

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
OCTOBER 26, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.  
HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, OLIVIA

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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 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria, 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

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Hanson.

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

Public Forum: Beth Kadlec spoke about the World's Best Work Force Committee, hoping that the school board will take a close look at the programs. She also thanked Mr. Gauer and the committee.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes  
September 28, 2015 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Kristin Schroeder: Boen moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Kristin Schroeder as a Food Service staff, Elementary Campus, beginning October 26, 2015. Pay grade 1/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Sarah Mertens: Lesniak moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve an FMLA for Sarah Mertens beginning approximately March 25, 2016 for 12 weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Aalfs: Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Lynn Aalfs as a Special Education Para Professional, effective October 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Naomi Prodoehl: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Naomi Prodoehl, Secondary English Teacher, effective January 28, 2016, as amended. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Kaitlyn Skonard: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Kaitlyn Skonard as a Secondary English Long Term Substitute, beginning January 4, 2016. Pay level BA/Step 0 of the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Laura Gonzalez: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Laura Gonzalez as a Bi-lingual Para Professional, beginning October 9, 2015. Pay Grade 1/Step 1 of the 2013-2015 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Ashley Plucker: Desotell moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Ashley Plucker as the Early Childhood and Family Education Child Educator Long Term Substitute, effective the end of January 2016. Rate of pay will be \$21.59 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Karen Bratt: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Karen Bratt as the 3-Year Old Pre-School Long Term Substitute Teacher, effective approximately November 6 for 12 weeks. Rate of pay will be \$21.59 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

Winter Extra-curricular Assignments: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the winter extra-curricular assignments as follows:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>FTE</b>	<b>LEVEL</b>	<b>STEP</b>
Head Dance Team Coach	Karen Smith	1	B	2
Assistant Dance Team Coach	Melissa Honzay	1	E	0
Assistant Dance Team Coach	Kelli Allen	1	E	0
Volunteer Coach	Alex Ebnet			
Head Boys Basketball Coach	Jon Hamre	1	A	0
Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	Jake Brustuen	1	C	0
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Greg Seidl	1	D	0
JH Boys Basketball Coach	Matt Sullivan	1	E	4
JH Boys Basketball Coach	Bret Neubauer	1	E	0
Head Wrestling Coach	David Williams	1	A	0
Assistant Wrestling Coach	Bill Kopel	1	C	0
JH Wrestling Coach	Matt Zupke	1	E	0
Head Girls Basketball Coach	Brian Kingery	1	A	0
Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	Cathy Helin	1	C	0
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach	Bryon Meyer	1	D	0
JH Girls Basketball Coach	Jen Jahnke	1	E	0
JH Girls Basketball Coach	Dan Gross	1	E	0

Motion carried unanimously.

Carla Denardo: Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Carla Denardo as a Special Education Para Professional at the Elementary Campus, effective October 31, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

## Reports

Superintendent Report – The Commission on Higher Education are not going to back down in their mandate for teachers teaching higher education. However, enforcement of this mandate will not be a high priority. The emails requested have been reviewed. There will be no further action taken although improvement could be made regarding professionalism. The musical performances went well. The 2016 Minnesota School Board Association Leadership Conference will be held January 14-15, 2016.

Elementary Principal Report – Thank you for supporting the North Collaborative. BOLD Staff had a great training on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. van der Hagen also talked about the breakfast program at the elementary. There have been some changes to make the program run smoothly.

HS Principal Report – No further information.

Activities Report – Mr. Dotson congratulated the football team on their successful season.

School Board Discussion – Congratulations to the football team for a great season. Also, congratulations to everyone involved in the musical for a job well done.

New Business:

Graduation: Hanson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve changing the graduation day back to Sunday, May 29, 2016. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Policy 534 Meal Charge Management: Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve Policy 534 Meal Charge Management. Motion carried unanimously.

MSHSL: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize the MSHSL Foundation Application for Grant for Student Participation. Motion carried unanimously.

EL Plan of Service: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the EL Plan of Service. Motion carried unanimously.

Wall Mats: Benson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the purchase of wall mats for the small gym. Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Planning Committee: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Strategic Planning Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

MMPA Hometown Solar Grant Program: Stenholm moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the MMPA Hometown Solar Grant Program. Motion carried 6-1 with Desotell voting no.

Committed and Assigned Funds: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the Committed and Assigned Funds. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

School Readiness Deficit Transfer: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve a School Readiness Deficit transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

MacBook: Hanson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve purchasing a 10 pack of MacBooks. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

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

Accepted a donation of \$500.00 from an anonymous donor for the BOLD FFA toward the root beer float stand.

Accepted a donation of \$700.00 from an anonymous donor for the BOLD FFA.

Accepted a donation of \$3,500.00 from the City of Bird Island toward the BOLD Community Education Program.

Accepted a donation of \$50.00 from B&D Market for the BOLD FFA.

Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming dates:

November 23, 2015 School Board Meeting

Negotiations Strategies – Closed session:

Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to move to a closed session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley  
Business Manager