

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
JANUARY 25, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.  
OLIVIA MEDIA CENTER/VIA ZOOM MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January at 7:00 p.m. Olivia Media Center/via Zoom.

Members Present: Sandy Benson, Brian Boen, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, Jill Hanson, Theresa Jacobs and Melissa Sagedahl.

Members Absent: Traci Buchtel

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; Brett Benson, K-8 Principal; Jim Menton, 9-12 Principal /COVID-19 Program Coordinator; Derek Flann, Activities Director.

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

Agenda: Sagedahl moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recognition of Visitors to Board Meeting: Hanson thanked everyone for being a part of the virtual meeting. There were also several students attending the meeting.

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

Approve Bills for Payment

Approve Minutes

- a. December 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
  - b. January 4, 2021 Organizational Meeting
- Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel:

Tami Steffel: Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Tami Steffel, Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective January 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mariah Lowe: Bohlin moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Mariah Lowe as an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional starting January 11, 2021. Pay Grade 2/ Beginning Rate of the 2017-2019 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Derrick Lothert: Boen moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Derrick Lothert, Little Warriors Paraprofessional, effective January 21, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Reports:

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brandsoy started his report by explaining the Ag2School Tax Credit and the Positive Review and Comment. There were some questions about ballot question #2 so Mr. Brandsoy explained that in further detail. He then reviewed the referendum forum and explained the tax base in BOLD School District is able to support the proposed bond. He also asked that everyone be respectful and work as a team. Mr. Brandsoy also commented on the MSBA Leadership Conference that was held virtually this year. Theresa Jacobs also gave a brief report on the Learning Plan. Mr. Brandsoy also gave a legislative update which explained Governor Walz's plan.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Benson talked about the FAST testing that will be starting soon and the Parent/Teacher conferences that will be virtual this time.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Menton also talked about Parent/Teacher conferences. He also explained that they have opened up space in the large gym for students that learn better in a school setting.

Activities Report: Mr. Flann talked about the limited seats available for fans during games. He also said the Olivia Armory is being rented one night per week for eight weeks for practices.

School Board Committee Reports: NA

Pool Board Report: No further information.

#### New Business

Ag2School Tax Credit Update: - Mr. Brandsoy explained the Ag2School Tax Credit that was discussed at the Roundtable meeting.

BOLD Learning Plan and COVID (Vaccine): Mr. Menton explained the PreK-6th grades are all in person and the 7-12 will remain in Hybrid.

Resolution Directing the Administration to Consider Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Directing the Administration to Consider Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions. Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Jacobs voting no.

High School Course Catalog for the 2021-2022 School Year: Sagedahl moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve the High School Course Catalog for the 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy #213 School Board Committees: Bohlin moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to adopt Policy #213 School Board Committees. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

2019-2021 Food Service Director Contract: Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the 2019-2021 Food Service Director Contract. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Paraprofessional Recognition Week: January 25 - January 31, 2021: Hanson read the proclamation announcing the Paraprofessional Recognition Week. Thank you to all the BOLD Paraprofessionals!

#### Upcoming Dates:

February 22, 2021, Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Olivia Media Center/via Zoom.

Adjourn: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson  
Board Chair