

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
DECEMBER 1, 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 1st day of December, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Russ Lesniak, Brian Stenholm, Roger Ridler and Jill Hanson

Members Absent: None

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

Recognition of Visitors: John Nefstead of Northland Securities and a small number of students and community members.

Public Forum: None

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

October 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

November 10, 2014 Special Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Joan Solem: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Joan Solem, JH Softball Coach, effective October 27, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Solem: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Steve Solem, JH Softball Coach, effective October 27, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Chelsey (Plumley) Bellig: Hanson moved and Roger Ridler seconded a motion to approve Chelsey Plumley as a Media Center Para Professional, 3 days/week, effective October 6, 2014. Pay level \$9.57/hr. Motion carried unanimously.

Bret Neubauer: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Bret Neubauer as a JH Boys Basketball Coach, effective November 3, 2014. Pay level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried 5-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Matt Jahnke: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Matt Jahnke, JH Wrestling Coach, effective November 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Matt Jahnke: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Matt Jahnke as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach for the 14-15 school year.

Alex Ebnet: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Alex Ebnet as a volunteer Dance Team Coach for the 14-15 school year.

Brett Jahnke: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Brett Jahnke as a .5 FTE JH Wrestling Coach for the 14-15 school year. Pay level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement.

Reports

Superintendent Report – MSBA’s 94th Annual Leadership Conference will be held January 15-16, 2015, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. **Early Bird workshops and pre-conference functions will be held on January 13-14.**

Mr. Dotson congratulated the BOLD Football team and coaches for getting State Runner up! He also thanked Melissa Sagedahl for organizing and arranging the buses to the state playoff game. He also commented that Aaron Pilarski, the new Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Director, started and is working out well.

Elementary Principal Report – WE Day was a success. The 4-6th grade student senate went to the Xcel Energy Center and had a great learning experience. Lindsey Long did a great job with pre-school screening.

HS Principal Report – The High School sent 22 students to WE Day. It was a great opportunity for students. The evening ALC has begun and students are attending for credit recovery. Ridgewater College is offering a college in the classroom online course that will be offered to HS students.

Activities Report – Congrats to the Football team, coaches, and fans!! Community Education numbers are steady.

School Board Discussion – Desotell was asked if texting with the audience during a school board meeting was a violation of the open meeting law. Mr. Dotson will check into this.

New Business:

General Obligation Bonds: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve refinancing of General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

BOLD ECI update: – Table to the December 15th meeting.

Short Recess: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to take a 5 minute recess. The recess began at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was called back to order at 7:44 p.m.

Project Agreement: Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a project agreement with Palen Kimball for 2 steam unit heaters for the High School Boiler. Motion carried unanimously.

Transfer Funds: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve transferring \$15,610 from the General Fund to the Community Education Fund. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Publication: Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Budget Publication for year 2014-2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion with BLHS and RCW: Nothing to report at this time.

Resignation of School Board Member: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to accept the resignation from Alan Haney. Motion carried unanimously. Benson thanked Haney for his time.

Selecting New Board Member: Desotell moved and Ridler seconded a motion to accept the next highest number of votes in the last election, Brian Stenholm, to fulfill the vacant 2 year term. Motion carried 3-2 with Lesniak and Hanson voting no.

Discuss Teachers Using the Time Clock Plus: Mr. Dotson commented that the board approved the time clocks. There is a problem this year with some teachers not using time clocks. It creates an issue for payroll and it goes against School Board direction. Time clocks were put into effect for the ACA. Desotell feels strongly about the staff not using the time clocks. It was decided to have the principals address the problem with staff as a group. If non-compliance persists, the principals will meet for a discussion on an individual basis. If non-compliance continues, it will be put in writing with consequences specified.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to acknowledge and accept gifts, grants and bequests. Motion carried unanimously.

Accepted a donation of \$3,500 from the City of Bird Island for the BOLD Community Education Summer Recreation Program.

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Accepted a donation of \$29.44 from the Media Boosters for the Elementary Library for ice cream treats.

Negotiations Strategies – Closed Session

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to move to closed session at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager