

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
JANUARY 26, 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 26th day of January, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Cafeteria.

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

Members Absent: None

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

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

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

December 17, 2014 Regular Meeting

January 12, 2015 Reorganizational Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve hiring Linda Hanson, as a Special Education Para Professional at the elementary, effective January 5, 2015. Pay Grade 2 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Boen moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve six weeks of FMLA for Brooke Minnick, starting sometime in February. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Teri Berg, effective January 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Nita Freitag as a JH Track Coach, effective January 5, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Buchtel moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Kelly Matthies-Carlson, Head Track Coach, effective January 5, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the retirement of Pam Thorpe, effective January 21, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Boen moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Debra Marks as a Junior High Track Coach, effective January 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Meghan Rettke as C-Squad Volleyball Coach, effective January 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the following 14-15 Spring Extra and Co-Curricular positions:

Position	Name	FTE	Level	Step
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
Head Softball Coach	Melissa Sagedahl	1	B	4
Assistant Softball Coach	OPEN	1	D	0
JH Softball Coach	OPEN	1	F	0
Volunteer Softball Coach	Chet Boen	0	0	0
Volunteer Softball Coach	Amanda Kittelson	0	0	0
Head Track Coach	Jen Jahnke	1	B	0
Head Track Coach	OPEN	1	B	0
Assistant Track Coach	Julia Gray	1	D	2
Assistant Track Coach	Naomi Prodoehl	1	D	0
JH Track Coach	OPEN	1	F	0
JH Track Coach	OPEN	1	F	0
Volunteer Track Coach	Matt Jahnke	0	0	0

Motion carried unanimously.

Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Tara Rodmyre as a Food Service Employee for the elementary campus for 5.5 hr./day. Grade 1/Step 1 of the 13-15 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Julia Gray, Assistant Track Coach, effective 1-23-2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the 2013-2015 contract for Melissa Sagedahl. Desotell has concerns about the cell phone stipend and the insurance that will be discussed in the future. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that the custodians are fully staffed and doing a good job. He also commented that the teachers voted down the contract because of the money and language about comp time. The contract will be brought back to the bargaining table. Mr. Dotson also commented that the enrollment has declined since the start of the school year. He also commented that the school board convention went well and that there will be cheat sheets for parliamentary procedure available at each meeting.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen talked about the reward for students for a fundraising effort being duct taped to the wall. The staff development day went well and was very productive with other districts.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer talked about the Marzano program that the staff looked at during the staff development day. Mr. Gauer attended a principal’s winter workshop. “Plan and Explore” assessment was highlighted. Ramp Up To Readiness will begin next year.

Activities Report – No additional comments were made.

School Board Discussion – Benson commented on the MN School Board Association Convention, that it was very helpful. Hanson thanked the school board members for attending the MSBA convention.

New Business:

Resolution Declaring Appointment of School Board Member Invalid: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the resolution declaring appointment of school board member invalid. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Appointment of Brian Stenholm: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Brian Stenholm as a school board member. Lesniak and Buchtel would like to see the interview process utilized. Motion failed 3-3 with Boen, Buchtel and Lesniak voting no. Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to reintroduce the motion. Motion passed 4-2 with Buchtel and Lesniak voting no.

New Board Member: Brian Stenholm was sworn in as a new board member.

2014-2015 EA Seniority List: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 EA Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

2014-2015 MSEA Seniority List: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 MSEA Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

2014-2015 AFSCME Seniority List: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 AFSCME Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Resolution directing the administration to consider discontinuing and reducing education programs and positions: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adopt a resolution directing the administration to consider discontinuing and reducing education programs and positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with BLHS and RCW: Discussion included BLHS participating in the Joint Staff Development day.

2015-2016 HS Courses: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the new High School Courses for 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously as amended.

Resolution Authorizing a Flexible Learning Year: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Flexible Learning Year. Motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to acknowledge and accept gifts, grants and bequests. Motion carried unanimously.

Accepted a donation of \$71.32 from the The K Foundation, GiveMN.org to the BOLD Senior High.

Accepted a donation of \$12,137.60 from the Prairie Five community Action Council, Inc. for School Readiness Scholarships.

Accepted a donation of \$1,007.11 from the Bird Island Lions for the BOLD Football Bus.

Accepted a donation of \$374.76 from the FB Boosters for the Football Bus.

Closed Session:

Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to move to a closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to reopen the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager

1-26-2015