

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
MARCH 28, 2016 – 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 28th 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 via iPad.

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Brian Gauer, High School Principal

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

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

Public Forum: Dick Hagen spoke about having a spotlight in the local paper about BOLD Schools. This would be a way for the community to be informed and give feedback. His idea is to have a different person write the report each week or biweekly.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes
February 22, 2016 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Kaitlyn Skonard: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Kaitlyn Skonard, Secondary English Long Term Substitute, effective March 23, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Gabriel Claussen: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Gabriel Claussen as a Secondary English Long Term substitute, effective March 29, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Altmann: Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Susan Altmann, Administrative Assistant, effective March 28, 2016. Motion carried unanimously. The Board thanks Sue for her years of service.

Barbara Squibb: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Barbara Squibb, Special Education Para Professional, effective February 24, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Daren Sagedahl: Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Daren Sagedahl, as the JH Baseball Coach, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

Bryon Meyer: Desotell moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Bryon Meyer as the JH Baseball Coach beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay level F/Step 0 of the 2013-2015 EA

Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Matthew Zupke: Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Matthew Zupke as a Golf Para Professional for the 2015-2016 golf season. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Nissen: Buchtel moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Brittany Nissen, Special Education Para Professional, effective March 23, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Brandon Johnson: Boen moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Brandon Johnson as a Special Education Para Professional, effective March 29, 2016. Pay Grade 2, Step 1 of the 13-15 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Casey Elfering: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to rescind the motion to approve Casey Elfering as a .5 FTE JH Softball Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Tracey Johnson: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Tracey Johnson as the .5 FTE Swimming Pool Coordinator beginning March 29, 2016. Pay rate at \$22/hr for 20 hours/week with a 90 day probation period. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that it is good to have a full spring break. Also, the school is advertising the High School Administrative Assistant position as a 0.5 FTE. There will also be no more “Grab and Go” breakfast in the Elementary. Mr. Dotson asked for direction from the board about the Business Manager position, possibly contracting an accounting service that specializes in school finance. It could be a cost savings to the district for about \$20,000 plus benefits.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen will return from leave on Monday, April 4th. The Science Fair and Family Time led by the students the last 2 months have gone very well. The teachers are doing a good job without Mr. van der Hagen being at the school.

HS Principal Report – No additions to his report.

Activities Report – No report.

School Board Discussion – No discussion.

New Business:

Mediacom: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Mediacom as the District’s Fiber Optic Internet Network Service for the 2016-2017 school year through the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing: Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing bid for auditing services for the 2015-2016 School Year through the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Retirement Party: Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve May 18, 2016 as the Retirement Party date at the Bird Island Media Center at 3:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Building Study Agreement: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the Building Study Agreement with Engan Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2016-2017 School Calendar: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar, version B. Motion carried 4-3 with Stenholm, Benson and Desotell voting no.

BOLD Strategic Plan: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the BOLD Strategic Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

BOLD School District Capital Improvement for 2016-2017 school year: Hanson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the BOLD School District Capital Improvements for 2016-2017. Motion carried unanimously.

JH Band and Choir Field Trip: Lesniak moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve a field trip for the JH Band and Choir students to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres to attend the musical production "Beauty and the Beast". The trip will be on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

JH Band and Choir Fundraiser: Buchtel moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve a fundraiser for the JH Band and Choir students to go to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatres. Motion carried unanimously.

BOLD Diva Dance Team Fundraiser: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a fundraiser for the BOLD Diva Dance Team. Motion carried unanimously.

2016-2017 Class Counts: Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Class Counts. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to acknowledge and accept the following gifts, grants, & bequests:

Accepted a donation of \$50 for the BOLD HS PBIS Program from B&D Market.

Accepted a donation of \$50 for the BOLD HS PBIS Program from the Olivia Family Dental.

Accepted a donation of \$50 for the BOLD HS PBIS Program from Sheldon's Pit Stop.

Accepted a donation of 2 Free Oil Changes coupons worth \$70 for the BOLD HS PBIS Program from Olivia Chrysler Center.

Accepted a donation of \$50.00 for the BOLD HS PBIS Program from Frandsen Bank and Trust.

Accepted a donation of \$250 worth of \$5.00 gift certificates for the BOLD HS PBIS Program from Cherry Berry.

Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session: Negotiations Strategies

Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to enter into a closed session at 8:19 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Boen seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Lesniak moved and Boen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Board Chair