

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
MARCH 24, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
BIRD ISLAND CAFETERIA

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Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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; Nancy Howley, Business Manager

Others present: Brian Thompson – The Garland Company, Tammy Barnes, Heidi Gross, David Williams, Bill Kopel, Renae Saunders, John Mitchell, Christena Svoboda-Ojeda, Carly Sigurdson, Bailey Elbert, Broderick Prokosch, Nichole Baumgartner, Nate Bahl, Chris Lothert, Deanna Knight, Steve Solem, Tracy Bertrand, Liz Braulick, Mike Nagel, and Janeen Perrizo.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

Public Forum:

David Williams, a BOLD 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher and Head Wrestling Coach, thanked all those who attended the wrestling meeting. The steps being taken to promote wrestling are: dual elementary meets, elite program, community education program, reintroduction into physical education curriculum, and recruiting students who don't participate in winter sports for wrestling. Cheryl Perrine, BOLD Teacher, said due to the lack of substitute teachers being hired, there have been instances of students being put in study halls in the last couple of weeks.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes  
February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Ryan Wielenberg as the C-Squad Baseball Coach beginning with the 13-14 school year. Pay level D/Step 0 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Greg Snow as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective March 23, 2014 at the conclusion of the Boys Basketball Banquet. Motion carried 6-1 with Haney voting no. Benson thanked Greg for his years of coaching.

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Dave Altmann as the Head Girls Golf coach beginning with the 13-14 school year. Pay level B/Step 0 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Dan Gross, JH Baseball coach, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Dan Gross as the Head Boys Golf coach beginning with the 13-14 school year. Pay level B/Step 0 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Joan Solem (.50 FTE) as JH Softball co-coach. Pay level F/Step 4 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Steve Solem (.50 FTE) as JH Softball co-coach. Pay level F/Step 4 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Steve Altmann as a Volunteer Golf Coach for the 13-14 school year. Motion carried 6-1 with Hanson voting no.

Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Amanda Kittelson as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 13-14 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Chet Boen as a Volunteer Softball Coach for the 13-14 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Brittany Keltgen as the Head Volleyball Coach beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level A/Step 0 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Paula Dunn as the B-Squad Volleyball Coach beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. Pay level C/Step 1 of the 11-13 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

## Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson discussed the Phase III & IV Orientation from MSBA. He also commented on the Grab & Go Breakfast. Before the adjusted day, the school served 70 students, now the school is serving 185 students in the elementary.

Elementary Principal Report – Included in packet

HS Principal Report – Included in packet

Activities Report – Included in packet

School Board's Report – Prokosch reported that Mr. Dotson, Russ Lesniak, Brenda Prokosch and himself, attended the Community Conversation in Willmar presented by Education Minnesota. Haney reported that he attended the coaches' handbook meeting and Melissa did a great job. Haney and Prokosch also attended the wrestling meeting and are excited about the future of the program.

## New Business:

Presentation of iText Fundraiser by Mike Nagel: Mike Nagel introduced a fundraiser from the iText Company. This fundraiser includes signing up to receive 3 marketing texts per day from various companies such as Cabela's and McDonalds. The baseball team then gets 4 cents a text that is sent by the companies that are chosen.

Increase sections of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for 14-15 school year: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve 3 sections of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Accelerated Reader Program: Stenholm asked Mr. Gauer if there is a way to measure if the SSR program is working. Janeen Perrizo commented the new requirements the school is going to be implementing seem to be a good way to measure the effectiveness of the SSR Program. There is a book club, AR, blogs and a few other ideas to help to make sure this program is working.

Preschool Program: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve a free preschool program for 4 year olds. Motion carried unanimously. Haney was called away due to work.

Roofing Project: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to accept line item #1 for \$208,200, with a future quote to finish another section of the roof with Granite City Roofing. Motion carried 5-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Ball Park Complex Contract: Prokosch moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the Ball Park Complex Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Grievance for Patrice Loidolt: Prokosch moved and Desotell seconded a motion to deny a grievance for Patrice Loidolt. Motion carried 4-2 with Lesniak and Hanson voting no.

Track and Field Fundraiser: Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve a Track and Field Fundraiser – Pole Vault “Vault Off” to purchase new vaulting equipment. Motion carried unanimously.

PSEO Classes with Ridgewater College: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve PSEO classes with Ridgewater College. Motion carried unanimously.

PSEO Classes with Minnesota West Community and Technical College: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve PSEO classes with Minnesota West Community and Technical College for Medical Terminology and Computer Repair classes. Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement Party: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve May 21, 2014 as the retirement party date, held in the High School Campus Media Center after school. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with neighboring districts: Mr. Dotson, Melissa Sagedahl, and Brian Gauer met with BLHS Superintendent about sharing our musical program. Due to our low numbers, BOLD cannot always do the musicals they would like to, but with increased numbers of two schools, more options are available. Haney returns.

Achievement and Integration Plan: Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the Achievement and Integration Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

West Central Integration Collaborative Achievement and Integration Plan: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the West Central Integration Collaborative Achievement and Integration Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

Teacher’s On Call Agreement: Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve the Teacher’s On Call Agreement. Motion and second was withdrawn. Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to table this item until the next meeting to gather more information. Motion carried unanimously.

Increase Substitute Teacher Pay for remainder of the 13-14 school year: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to increase the substitute teacher pay from \$100 to \$110 for the remainder of the 13-14 school year due to the extended day. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Negotiations Strategies – Closed Session

Stenholm moved and Haney seconded a motion to move to closed session at 9:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 11:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley  
Business Manager