

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
AUGUST 26, 2013 – 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 26th day of August, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Olivia.

Members present: Brian Stenholm, Neal Prokosch, Jeff Benson, John Desotell and Jill Hanson

Members Absent: Alan Haney, Russ Lesniak

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

Others present: Heidi Gross, Paula Dunn, Katie Bahl, Tammy Barnes, Dan Gross, Deanna Knight, Sarah Iverson, Julia Church, Christena Svoboda Ojeda, James Miller, Laurie Hogberg, Byron Hogberg, Daren Sagedahl, Eric Skeie, Michelle Woelfel, and Pat Rauenhorst.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Benson.

Agenda: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was rescinded. Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes
July 22, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Karen Bratt as the 1.0 FTE ECFE/SR Child Educator, effective August 2, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Molly Kramer as the part-time ECFE Teacher, beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Deb Ziller as the musical choreographer for the 2013-2014 musical. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Dan Timm as the JH Football Coach beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Sheryl Petersen as the Webmaster for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Sheryl Petersen as the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Advisor for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Paula Dunn as the JH Girls Basketball Coach, effective August 8, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – James Miller from the United Way, spoke about what United Way does and what they are doing at BOLD Schools, such as “A Book a Month” program and scholarships for the School Readiness Program. The United Way is results oriented, and gathers information to assess effectiveness of programs. Mr. Dotson reported on the ACT test results. The number of students taking this test has declined over the last 5 years. BOLD Students are doing well in math. The action plan for improvement is to use college readiness standards and require a high level of achievement. Standards need to be embedded in our curriculum. Michelle Woelfel expressed concern for timed tests such as the ACT, and children with dyslexia. Mr. Dotson is working on getting training for teachers for students with dyslexia. Mr. Dotson also reported on the early rollout of the iPad pick-up on Friday. The early rollout went well. There will be a few changes made to the system for Wednesday’s Open House.

Elementary Principal Report – Included in packet

HS Principal Report – Included in packet

Activities Report – Melissa Sagedahl reported that with the heat index, the football coaches have been modifying practices to keep the students safe. She also said that the coaches were doing a good job.

School Board’s Report – No Report

New Business:

Overload Costs: Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the BOLD Staffing overload costs, adding Jennifer Hensel. Motion carried unanimously.

Skylert Communication Module Agreement: Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the Skylert Communication Module Agreement for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

FY14 Integration Revenue Budget Worksheet: Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the FY14 Integration Revenue Budget Worksheet. Motion carried unanimously.

Head Start Catering Agreement for 2013-2014: Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the Head Start Catering Agreement for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

MREA Membership: Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA) membership for the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Set Public Hearing Dates for Proposed Property Taxes Payable 2014: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to set the public hearing dates for the proposed property taxes payable 2014 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 29 through December 20. 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
Continuation Hearing Date
Location
Time

Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Monday, December 16, 2013
District Office - Olivia
6:30 p.m. (both dates)

Timelines:

- On/By September 30..... Certify Truth-in-Taxation and Continuation Hearing Dates to County Auditors
- September 23 (Regular Mtg)..... Adopt Proposed 13 Payable 14 Levy
- On/Before September 30..... Certify Proposed 13 Payable 14 Levy to County Auditor
- December 3 @ 6:30 p.m..... Hold Public Hearing
- December 16 @ 6:30 p.m..... Continuation Hearing if Necessary
- December 16 (Regular Mtg)..... Adopt Final 12 Payable 13 Levy
- On/By December 30, 2013..... Certify Final 12 Payable 13 Levy to County Auditor
- On/By January 6, 2014..... Notify the Department of Education of Final Certified Levy

Keep in mind that if our proposed maximum for Pay 2014 is less than the Pay 2013 levy, we are not required to hold a truth in taxation hearing. We will not know our Pay 2014 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 2013-2014 School Year: Prokosch moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the salaries for licensed and non-licensed substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year. That motion was rescinded. Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the salaries for licensed and non-licensed substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year, increasing the rate per hour of the certified subs from \$20 to \$25, the daily maximum from \$100 to \$125 and to remove the language “or \$105/day after 10 consecutive days”: Motion carried unanimously.

Non-Certified Subs for:

Food Service	Grade 2/beginning wages of the respective Agreement.
Paraprofessional	Grade 2/beginning wages of the respective Agreement.
Special Education Paraprofessional	Grade 3/beginning wages of the respective Agreement.
Custodian	Grade 1/Step 1 of the respective Agreement.

Student Help Minimum Wage Level

Certified Subs \$ 125.00/day
(The per hour rate shall be \$ 25.00/hr up to \$ 125.00 per day)

*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.

Teacher Grievance: Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to deny the Teacher Grievance. Tammy Barnes spoke on the grievance. Melissa Sagedahl addressed the fact that Dan Gross' absence had been approved by Melissa and by Mr. Gauer before that absence. Melissa also stated that other coaches have had to be gone for other reasons and that the board needs to treat everyone the same. Tammy Barnes also stated that the coaches do not have a handbook and the board should look into that. Dan Gross spoke and asked if there was something that happened at the baseball game that he was unaware of. Also he said that he learned something from this whole

situation. Motion carried 4-1 with Hanson voting no.

FMLA for Chris Lothert: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve an FMLA for Chris Lothert. Motion carried unanimously.

Negotiations Strategies – Closed session

Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to move to closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

September 23, 2013 School Board meeting at the District Office, Olivia.

Adjourn: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager