

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
JANUARY 27, 2014 – 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 27th day of January, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Cafeteria.

Members present: Brian Stenholm, Neal Prokosch, Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Alan Haney, Russ Lesniak and Jill Hanson

Members Absent: None

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

Others present: Several BOLD Staff, students and community members were present.

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

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

December 16, 2013 Truth in Taxation Meeting
December 16, 2013 Regular Meeting
January 6, 2014 Reorganizational Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the rehire of Cecilia Kurtz, as a Special Education Para Professional, effective January 2, 2014. Pay Grade 3 of the 2011-2013 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the rehire of Michelle Sirek, as a Special Education Para Professional, effective January 7, 2014. Pay Grade 3 of the 2011-2013 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Kelly Matthies-Carlson, C-Squad Volleyball Coach, effective January 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously. Benson thanked Ms. Matthies-Carlson for all her years of service as a coach.

Prokosch moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Alicia Osthus, as the B-Squad Volleyball Coach, effective January 13, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Daren Sagedahl, as the JH Girls Softball Coach, effective January 9, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that the board had a great experience and time of learning at the MSBA Convention. The Facilities and Grounds Committee is meeting this Wednesday, January 29, 2014, to get the projects scheduled. The snow make-up days are now at 6 days, and will have to be determined what days to use.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen reported that BOLD received a donation from Walmart. BOLD was 1 of 2 schools awarded gift cards. The school was given 10 cards that are worth \$50 each for PBIS, to be used to purchase school equipment and supplies. The first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) event was held Friday, January 24th and was well attended.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer reported through the LCTN, the music/band department has been able to use the McPhail music program to reinforce the teachings through individual lessons over the Codex (ITV).

Activities Report – Included in packet

School Board's Report – Hanson reported that the MSBA Convention was very productive and thanked the district for sending the board. The best marketing of BOLD is through word of mouth. The community needs to tell our friends and neighbors and everyone we meet about the good things going on at BOLD Schools. We have success here and people want to share in success.

New Business:

ECI Presentation: Beth Kadlec, Renae Saunders and Mary Schroeder talked about the wide group of people, businesses, and the United Way as stakeholders of this group. ECI would like to see the district embrace the Early Childhood Program. They would also like to see BOLD change from a K-12 to a PreK-12 school. ECI would like extended hours from 2.5 hrs. - 3 hrs. and hiring 2 additional Para Professionals for more individual work with students.

6th Grade Trip: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the 6th Grade Trip for May 19-20, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

High School Security Camera Upgrade: Hanson moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve updates to the high school security cameras. Motion carried unanimously.

EA Seniority List: Lesniak moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the 2013-2014 EA Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

MSEA Seniority List: Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the 2013-2014 MSEA Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

AFSCME Seniority List: Prokosch moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the 2013-2014 AFSCME Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal Evaluation Process: Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the Principal Evaluation process. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Coaches Handbook Review Committee: Prokosch moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve a Coaches Handbook Review Committee. Haney would like to be on the committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with BLHS and RCW: Melissa Sagedahl and Brian Gauer sent an email to RCW to inquire if they were interested in cooperating in wrestling and they are not. Mr. Dotson met with BLHS to inquire if they are interested in sharing wrestling and drama. BOLD and BLHS are working on a common calendar.

Grievance Hearing for Cheryl Perrine: Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to deny the grievance. Motion carried 5-2 with Hanson and Lesniak voting no.

Grievance Hearing for Matt Sullivan: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to grant the grievance. Motion failed 4 no to 3 yes.

Deadline for Retirement: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve moving February 15th deadline for retirement back one month. Motion carried with Desotell abstaining.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests - None

Negotiations Strategies – Closed Session

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to move to closed session at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Clerk