

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
FEBRUARY 23, 2015 – 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 23rd day of February, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Cafeteria.

Members present: Jeff Benson, Brian Boen, Traci Buchtel, John Desotell, Jill Hanson, Russ Lesniak, Brian Stenholm

Members Absent: None

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

Others present: Several teachers, students and community members were present.

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

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

Public Forum: Bob Cline voiced his concerns about discontinuation of the time clocks for salaried staff.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting

February 2, 2015 Reorganizational Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Tami Jo Steffel as a Junior High Volleyball Coach, effective January 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Matt Jahnke as Junior High Track Coach, effective January 27, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to increase hours for Amanda Young, from 5.5 hours per day to 7 hours per day, effective February 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to terminate probationary employee Corey Krueger, Elementary Para Professional, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to increase hours for Brenda Cuellar, from 2.5 hours per day to 5 hours per day on Mondays and Wednesdays, effective February 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Cody Kittelson as a Varsity Track Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level B/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Buchtel moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Sara Folstad as an Assistant Track Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level D/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Kelly Matthies-Carlson as a Junior High Track Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level F/Step 4 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Daren Sagedahl as a Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level F/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Melissa Honzay as a .5 FTE Junior High Softball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level F/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Boen moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Casey Elfering as a .5 FTE Junior High Softball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level F/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Meghan Rettke as a Junior High Track Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level F/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Curt Weis as a volunteer Golf Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Brittany Nissen as an Assistant Softball Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay Level D/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson thanked the School Board members and handed out Certificates of Appreciation for School Board Recognition Week, which was February 16-20.

Elementary Principal Report – No additional comments were made.

HS Principal Report – No additional comments were made.

Activities Report – Congratulations to Ben Steffel and Manny Garcia for qualifying for the State Wrestling Tournament. Send off will be Thursday, February 26, 2015. Congratulations as well goes to the BOLD Divas!

School Board Discussion – Hanson, Desotell, Benson and Dotson went to a negotiations seminar in Marshall. The seminar was very helpful and informative. Stenholm reported on the roofing project. The Buildings and Grounds committee met and discussed the roofing project. Aaron Pilarski also pointed out there are areas at the Elementary Campus that need improvement. Ongoing maintenance is necessary for roofs. The Negotiations Committee met with the EA and heard the EA's proposal. No agreement was reached. Another meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2015. Lesniak attended the One Act Play and congratulated the students on a job well done. Lesniak also attended the MSBA's Officer's Training.

New Business:

Roofing Project: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the roofing project. Boen voiced his concerns about the importance of roof repairs compared to other financial items such as teachers' contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

SW/WC Service Cooperative Service Agreements for 2015-2016 school year: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the SW/WC Service Cooperative Service Agreement for 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Student School Board Member: This position would be a non-voting position and the MSBA recommends the student be involved in the public meetings only. Desotell has concerns about a student on the school board. He would like to see more research with MSBA and schools that have a student board member.

Budget Workshop Dates: Monday, March 16th @ 7:00 pm in the District Office.

Policy #209 Code of Ethics: First reading of Policy #209 Code of Ethics.

Policy – Service Animals' Access to School District Facilities and School Sponsored Activities: Second reading of the policy: Service Animals' Access to School District Facilities and at School Sponsored Activities.

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

Time Clocks for Salaried Employees: Lesniak moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the discontinuation of time clocks for salaried employees. Lesniak amended the motion to discontinue use for salaried employees and let the Culture Committee meet and make recommendations. Motion carried 4-3 with Benson, Desotell and Stenholm voting no.

Policy #201: First reading of Policy 201 Legal Status of the School Board.

High School Class Sizes for Regular Education and College Now Classes: AP classes do not allow mixing regular education students with the AP students. College Now classes do allow having regular education students in the class. Desotell recommends 15-16 students total for a “mixed” College Now class. A “mixed” class would be regular education and College Now students.

Resolution to Legislators on School Finance and District Priorities: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve a resolution to Legislators on School Finance and District Priorities. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to move to a closed session, at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to move to reopen the meeting, at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager