

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
FEBRUARY 22, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.
BIRD ISLAND CAFETERIA

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 22nd day of February, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Cafeteria.

Members Present: Jeff Benson, Brian Boen, John Desotell, Jill Hanson, and Russ Lesniak

Members Absent: Traci Buchtel and Brian Stenholm

Administration Present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Brian Gauer, High School Principal

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

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

January 25, 2016 Regular Meeting

February 8, 2016 Special Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Brent Henriksen: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve hiring Brent Henriksen, as a K-2 Special Education Teacher, beginning February 22, 2016. Pay Level BA+36/Step 4 of the 13-15 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Marlene Vossen: Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation/retirement of Marlene Vossen, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective the last day of the 2015-2016 school year. Hanson, on behalf of the school board, thanked Marlene for her service to BOLD School. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Friesen: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Brittany Friesen as an Elementary Special Education Teacher, beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Pay level BA+0/Step 1 of the 13-15 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Derek Flann: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Derek Flann as the Activities Director/Community Education Coordinator for 35 hours per week, effective July 1, 2016. Pay rate \$25/hour, with board contribution for health insurance of \$4,405 and the purchase of a Trac phone with monthly compensation of \$20-\$25 for minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Barbara Squibb: Boen moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Barbara Squibb as a Special Education Para Professional in the High School Campus, effective February 16, 2016. Pay Grade 2, Step 1 of the 13-15 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Victoria Arizmendi: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Victoria Arizmendi as a Special Education Para Professional in the Elementary Campus, effective February 16, 2016. Pay Grade 2, Step 1 of the 13-15 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Breckette Rogers: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Breckette Rogers, effective Feb. 17, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Fank: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve hiring Laura Fank as a Secondary English Teacher beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. Pay level MA/BA+60/Step 8 of the 13-15 EA master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson stated that it is School Board Recognition Week February 15-19, 2016. Thank you for all your efforts. He recognized each board member with a certificate. Mr. Dotson reported that BLHS is meeting on Thursday and will discuss sharing of positions. BLSH has decided not to share the Business Manager position. The Strategic Planning Process is discussing a capital improvement plan.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. Dotson has been filling in for Mr. van der Hagen as Elementary Principal while Mr. van der Hagen is on leave. Mr. Dotson reported that things are going well in the Elementary. The board may have to consider spitting the current 1st grade class into 3 sections for next year to improve the learning potential due to some behavioral issues with some of the students.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer reported that the High School will be working on registration.

Activities Report – Congratulations to the BOLD Divas on representing BOLD at the State Tournament! Good luck to the state bound wrestlers, Manny Garcia and Jake Rauenhorst! Thanks to Brittany Louwagie for doing a great job in the AD/Community Ed. Office!

School Board Discussion – Desotell reminded the board to set goals for Mr. Dotson along with the Strategic Planning goals that have been established.

New Business:

Ball Park Complex Contract: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the Ball Park Complex Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

6th Grade Field Trip: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the 6th Grade Field Trip to Duluth and Northern Minnesota for Monday, May 16-Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Achievement and Integration Revenue FY 2017 Budget Worksheet: Boen moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Achievement and Integration Revenue FY 2017 Budget Worksheet. Motion carried unanimously.

BOLD High School Registration Catalog for 16-17: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the BOLD High School Registration Catalog for 2016-2017. Desotell asked how many college credits BOLD offers? Right now Desotell counts 31-32 credits per 2 years. Lesniak asked if speech is still a trimester class that is required for all sophomores and Mr. Gauer confirmed that it is. There was also discussion on the business courses: Digital World and College Now Digital World as well as Advanced Computer Tech and College Now Computer Tech. Courses with student limits are usually due to health and safety concerns, ie: kitchen space, etc. Motion carried unanimously.

SW/WC Service Cooperative Service Agreement for 2016-2017 School Year: Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the SW/WC Service Cooperative Service Agreement for 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Workshop: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to set Monday, March 7th at 7:00 pm as the date for the budget workshop. Motion carried unanimously.

Achievement and Integration Revenue FY 2016 Budget Revision: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Achievement and Integration Revenue FY 2016 Budget Revision. Motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to acknowledge and accept the following gifts, grants, & bequests:

Accepted a donation of \$3,500.00 from the City of Olivia to the BOLD Community Education Program.

Accepted a donation of \$100.00 from the Olivia Lions Club for the BOLD FFA Program.

Accepted a donation of \$50.00 from Hometown Bank for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Accepted a donation of \$10.00 from Keith Mages Auto for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Accepted a donation of 2 water bottles and 4 “Into the Woods” t-shirts from Studio 125 for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Accepted a donation of 1 box of thermoses worth \$200 and 1 box of backpacks worth \$150 from the Renville County Veterans Office for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Accepted a donation of \$40.00 from South Point Federal Credit Union for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Accepted a donation of \$635.86 from Target Take Charge of Education for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Accepted a donation of 5 - \$20 gift certificates to Athmann’s Inn from George Paur Agency for the BOLD PBIS Program.

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Negotiations Strategies

Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to enter into a closed session at 7:47 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:20 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Board Chair

2-22-2016