

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
 I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
 OCTOBER 27, 2014 – 7:00 P.M.  
 HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria, Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Jill Hanson, Russ Lesniak, Roger Ridler, and Brian Stenholm

Members Absent: Alan Haney

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

Others present: There were many teachers and community members present.

Public Forum: Pat Rauenhurst thanked the board for emails since the last board meeting concerning Common Core Curriculum. She shared information that she obtained from legislators and shared why she feels it is not a good choice for our students. Andrew Baumgartner shared that he did not leave BOLD School due to the school board or Mr. Dotson, but rather for other reasons.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes  
September 22, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Kelly Boggs: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Kelly Boggs, Special Education Para Professional, effective October 31, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Aaron Pilarski: Ridler moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Aaron Pilarski, as the Director of Buildings and Grounds. Pay rate of \$43,000 with a \$2,000 bonus after the 90 day probationary period. Lesniak would rather spend the money in the classroom. Desotell asked Lesniak what he would like to see done, since we would still need a custodian. Mr. Dotson stated that Hillyard is finishing a labor study to see what is needed. Stenholm would like to see all departments called into question. Motion carried 5-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Laurie Lubitz: Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Laurie Lubitz as the ECFE Parent Educator for the 2014-2015 school year. Pay rate \$21.59/hr. Motion carried unanimously.

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

POSITION	NAME	FTE	LEVEL	STEP
Head Danceline Coach	Karen Smith	1	B	2
Assistant Danceline Coach	Melissa (Doering) Honzay	1	E	0

Assistant Danceline Coach	Kelli Allen	1	E	0
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
JH Wrestling Coach	Matt Jahnke	0.5	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	Kelly Tauber	1	D	0
JH Girls Basketball Coach	Jen Jahnke	1	E	0
JH Girls Basketball Coach	Nick Strandberg	1	E	0

Motion failed 2-4. Desotell moved and Ridler seconded a motion to remove Daren Sagedahl and add Matt Zupke as a 1.0 FTE Junior High Wrestling Coach and Matt Jahnke as a .5 FTE Junior High Wrestling Coach. Motion carried 4-2 with Hanson and Lesniak voting no.

## Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported there will be a committee starting on November 4<sup>th</sup> called Safe Routes to School For Kids. This committee will consist of teachers and community members to review high traffic areas to and from school. The committee will meet approximately 4 times a year.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen congratulated the staff and students for the Reward School designation from the state for testing. He also commented the fundraiser went exceptionally well, raising more than was expected.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer reported the Credit Recovery Program for the High School ALC will begin on November 4<sup>th</sup> to assist students who are struggling meeting the graduation requirements.

Activities Report – Benson offered congratulations to the athletic teams, musical and other activities.

School Board's Report - Hanson thanked everyone who stepped up on Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for the early closure at the elementary school due to the fumes in the building from the gym floor refinishing. Benson spoke about promoting Knowledge Bowl. Stenholm said he was involved in academic decathlon and how it is for all students, not just the "A" Honor Roll students.

## New Business:

Trigger Resolution: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Trigger Resolution to refinance General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried unanimously.

Auditor's Report: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the auditor's report as presented by Jim Gilman of Conway, Deuth and Schmiesing, PLLP. Motion carried unanimously.

World's Best Work Force: Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the World's Best Work Force. Lesniak agrees with the 5 goals of the World's Best Work Force. Desotell asked if the idea has ever been looked at to

help our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading levels. Gauer said he hopes that the Marzano Evaluation System will help with the reading. Lesniak asked if during the SSR time, if students are reading? Gauer said he has observed that students are and he also want to focus it on reading that would help with testing.

Test Data SY2013-2014 – Mr. van der Hagen reviewed the reading and math achievement levels in the elementary and high school and what it means for our school.

Secretary's Contracts: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Secretary's Contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

Food Service Director Contract: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Food Service Director Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Northern Minnesota for May 18 & 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Yearbooks at the Elementary Campus: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the sales of yearbooks at the elementary school. Motion carried unanimously.

November Meeting: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to hold the November meeting on November 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to accept the following donations:

Accepted a donation of \$400.00 from the Lake Lillian Sportsman Club for the Trap Shoot Activity.

Accept a donation of \$1,400.00 from the City of Lake Lillian toward the BOLD Community Education Program.

Benson thanked the two groups for their donations.

Closed Session: Negotiations Strategies

Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to move to closed session at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 10:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

November 24, 2014 School Board meeting at the District Office, Olivia @ 6:00 pm.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley  
Business Manager