

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
MARCH 23, 2015 – 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 23rd day of March, 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 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.

Others present: Several teachers, students and community members were present.

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

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes
February 23, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Jan Kjergaard as a Secondary Special Education Teacher, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson had a conversation with the TOP Program to improve functionality of the school board. The estimated cost would be \$8,500-\$10,000.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen congratulated the Math Masters for placing 6th and 10th out of 20 teams. He also thanked Tami Steffel for being in charge of the Science Fair. He also talked about the site visit to ACGC with the Leadership Team.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer also talked about the site visit to ACGC with the Leadership Team and the Marzano Protocol.

Activities Report – Mrs. Sagedahl announced that BOLD is now a Class A school in every sport, beginning with the 15-16 school year. Classes are restructured every 2 years.

School Board Discussion – Stenholm congratulated the students from the Business Professionals of America Program. He also updated the board on the EA negotiations. The last proposal was turned down by the EA.

New Business:

Presentation on Active Living Day, May 13, 2015: Olivia Mayor Sue Hilgert and Steve Altmann gave a presentation on Active Living Day. There is a speaker coming May 12-13, along with a walkability tour, breakfast, panel discussion, and bike rodeo. They will also take a look at the routes for kids to get to school.

3rd Section for Grade 3, 2015-2016: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve 3 sections of 3rd grade for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Roofing Bids: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Roofing bid for approx. \$269,000. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Track and Field Fundraiser: Stenholm moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Track and Field Fundraiser – 16 oz. Insulated Travel Mug/Tumbler. Motion carried unanimously.

JH Band and Choir Trip: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve a JH Band and Choir trip to Chanhassen Dinner Theatres to attend the Broadway show “Mary Poppins” on Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement Party Date: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve May 20, 2015 as the Retirement Party date. The party will be held in the Olivia Media Center at 3:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with neighboring districts: Mr. Dotson talked with the BLHS Musical Director to see if BOLD and BLHS could work together on the next musical “In the Woods”.

Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.: Stenholm moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. Interagency Local Education Agency (LEA) Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy 533 Wellness Policy: First Reading of Policy 533 – Wellness Policy

Policy 209 Code of Ethics: Second Reading of Policy 209 Code of Ethics

Policy 201 Legal Status of the School Board: Second Reading of Policy 201 – Legal Status of the School Board

Policy – Service Animal’s Access to School District Facilities and at School Sponsored Activities: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the Policy – Service Animals’ Access to School District Facilities and at School sponsored Activities, adding Administrative offices on page 1. Motion carried unanimously.

Ridgewater Online College High School PSEO Program: Lesniak moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Ridgewater Online College High School PSEO Program. Motion carried unanimously.

Teacher Substitutes: Mr. Dotson discussed trying to cut back on planned absences, suggesting maybe we shouldn’t send everyone to a training but just send a small group that would come back and train the rest. Mr. Dotson will review on a case by case basis.

Notification of Non-Tenured Teachers: Due to the decreased enrollment, cuts will need to be made to the FY 2015-0216 budget. Stenholm would like to notify non-tenured teachers sooner rather than later so the teachers have options. The board will be meeting again to discuss the budget before making a decision on any cuts.

FY2015 Revised Budget: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the FY2015 Revised Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Identified Official with Authority to Authorize User Access to MDE Secure Websites: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Superintendent John Dotson as the Identified Official with Authority to authorize user access to MDE Secure Websites. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-2016 High School Classes: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the 2015-2016 High School Classes. There would be 6 overloads, English – 1.0, Social Studies – 0.5, Business – 0.5, FACS – 1.0, Mid-level ALC – 2.0, High School ALC – 1.0. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Professionals of America Trip: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the BPA trip to the National Convention in Anaheim, CA, May 6-10, 2015. Motion carried 6-0 with Stenholm abstaining.

Achievement and Integration Budget: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the FY16 Achievement and Integration Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Lesniak moved and Boen seconded a motion to accept a donation of \$295 for the Boys Basketball Section Charter Bus to Pipestone from the Basketball Alumni Tournament participants. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session:

Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to move to a closed session, at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to move to reopen the meeting, at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager