

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
AUGUST 25, 2014 – 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 25th day of August, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, Olivia.

Members present: 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: There were a few community members present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

July 24, 2014 Special Meeting

July 28, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion carried 4-0 with Benson abstaining.

Personnel:

Molly Kramer: Desotell moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve Molly Kramer as a Preschool Instructor, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay of \$21.59/hr as per the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Cody Kittelson: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Cody Kittelson as a JH Football Coach, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Kory Eiler: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Kory Eiler as a JH Volleyball Coach, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Missy Maertens: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve Missy Maertens as a volleyball volunteer coach, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried 4-0 with Benson abstaining.

Matt Zupke: Desotell moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve Matt Zupke as a JH Football Coach, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelli Allen: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Kelli Allen as the Assistant Dance Coach starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master

Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Cecilia Kurtz: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Cecilia Kurtz, Para Professional, effective August 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Brent Dahl: Haney moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Brent Dahl, HS Custodian, effective September 5, 2014. Motion carried 4-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson will draft a letter to both RCW and BLHS to address our willingness to share programs and activities. He also shared his thanks to BLHS for sharing their facilities with us during volleyball practice and refinishing the gym floors. Lastly, Mr. Dotson reported that the roof project at the elementary campus is complete.

Elementary Principal Report – Included in packet

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer presented the second half of the World's Best Work Force committee results.

Activities Report – Mrs. Sagedahl thanked the volleyball coaches and musical staff for working around the gym floor repair. She also thanked BLHS for the help with practice facilities.

School Board's Report – Benson talked about the superintendent evaluation. Haney thanked Melissa for her help and leadership with getting the 5th and 6th grad football up and running through Community Ed. Lesniak commented that he was very happy to see the Cross Country numbers coming back up.

New Business:

Acceptance of Office and Oath of Office: New school board member, Roger Ridler, took the Acceptance and Oath of Office.

BOLD Staffing Overloads: Haney moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the BOLD Staffing overload costs for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Head Start Catering Agreement: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Head Start Catering Agreement for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MSEA Contract: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to ratify the 2013-2015 Minnesota School Employees Association (MSEA) Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

MREA Membership: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) membership for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Dates for Proposed Property Taxes Payable 2015: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the following dates for the Proposed Property Taxes Hearing as amended:

“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 25 through December 29, 2014. 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 5:00 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

Tuesday, December 2, 2014

Continuation Hearing Date

Monday, December 15, 2014

Location

District Office - Olivia

Time

6:00 p.m. (both dates)

Timelines:

- On/By September 30..... Certify Truth-in-Taxation and Continuation Hearing Dates to County Auditors
- September 22 (Regular Mtg)..... Adopt Proposed 14 Payable 15 Levy
- On/Before September 30..... Certify Proposed 14 Payable 15 Levy to County Auditor
- December 2 @ 6:00 p.m..... Hold Public Hearing
- December 15 @ 6:00 p.m..... Continuation Hearing if Necessary
- December 15 (Regular Mtg)..... Adopt Final 14 Payable 15 Levy
- On/By December 29, 2014..... Certify Final 14 Payable 15 Levy to County Auditor
- On/By December 29, 2014..... Notify the Department of Education of Final Certified Levy

Keep in mind that if our proposed maximum for Pay 2015 is less than the Pay 2014 levy, we are not required to hold a truth in taxation hearing. We will not know our Pay 2015 levy amount until later this fall. Even though we may not need to hold a hearing, we still need to set a public hearing date at tonight's meeting, in order to keep within the requirements and deadlines of the school district levy limitation and certification calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Salaries for Licensed and Non-Licensed Substitutes for the 2014-2015 School Year: Desotell moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the following:

Non-Certified Subs for:

- Food Service Grade 1/beginning wages of the respective Agreement.
- Paraprofessional Grade 1/beginning wages of the respective Agreement.
- Special Education Paraprofessional Grade 2/beginning wages of the respective Agreement.
- Custodian Grade 1/Step 1 of the respective Agreement.

Student Help Minimum Wage Level

Certified Subs \$ 100.00/day or \$110/day after 10 consecutive days
(The per hour rate shall be \$ 20.00/hr up to \$ 110.00 per day)

*All substitutes must work ten (10) consecutive days in the same assignment to receive the increase in salary beginning on day eleven (11). Beginning on the thirtieth (30th) consecutive teaching day and thereafter, the substitute will be paid at a daily rate based on the first step of the appropriate lane. The substitute will not be eligible for health insurance coverage. Sick, personal, and professional leave will be pro-rated according to the ratio of days employed to the number of teacher contract days. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution relating to the election of school board members and calling the school district general election:

Hanson moved and Haney seconded a motion to adopt a resolution relating to the election of school board members and calling the school district general election. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution calling special election to fill school board vacancy: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to adopt a resolution calling special election to fill school board vacancy. Motion carried unanimously.

2014-2015 Fundraising Activities: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 fundraising activities. Motion carried unanimously.

21st Century Cohort Program: Hanson moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the 21st Century Cohort Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Negotiations Strategies

Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to move to closed session at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Ridler seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

September 22, 2014 School Board meeting at the District Office, Olivia.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager