

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
AUGUST 24, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE, OLIVIA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 24th day of August, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, Brian Boen, Traci Buchtel, John Desotell, Jill Hanson, Russ Lesniak, and Brian Stenholm.

Members Absent: None

Administration present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Brian Gauer, HS Principal; Paul van der Hagen, Elementary Principal.

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

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

July 27, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Christina Masee: Lesniak moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Christina Masee as the Library Media Specialist, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay level BA+15/Step 1 of the 13-15 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Chelsey Bellig: Boen moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Chelsey Bellig, Media Center Para Professional, effective July 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Joan Keltgen: Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation/retirement of Joan Keltgen, Title I Para Professional effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy Haala: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Amy Haala, Special Education Para Professional, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelly Tauber: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Kelly Tauber, C-Squad Girls Basketball Coach, effective July 29, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

JH Pop Singers, Concert Pop Singers, JH Jazz Band and SH Stage Band Directors: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Junior High Pop Singers Director, Concert Pop Singers Director, Junior High Jazz Band Director and the Senior High Stage Band Director positions for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Bryon Meyer: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Bryon Meyer as the Assistant Junior High Football Coach beginning with the 2015-2016 School Year. Pay Level F/Step 0 of the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Lindsey Long: Stenholm moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve a FMLA for Lindsey Long beginning approximately November 6, 2015 for 12 weeks, working from home for the Early Childhood Coordinator position. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Muench: Boen moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Brenda Muench as a Food Service Staff, High School Campus, for 7.25 hours/day, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 1/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Linda Hanson: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the dismissal of Linda Hanson, Para Professional, effective May 29th, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Tara Rodmyre: Stenholm moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Tara Rodmyre as a Full-Time Custodian at the Elementary Campus, beginning August 31, 2015. Pay grade 1/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 Local Union 1686, Council 65, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Wroblewski: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Susan Wroblewski as a Full-Time Custodian at the High School Campus, beginning August 31, 2015. Pay grade 1/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 Local Union 1686, Council 65, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Patrice Loidolt: Stenholm moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Patrice Loidolt to transfer from Special Education Teacher to the Elementary Reading Specialist position beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Nissen: Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Brittany Nissen as a Special Education Para Professional at the Elementary Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Breckette Rogers: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Breckette Rogers as a Special Education Para Professional at the Elementary Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittney Meier: Stenholm moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Brittney Meier as a Special Education Para Professional at the Elementary Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Aalfs: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Lynn Aalfs as a Special Education Para Professional at the High School Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Patsy Cornelius: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Patsy Cornelius as a Special Education Para Professional at the High School Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Zupke: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Matt Zupke as a Special Education Para Professional at the High School Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Emily Angermeyr: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Emily Angermeyr as a Special Education Para Professional at the Elementary Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015-MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Joshua Flink: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Joshua Flink as a Special Education Teacher at the Elementary Campus beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay level BA+15/Step 2 of the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Louwagie: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Brittany Louwagie as .5 FTE JH Volleyball Coach, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Kodet: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Tom Kodet as a .5 FTE JH Volleyball Coach, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Kozanna Haney: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Kozanna Haney as a Food Service Staff, Elementary Campus, for 5 hours/day, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay grade 1/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that the staff will be back on Tuesday, August 25th with a retirement party at 9:00am. The new teachers started Monday, August 24th. The summer projects are complete except for the welding hoods. The new paint looks great. Mr. Dotson also reported that the staffing is complete.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen reported that there will be a change in the drop-off area due to the Safe Routes to School. The buses will park staggered and will have signage. The new drop-off area will also be in the newspaper to inform the public.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer would like to have a robotics team at BOLD. The team would need to have some funding and hire a person for the 6 ½ week program. The robotics team will be on the September agenda.

Activities Report – Mrs. Sagedahl spoke about the “Why We Play” conference that she attended. The conference stressed finding a purpose for why we play sports, teaching life skills to students. It was an excellent conference. There is also a conference for school board members. Cross Country numbers look good. The school hired a 3rd JH Football coach due to the high numbers.

School Board Discussion – Lesniak attended the MSBA Summer Conference. The keynote speaker talked about crucial conversations of public school. State demographer spoke on changes in demographics. The conference also included 3 break-out sessions.

New Business:

Head Start Catering Agreement: Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the Head Start Catering Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Long-Term Facility Maintenance Revenue Application Ten Year Expenditure: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Revenue Application Ten Year Expenditure. Motion carried unanimously.

Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA): Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) membership for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Public Hearing Dates for Proposed Property Taxes Payable 2016: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the hearing dates for proposed property taxes payable 2016 as follows:

“The Department of Revenue has established a ‘sequence of events’ and ‘assignment of reporting responsibilities’ for the county, school districts, and cities to follow in establishing public budget hearings.”

All initial and continuation hearing dates selected must fall within the period November 24 through December 21, 2015. The continuation hearing date selected must be at least five (5) business days, but no more than 14 business days after the initial hearing. Hearings may not be held on a Sunday or holiday. If held on a day between Monday and Friday, the hearing must be held after 6:00 p.m. at any reasonable time of day. The public hearing(s) may be held on the same day as a regular scheduled meeting, but must be handled as a separate meeting.

Recommendation:

Hearing Date

Continuation Hearing Date

Location

Time

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Monday, December 21, 2015

District Office - Olivia

6:30 p.m. (both dates)

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

Lesniak moved and Benson seconded a motion to acknowledge and accept the following gifts, grants, & bequests:
Accepted a donation of \$100 from the Olivia Kiwanis Club for the 3rd Grade Circus Trip.

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to move to a closed session at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A public body shall close one or more meetings for preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against an individual subject to its authority. If the members conclude that discipline of any nature may be warranted as a result of those specific charges or allegations, further meetings or hearings relating to those specific charges or allegations held after that conclusion is reached must be open. A meeting must also be open at the request of the individual who is the subject of the meeting.” Minn. Stat. 13D.05, subd. 2(b).

Negotiations Strategies – Closed session:

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

September 28, 2015 School Board meeting at the District Office in Olivia

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Buchtel
Board Clerk