

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
DECEMBER 17, 2014 – 6:15 P.M.  
HS CAFETERIA, OLIVIA

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, at 6:15 p.m. in the HS Cafeteria in Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Jill Hanson, Roger Ridler

Members Absent: Russ Lesniak, 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

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

Public Forum: Cheryl Perrine spoke to the group about her right to show displeasure at a meeting. The camera, which was requested by a member of the community, which is monitoring the audience, does not change that fact.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes  
December 1, 2014 (November Regular Meeting)

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel: None

Reports

Superintendent Report – Reminder – MSBA’s 94<sup>th</sup> 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 reported that the EA voted down the contract proposal for the 2013-2015 contract. The union will meet on January 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss the contract.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen reported that the winter concert was very good. The students were very well rehearsed and the gingerbread houses were very interesting.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer has received requests for personal finance, biology concepts, and English classes for next year. He complimented the teachers for the work accomplished at the last in-service day.

Activities Report – Report was as presented

School Board Discussion – John Desotell thanked Cheryl Perrine for indicating during the Public Forum the audience camera was requested by a member of the public.

New Business:

BOLD ECI Update – Renae Saunders talked about the BOLD Early Childhood Initiatives (ECI) and what things they are doing for the communities and young children. Lindsey Long talked about the success of the free 4 year-old preschool program and exciting things they are doing for preschool screening. Both Renae and Lindsey thanked Mr. Dotson and the school board for supporting the program.

Camp Coaching Hourly Pay: Desotell moved and Ridler seconded a motion to approve the camp coaching hourly pay. Benson thanked Mrs. Sagedahl for work on the salary schedule for the summer camp coaches. Motion carried unanimously.

2015 Senior Music Trip: Ridler moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the 2015 Senior Music Trip to New York City, April 30-May 3, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Stipend for Meals: Ridler moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a stipend for the meals, \$34.00 per day, for 7 board members, for the 3 days of the 2015 MSBA Convention, to be paid before the board members leave. Motion carried unanimously.

Adopt the 2014 Payable 2015 Property Tax Levy: Ridler moved and Hanson seconded a motion to adopt the 2014 Payable 2015 Property Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed 14 Payable 15 Levy

<u>Levy by Fund:</u>	<u>Proposed Levy:</u>
General Fund Voter Approved	\$ 88,176.13
General Fund	\$ 1,002,234.46
Community Service	\$ 92,691.30
Debt Service	<u>\$ 410,332.33</u>
Grand Total	\$ 1,593,434.22

Discuss/Approve Superintendent Salary: Tabled to the January meeting.

Establish dates for Upcoming Board Meetings: Hanson moved and Ridler seconded a motion to approve the following:

- a. January 5, 2015 Reorganizational Meeting @ 7:00 pm in the District Office
- b. January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting @ 7:00 pm in the Bird Island Cafeteria

Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss/Approve Athletic Director/Community Education Director contract: Table to the January meeting

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to acknowledge and accept gifts, grants and bequests. Motion carried unanimously. Benson thanked all the groups for the donations.

Accepted a donation of \$688.67 from the Elementary K-6 Activities for a Pizza Warmer for the concessions stand at the Elementary School.

Accepted a donation of \$172.17 each from the Wrestling Boosters, Volleyball Boosters, Basketball Boosters, Baseball Boosters for a Pizza Warmer for the concessions stand at the High School.

Adjourn: Desotell moved and Ridler seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley  
Business Manager