

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
NOVEMBER 23, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
VIA ZOOM MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Members Present: Sandy Benson, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, Jill Hanson and Melissa Sagedahl.

Members Absent: Jeff Benson and John Desotell

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; Brett Benson, K-8 Principal; Jim Menton, 9-12 Principal /COVID-19 Program Coordinator; Derek Flann, Activities Director.

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

Agenda: Buchtel moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recognition of Visitors to Board Meeting: Hanson thanked everyone for being a part of the virtual meeting. Lindsey Long also spoke about the Early Childhood and Family Education Program and the Little Warriors Program.

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

Approve Bills for Payment

Approve Minutes

- a. October 26, 2020, Regular Meeting
  - b. November 9, 2020, Special Meeting
  - c. November 12, 2020 Special Meeting
- Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel:

FMLA for Jennifer Jahnke: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve an FMLA for Jennifer Jahnke, effective January 20 - March 5, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach - Corey Buchtel: Sagedahl moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Corey Buchtel as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 4-0 with Buchtel abstaining.

Reports:

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brandsoy started his report talking about the school board election results. Theresa Jacobs, Brian Boen, Melissa Sagedahl and Traci Buchtel received the top 4 vote totals. The 5th place candidate requested a recount. Mr. Brandsoy then talked about the Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney Law Conference that he attended virtually. He also told the board about the Minnesota School Board Association's Annual Leadership Conference that will be held virtually on January 14, 21, and 28, 2021.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Benson talked about the childcare being run differently this fall as to last spring. There are 7 different areas this fall divided by grade level with about 4-7 students in each group. There are a total of 30-40 students in childcare. Mr. Benson also talked about distance learning for the K-6 students.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Menton talked about COVID-19 in our school and the COVID Committee decided to switch to all distance learning for 2 weeks following Thanksgiving.

Activities Report: Lindsey Long explained the ECFE and Little Warriors Swag Bags. They are filled with lots of fun activities and projects for students ranging from 0-5 years old. She has had a good response from the families, even with a minimal cost associated with each bag. Mr. Flann also talked about winter sports. The coaches will be starting with virtual coaching three times per week with the full group and once per week with each individual.

School Board Committee Reports: NA

Pool Board Report: Pool is closed as per Governor Walz's order.

#### New Business

Budget Publication: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Budget Publication for FY 2020 and FY 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ballot Recount Request: Hanson moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve a ballot recount request. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

E-Learning Plan: Hanson moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve the E-Learning Plan. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Teacher Preparation Time: Mr. Brandsoy explained the Teacher Preparation Time from Governor Walz Executive Order 20-94 and Change of Learning Plan. This is a time set aside for teachers to plan for distant learning vs classroom learning.

School Board Committees for 2021: This is information only for the school board members.

Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election: Sagedahl moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which the Polling Places Will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Resolution Relating to the Issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds and Calling a Special Election Thereon: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Resolution Relating to the Issuance of General Obligation School Building Bonds and Calling a Special Election Thereon. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EA Seniority List 2020-2021: Bohlin moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the 2020-2021 EA Seniority List. Motion carried 4-0 with Sagedahl abstaining.

AFSCME Paraprofessional and Food Service Seniority List 2020-2021: S. Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the 2020-2021 AFSCME Paraprofessional and Food Service Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

AFSCME Custodial Seniority List 2020-2021: S. Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the 2020-2021 AFSCME Custodial Seniority List. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Dates for Upcoming Board Meetings:

Hanson moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to establish January 4, 2021 as the date for the reorganizational meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to establish January 25, 2021 as the date for the regular meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Upcoming Dates:

- a. November 30, 2020: Truth In Taxation Hearing @ 6:30 p.m.  
Audit Report @ 7:00 p.m.  
Both will be via Zoom
- b. December 21, 2020, Regular Meeting, via Zoom @ 7:00 pm

Acknowledge and Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests: Bohlin moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to acknowledge and accept the gifts, grants and bequests as follows:

Accepted a donation of \$250.00 from Land O'Lakes, Inc. for the BOLD FFA Program.

Accepted a donation of \$250.00 from AgQuest Financial Services, Inc. for the BOLD FFA Program.

Accepted a donation for \$1,000 from the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 186 for the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn: Hanson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson  
Board Chair