

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
FEBRUARY 8, 2016 – 6:00 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 8th day of February, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office, Olivia.

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

Members Absent: None

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Hanson.

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

New Business:

Business Manager Termination: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Business Manager Termination. Motion carried unanimously.

AD/Community Education Positions: The #1 candidate, was offered the AD position but turned it down, wanting more hours and benefits. The #2 AD candidate was offered the position and has not given Mr. Dotson an answer yet, but would also like more hours and benefits. Both candidates would like to merge AD and Community Education positions. The #1 Community Education candidate was offered the position, but turned the position down. The Community Ed Advisory committee came forward with a recommendation to hire the same person for both positions since both positions were yet unfilled. In the discussion Stenholm mentioned the open meeting law violation – a Community Ed Advisory committee contacted other members of the committee asking their thoughts about merging the AD and Community Education positions. The board spoke about re-offering the two positions to candidate #1 and if that candidate declines, Mr. Dotson will then re-offer the two positions to candidate #2, and if that candidate declines, Mr. Dotson will then offer the two positions to candidate #3.

Sharing Opportunities with BLHS: The board discussed the possibilities of sharing more activities with BLHS as they have inquired about sharing for football next year. The board may ask about the possibilities of sharing other teams or activities such as wrestling, cross country, robotics, etc. The board also talked about the possibilities of sharing a business manager and Superintendent with BLHS. The board then directed Mr. Dotson to send a letter to BLHS about the possibility of sharing the business manager position and the pairing and sharing committee from BOLD will be consulting with coaches and the same committee of BLHS to see what sharing can take place to benefit both Districts.

Adjournment: Boen moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian Stenholm
Board Clerk