

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
NOVEMBER 23, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
DISTRICT OFFICE, OLIVIA

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 November, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, Olivia.

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; Nancy Howley, Business Manager; Melissa Sagedahl, Activities Director.

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

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

Public Forum:

Jamie Bohlin spoke about what a great loss it is to lose Melissa Sagedahl as AD and Community Education Director. Pat Rauenhorst spoke about the World's Best Work Force. She has concerns about closing the achievement gap. She also spoke about her concerns with the cost share with the City of Olivia. Dana Athmann, Secretary of Student Council, spoke about the deficiencies of the iPads.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes
October 26, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Misty Starr: Buchtel moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Misty Starr as a Special Education Para Professional at the Elementary Campus, effective November 16, 2015. Pay Grade 2/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Advisor: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Kaitlin Opdahl as the 0.5 FTE Student Council Advisor, effective February 1, 2016, for the remainder of the 15-16 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Joshua Flink: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Joshua Flink, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective November 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Melissa Sagedahl: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Melissa Sagedahl, Activities/Community Education Director, effective November 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

FMLA for Paul van der Hagen: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve an FMLA for Paul van der Hagen from approximately February 8, 2016 to April 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

Knowledge Bowl Advisor: Benson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Ryan Tanttila as the Knowledge Bowl Advisor, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2015-2016 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Reminder – MSBA’s 95th Annual Leadership Conference will be held January 14-15, 2016, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. **Early Bird workshops and pre-conference functions will be held on January 12-13.**

Reminder – Truth in Taxation Hearing on Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:30pm in the District Office.

Strategic Planning meeting will be held November 30th and December 15th. The next School Board meeting will be held December 21st at 7:00 pm.

Elementary Principal Report – No further information.

HS Principal Report – No further information.

Activities Report – No Report

School Board Discussion – Stenholm recognized National Honor Society students for helping out with the Safe Avenues Luau. Lesniak gave out information on a Leadership Conference that he attended. Lesniak stated that the Community Education Advisory Board would like to see the Athletic Director and the Community Education Director Position split. Hanson stated that the Strategic Planning Meeting went very well.

New Business:

2014-2015 Audit Report: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the 2014-2015 Audit Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School Project: There was no action taken at this meeting to approve a request for funding by the City of Olivia to cost share the Safe Routes to School Project. A decision will be made after more information is available.

2015-2016 EA Seniority List: Lesniak moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the 2015-2016 EA Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-2016 MSEA Seniority List: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the 2015-2016 MSEA Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

2015-2016 AFSCME Seniority List: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the 2015-2016 AFSCME Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement on Health Insurance Rebate: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a Memorandum of Agreement on Health Insurance Rebate. Motion carried unanimously.

Discuss cooperation with BLHS and RCW: No new discussion.

Budget Publication: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Budget Publication for FY 2015 and FY 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

World's Best Work Force Summary Report: Boen moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the World's Best Work Force Summary Report. Motion carried 6-1 with Benson voting no.

Achievement and Integration Report: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Achievement and Integration Report. Motion carried 6-1 with Benson 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:

Accept a donation of \$100 from the Renville-Sibley Cooperative Power Association for the Scholar of the Month program. The donation was given to Allison Krause and Allison has chosen the Math Department as the recipient.

Accept a donation of \$100 from HomeTown Bank for the BOLD FFA Program for the National FFA Convention.

Accept a donation of \$250 from United FCS for the BOLD FFA Program.

Accept a donation of \$1,400 from the City of Lake Lillian for the BOLD Community Education Department.

Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming dates:

December 21, 2015 School Board Meeting

Negotiations Strategies – Closed session:

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to move to a closed session at 8:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Lesniak moved and Benson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager