

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
AUGUST 10, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
VIA ZOOM 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 10th day of August at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Meeting.

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

Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; Brett Benson, K-8 Principal; Jim Menton, 9-12 Principal.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Hanson.

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

New Business

Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters Resolution:
J. Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adopt a Base Learning Model for the 2020-2021 School Year and Other COVID-19 Related Matters Resolution. This resolution is to keep the students and staff safe and is based on the Safe Learning Plan from Governor Walz. The school board will be kept informed of any changing decisions about moving from one learning plan to another in case there is not enough time to hold a school board meeting. The COVID-19 Advisory Council will make a recommendation and the administrative team will make the decision. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Facility Update: Mr. Brandsoy gave an update on the process of moving the K-4 over to the Olivia Campus. He and the board thanked Denny and his staff for all the work they have done this summer. Denny Speilmann, Director of Buildings and Grounds, gave a review of what he and his staff have been working on this summer to get ready for the school year, including moving lockers and cafeteria tables to accommodate the K-4 students. He explained there are areas in the Bird Island building that are going to be used for temporary storage, divided into two groups, those items that will not be used at this time and those items, such as books, that may be used later in the school year. Denny also talked about the 1.5 hour training he and his staff had with Aaron Hess, Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) for the COVID-19 regulations. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in every room. Also, the drinking fountains have been disabled but the water bottle fill stations are still available. Denny and his staff want to provide the safest environment possible for the students, staff, and parents. Mr. Brandsoy also commented on the upcoming mask policy that will be reviewed at the regular August meeting.

Adjourn: Desotell moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Board Chair

8/10/2020