

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
APRIL 28, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
BIRD ISLAND CAFETERIA

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Cafeteria.

Members present: Neal Prokosch, Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Russ Lesniak, Jill Hanson and Alan Haney

Members Absent: Brian Stenholm

Administration present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Paul van der Hagen, Elementary Principal; Brian Gauer, HS Principal; Melissa Sagedahl, Activities Director; Nancy Howley, Business Manager

Others present: Several teachers, students and community members were present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Benson.

Agenda: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Forum:

Paula Dunn and Sarah Iverson addressed the board concerning the proposed schedule change to a 6 period day for the HS teachers. Elementary teachers do not see the issue with the current 5-2 schedule as posing an inequity to the elementary teachers due to the differences between the needs of elementary students as opposed to secondary students.

Brent Dahl said there is a need for a fourth custodian or head custodian in the Olivia Campus. This person is needed for scheduling work, accountability, leadership and to work with administration.

Michelle Woelfel spoke in behalf of Claudia Trevino. She is an interpreter and emotional support for students. She is a great asset to the BOLD District.

Cheryl Perrine also spoke on behalf of Claudia Trevino. Claudia works with struggling students in her math classes and has caused a complete turnaround for those students.

Sabrina Garcia asked about the board minutes being posted in a more timely matter.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

April 15, 2014 Special Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Michael Peterson as the Long Term Substitute for the Elementary Music/5/6 Band Teacher for the remainder of the school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve rescinding Pam Thorpe's resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve an Extended Leave of Absence for Pam Thorpe. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to rescind Ryan Wielenberg as the C Squad Baseball coach due to low participation. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Ryan Wielenberg as the JH Baseball Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Kelly Matthies-Carlson as the Varsity Cross Country Coach beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level B/Step 0 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the Summer Recreation and Pool Employees for the 2014 summer. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Lance Brune, High School Ag Teacher, effective at the end of the 13-14 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the retirement of Sonia Grasmon as the BOLD Early Childhood Family Education Parent Educator, effective May 30, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Jon Hamre as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level A/Step 0 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Bronagh Collins as the Family and Consumer Science (FACS) teacher beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level BA/Step 9 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Jenny Lankenau as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, moving from the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teaching position. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Casey Elfering as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade teacher, moving from the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teaching position. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Marilyn Worke as a Secondary Special Education SLD Teacher beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level BA60/Step 10 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

## Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that the administration has been busy hiring new employees. He hopes to have more staff hired in the next few weeks. Our new FACS teacher is Bronagh Collins from Northern Ireland. She is a certified chef. Marilyn Worke will be our new Special Education Teacher, bringing some great energy to the district.

Elementary Principal Report – The elementary is working on MCA and NWEA testing. Officer Michelle Jensen spoke to the elementary students about internet safety.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer shared information about Give MN website.

Activities Report – There have been several cancellations due to rain. Melissa is trying to reschedule conference games.

School Board's Report – Prom was a success. Benson thanked everyone who helped with prom.

## New Business:

Student Activity Fees for 2014-2015: Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Student Activity Fees for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Athletic Fees

Fine Arts

Musical

JH - \$65/sport                      JH - \$30                      7-12 – \$50/person  
SH - \$85/sport                      9-12 - \$55  
Family Cap - \$350                  Family Cap - \$150  
Motion carried unanimously.

2014 Community Ed Pool, Swim Lesson, and Summer Recreation Activity Fees and Salary Schedules: Lesniak moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the Proposed 2014 Community Ed Pool, Swim Lesson, and Summer Recreation Activity Fees and Salary Schedules. Motion carried unanimously.

2013-2014 Budget Adjustments: There was discussion on the 2013-2014 budget adjustments.

Revised 2013-2014 Budget: Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the revised 2013-2014 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Heartland Community Action Agency, Inc. Lease Addendum for the Head Start Program for the 2013-2014 school year: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the Heartland Community Action Agency, Inc. lease addendum for the Head Start Program for the 13-14 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Authorize Membership in the Minnesota State High School League for the 2014-2015 School Year: Lesniak moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to authorize membership in the MSHSL for the 2014-15 school year. Motion carried unanimously

School Calendar: Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar amending the calendar with the addition of the last senior day as May 22, 2015. Motion failed 2-3 with Benson, Desotell and Prokosch voting no. Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to amend the calendar with the addition of the last senior day as May 27, 2015. Motion carried 3-2 with Lesniak and Hanson voting no.

Presentation on Give MN for PBIS: High School Principal Brian Gauer gave a presentation on Give MN as a fundraiser for PBIS.

Budget Planning Workshop: Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to set a budget planning workshop date as Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 7:00 pm in the District Office. Motion carried unanimously.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser: Prokosch moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade fundraiser – selling products from The Chippe Shoppe. This would be the only fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This would be a school wide (K-6) fundraiser. Motion carried unanimously.

Star Assessments from NWEA: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Star Assessments from NWEA. Motion carried unanimously.

Summer Student Custodial Workers: Lesniak moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to hire 2 student summer workers per building, for 320 hours in each building, beginning with \$7.25/hr. for the Custodial Department to help with cleaning. Motion carried unanimously.

2014-2015 Licensed Staff Assignments: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Licensed Staff Assignments. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with Neighboring Districts: Mr. Dotson has met with BLHS administration concerning combined musicals. BOLD has extended an invitation to BLHS students to try out for the Wizard of Oz, BOLD's Fall Musical.

Teacher Sub Pay for the Remainder of the 2013-2014 School Year: Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Teacher Sub Pay at \$25/hr. for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Dotson explained this rate is for full time teachers only.

Summer Food Service Program for the Olivia Campus: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Summer Food Service Program at the Olivia Campus, June 9 – July 11, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming dates:

May 19, 2014 – School Board meeting @ 7:00pm

May 30, 2014 – Last day of school for students

June 1, 2014 – Graduation @ 2:00pm

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to accept a donation from the F&M Bank MN for \$50.00 for the Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously. Thank you F&M Bank!

Negotiations Strategies – Closed Session

Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to move to closed session at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley  
Business Manager