

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
JANUARY 23, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.  
BIRD ISLAND MEDIA CENTER

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Media Center.

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

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Jim Menton, High School Principal; Derek Flann, Activities Director/Community Education Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Lesniak.

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

December 19, 2016 Regular Meeting

January 9, 2017 Reorganizational Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Ashley Nelson: Hanson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Ashley Nelson, effective January 20, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Nissen: Desotell moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Brittany Nissen as JV Softball Coach, effective January 12, 2017. Motion carried 6-0 with Sagedahl abstaining.

Matt Zupke: Hanson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve hiring Matt Zupke as an Assistant Track Coach starting with the 2016-2017 school year. Pay Level D/Step 0 of the 15-17 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Cole Christopher: Sagedahl moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve hiring Cole Christopher as an Assistant Track Coach starting with the 2016-2017 school year. Pay Level D/Step 0 of the 15-17 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Solem: Buchtel moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Steve Solem as a Junior High Track Coach starting with the 2016-2017 school year. Pay Level F/Step 0 of the 15-17 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

2016-2017 Spring Extra and Co-Curricular Positions: Boen moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the following 16-17 Spring Extra and Co-Curricular positions:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Step</b>
Head Baseball Coach	Brian Kingery	1	B	0
Assistant Baseball Coach	Gregg Helin	1	D	3
JH Baseball Coach	Ryan Wielenberg	1	F	0
JH Baseball Coach	OPEN	1	F	0
Head Golf Coach	Dave Altmann	1	B	0
Head Golf Coach	Dan Gross	1	B	0
JH Golf Coach	Matt Sullivan	1	F	4
Volunteer Golf Coach	Steve Altmann	0	0	0
Volunteer Golf Coach	Curt Weis	0	0	0
Head Softball Coach	Melissa Sagedahl	1	B	4
Assistant Softball Coach	OPEN	1	D	0
JH Softball Coach	Melissa Honzay	0.5	F	0
JH Softball Coach	Molly Herdina	0.5	F	0
Volunteer Softball Coach	Chet Boen	0	0	0
Head Track Coach	Jen Jahnke	1	B	0
Head Track Coach	Kaitlin Opdahl	1	B	0
Assistant Track Coach	Matt Zupke	1	D	0
Assistant Track Coach	Cole Christopher	1	D	0
JH Track Coach	Kelly Matthies-Carlson	1	F	4
JH Track Coach	Steve Solem	1	F	0
Volunteer Track Coach	Matt Jahnke	0	0	0

Motion carried 6-0 with Sagedahl abstaining.

## Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that the Minnesota School Board Convention was time well spent. Also, the negotiation seminar is coming up soon.

Elementary Principal Report – No further information.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Menton reported that the FFA Small Animals team qualified for the state contest. The high school course registration catalog will be available next month. Sarah Mertens, Heidi Gross, and Katie Bahl gave a Social Studies presentation.

Activities Report – No further information.

School Board Discussion – There were discussions about the workshops that the board members attended at the Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference. There was a zSpace Virtual Reality 3D lab that was available to the students and staff on January 20th. This is a valuable tool and will consider leasing or buying items for the school.

New Business:

Junior High Band and Choir: Hanson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the Junior High Band and Choir Students trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres to attend the Musical Production of “Grease!”. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Directing the Administration to Consider Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to adopt a resolution directing the administration to consider discontinuing and reducing educational programs and positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with BLHS and RCW: Discussion included the possibility of sharing elementary music. Lesniak brought up the possibility of sharing with Redwood Valley.

Elementary Class Sizes for the 2017-2018 School Year: Discussion included classroom shortage and upcoming declining enrollment. More discussion is needed.

Land Sale: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to enter into closed session at 7:40 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to accept a donation of \$500.00 from Cherrydale for the BOLD Elementary Campus. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to accept a donation of \$750 from the BIO Legacy Foundation at the Southwest Initiative Foundation for the “BOLD Musical and Drama Boosters - Sound Equipment Upgrade and Expansion” project. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to accept a donation of \$2,000.00 from the BIO Legacy Foundation at the Southwest Initiative Foundation for the support of the “Leveled Literacy Library” project. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session - Negotiations Strategies: Boen moved and Hanson seconded a motion to enter into closed session at 7:55 pm. Motion carried unanimously. Boen moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:10 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Boen moved and Hanson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Buchtel  
Board Clerk