menton, High School Principal; Derek Flann, Activities Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Hanson.

Agenda: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recognition of Visitors to Board Meeting: Hanson thanked everyone for being a part of the virtual meeting.

Public Forum: Matt Hausken: Thanked the teachers and staff for all their hard work during this Distance Learning.
Karen Schulte: Commented on how she has been welcomed into BOLD Schools as a Southwest West Central Service Cooperative employee. She is very proud to be a BOLD community member.
Karen Flom: Has been helping with the meals and is very impressed with Distance Learning. She thanked the School Board, Administration, Margaret Flemming and all the staff.
Mark Glesener: Asked about the mold issue at the Elementary Campus.
Gladie Hagen: Commented there have been questionable decisions by the school board.

Consent Items: Bohlin moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the following consent agenda items as presented:

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes: March 30, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Kory Eiler: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve an extended leave of absence for Kory Eiler for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent Report:

- A. Legislative Proposals: Federal - Mr. Brandsoy said the testing assessments for this spring have been eliminated. The childcare for K-5th grade has about 25 students and Margaret Flemming and the kitchen staff are serving approximately 1031 breakfasts and lunches per day. Families are very appreciative.
- B. Legislative Proposals: State - Mr. Brandsoy announced the Distance Learning will continue through the end of the school year. May 1st and 4th will be staff planning days, not student contact days. He would like to thank the entire staff for all they are doing for the students. S. Benson and Bohlin also thanked the teachers and kitchen staff.
- C. Facility Mold Concerns: Mr. Brandsoy talked about the facilities including the ventilation and air quality in the elementary campus.
- D. Moving of Equipment, Supplies, Students: As of this meeting, nothing has been moved from the elementary. The committee will be presenting to the board and the board will decide.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Benson wants to thank all the staff for all they have been doing for students. There will be a parade on May 1st through all three communities.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Menton met with the Senior Class Advisor Heidi Gross and the Senior Class President to discuss senior awards and graduation. They decided to have yard signs for all seniors and have the senior awards program online. Graduation is still being planned.

Activities Report: Mr. Flann announced the spring sports season will be cancelled. They will try to hold summer rec in some format. He also thanked the kitchen staff and paraprofessionals that are working in the childcare for all they are doing for the students.

School Board Committee Reports: Hanson gave a summary of the superintendent evaluation by the board. Overall, the superintendent has been a vital part of the BOLD District.

Pool Board Report: No further information.

New Business

District Update on Covid-19 and Distance Learning: Mr. Brandsoy has already shared the concerns with the COVID-19 and Distance Learning. He urges everyone to help their neighbors whenever possible. For updated information, go to the Minnesota Department of Education website.

Budget Revision for FY 2019-2020: Mr. Brandsoy gave an update of the budget.

K-4 Students: Bohlin moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to temporarily move the K-4 students to the High School Campus and temporarily close the Elementary Campus for Educational Programs. After much discussion, the motion carried 6-1 by a roll call vote with Desotell voting no.

SY 2020-2021 School Calendar: Sagedahl moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the School Calendar for SY 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy #208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies: S. Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve Policy #208 Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy #419 Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices: Buchtel moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve Policy #419 Tobacco-Free Environment; Possession and Use of Tobacco, Tobacco-Related Devices, and Electronic Delivery Devices. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2020-2021 iPad Policy: Bohlin moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve the 2020-2021 iPad Policy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Spanish Trip to Panama in 2021: Hanson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the Spanish Trip to Panama in 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

PACT For Families Contract: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the PACT For Families Contract for Tom Kroes, K-12 Social Worker for the 2020-2021 School Year. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Superintendent Contract for 2020-2021: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent Contract for 2020-2021. Motion carried 6-1 with a roll call vote with Desotell voting no.

2020-2021 Licensed Staff Assignments: Desotell moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve the 2020-2021 Licensed Staff Assignments. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Custodial Department Student Summer Workers: J. Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to recommend hiring 2-3 Student Summer Workers for the Custodial Department to help with cleaning. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Achievement and Integration Plan: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve a 3 Year Achievement and Integration Plan and FY 2020 Budget Worksheet. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Upcoming Dates:

May 18, 2020 – School Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm - Virtual

May 27, 2020 - Retirement Party @ 3:30 pm - High School Media Center

May 29, 2020 – Last Day of School for Students

May 29, 2020 – Graduation @ 7:00 pm

Adjourn: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Buchtel
Board Clerk