

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
NOVEMBER 25, 2013 – 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 25th day of November, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Alan Haney, Russ Lesniak, Brian Stenholm, Neal Prokosch and Jill Hanson

Members Absent: None

Administration present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Paul van der Hagen, Elementary Principal; Brian Gauer, HS Principal; Nancy Howley, Business Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

Public Forum: Heidi Gross thanked the district for splitting the Kindergarten and 1st grade classes into 3 sections and hopes that the district will continue to do so in the future.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

October 28, 2013 Regular Meeting

November 11, 2013 Special Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Hanson moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to approve Deb Ziller as a 1.0 FTE One Act Play Advisor beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Pay level F/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Nick Strandberg as the 1.0 FTE JH Girls Basketball Coach beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Pay level E/Step 0 of the 2011-2013 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Prokosch moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve a FMLA for Jan Kjergaard starting in early January through approximately the end of March. Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Brian Kingery, Cross Country Coach, effective October 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. Lesniak thanked Brian for his 6 years of coaching.

Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a FMLA for Jessica Listerud for approximately April 1, 2014 to the end of the school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported that the legislature passed the America's Best Workforce Mandate getting students ready for college, work, etc. The board needs to work on the School Improvement Plan and establishing academic goals, supporting teachers, etc.

Elementary Principal Report – The Elementary Christmas concert will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 1:00 pm.

HS Principal Report – Katie Bahl and Sarah Iverson gave a presentation on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). Year 1 is to teach staff replacement behaviors. There are Warrior Way tickets to be given for positive behavior. Year 2 will be student implementation. Year 3 will be the community buy-in. The next training will be in March.

Activities Report – The wrestling coach asked if the senior high wrestlers could talk to students that have not signed up for other activities about participating in wrestling.

School Board's Report – There was a principal negotiations meeting held November 21, 2013. The Bullying lyceum was very well received.

New Business:

Olivia Boiler Project: Stenholm moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to table this item until additional information is available.

Weight Room Project: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to table this item until additional information is available. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Publication: Prokosch moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Budget Publication for FY2013-2014. Motion carried unanimously.

December Board Meeting Date: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to change the December board meeting to December 16th at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with BLHS and RCW: Mr. Dotson is working on getting the school calendars together. They are also discussing sharing classes.

Special Education Para Professionals: Prokosch moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve hiring 2 Special Education Para Professionals for the High School Campus, a 1.0 FTE and a .60 FTE. Motion carried unanimously.

HS Media Center Para Professional: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve hiring .40 FTE Para Professional for the HS Media Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Guitar Class: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve a Guitar Class, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Body Revolution Class: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve a Body Revolution (PE & Health) starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Algebra II Concepts: Stenholm moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve an Algebra II Concepts course, starting with the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Budget Adjustments: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the adjustments to the 2013-2014 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests

Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to accept a donation of \$500 from Northern Plumbing and Heating Inc. to the BOLD School. Motion carried unanimously. The board thanked them for the donation.

Negotiations Strategies – Closed Session

Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to move to closed session at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Evaluation – Closed Session

Desotell moved and Prokosch seconded a motion to move to closed session at 9:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to move the Superintendent Evaluation to December 16th after the board meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager