

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
DECEMBER 16, 2013 – 8:00 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 16th day of December, at 8:00 p.m. in the District Office in Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Alan Haney, Russ Lesniak, Brian Stenholm, Neal Prokosch 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; and Nancy Howley, Business Manager

Others present: Several students, teachers, parents and community members

The meeting was called to order at 8:01p.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 presented:

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes
November 25, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Leigh Ann Snow, Head Volleyball Coach, effective November 22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Renae Saunders, ECFE/SR Coordinator, effective June 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report –

Reminder –MSBA’s 93rd Annual Leadership Conference will be held January 16-17, 2014, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. **Early Bird workshops and pre-conference functions will be held on January 14-15.**

Mr. Dotson is waiting for cost estimates to come in for the roofing and weight room projects. Then he will need to meet with the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He also commented that the full day in-service, held on December 9th, went well with 186 participants.

Elementary Principal Report – Nichole Baumgartner talked about the possibility of holding kindergarten conferences.

HS Principal Report – Included in packet

Activities Report – Included in packet

School Board’s Report – Stenholm reported the negotiations committee met last Thursday with the AFSCME Union and will meet this week with the EA Union.

New Business:

Greg Snow – Mr. Snow discussed the resignation of his wife Leigh Ann and what lead up to it. He asked three questions. 1. Why was there no investigation into the allegations? 2. Does the Board believe about a chain of command and why wasn't it followed? 3. Why did none of the board members call Leigh Ann and ask her about the allegations against her? Mr. Snow said the problem is that parents are going to Mr. Dotson instead of dealing with the coach first. He is also asking the Board members/Administration to stop accepting letters that are not signed. Overall, Mr. Snow is asking the board to support all of the coaches at BOLD and stand behind them.

2014 Standard IRS Mileage Rate: Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the 2014 Standard IRS Mileage Rate of 56 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Stipend for MSBA Convention: Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve a stipend for the meals, \$34.00 per day, for 7 board members, for the 3 days of the 2014 MSBA Convention, to be paid before the board members leave. Motion carried unanimously.

Property Tax Levy: Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to adopt the 2013 Payable 2014 Property Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 13 Payable 14 Levy

<u>Levy by Fund:</u>	<u>Proposed Levy:</u>
General Fund Voter Approved	\$ 318,795.75
General Fund	\$ 507,929.36
Community Service	\$ 71,494.39
Debt Service	\$ <u>426,187.60</u>
Grand Total	\$ 1,324,407.10

Letter of Support: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Letter of Support to the Prairie View Regional Trail Legacy Trail Application. Haney and Stenholm talked about abstaining from voting due to being a city employee. Lesniak is in favor of a trail because he is an avid biker/runner. Desotell said he wants to see a disclaimer in the letter of support to say that BOLD Schools will have no financial obligation. Prokosch said that conceptually it seems like a good idea, but he is worried about the tax payers and future levy issue at BOLD. Pat Rauenhurst talked about the minimal grants, the maintenance issues, fund raising, residences close to the proposed trail, crop spraying, grain bins, approaches, etc. Steve Altmann talked as a member of the Olivia Park Board and a trail committee member about why this is happening now. The trail is exploratory at this point and if they cannot get funding, there will be no trail. Benson said that he was also worried about the impact on the tax payers. Call the question to end the discussion. Motion carried unanimously. The motion to approve the Letter of Support to the Prairie View Regional Trail Legacy Trail Application carried 5 in favor of and 2 abstaining.

Upcoming Board Meetings: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to establish the following dates for Upcoming Board Meetings:

January 6, 2014 Reorganizational Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Olivia.

January 27, 2014 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Media Center.

Boiler Project: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to table this item for more information. Motion carried unanimously.

Weigh Room Project: Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to table this item for more information. Motion carried unanimously.

Bird Island Gym: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve changes to the Bird Island Gym. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation – Closed Session

Stenholm moved and Haney seconded a motion to move to closed session at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 11:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager