

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
OCTOBER 28, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.  
DISTRICT OFFICE, 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office in Olivia.

Members present: Jeff Benson, John Desotell, Alan Haney, Russ Lesniak and Jill Hanson

Members Absent: Brian Stenholm, Neal Prokosch

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

Others present: Sarah Iverson, Deanna Knight, Beth Kadlec, Heidi Gross, Eric Skeie, Greg Snow, Pat Rauenhurst, Riley Kramer, Logan Sandgren, Trevor Honzay, Mal Steffle, Diane Schwarzrock, Katie Bahl, Nate Bahl, Liza Reinert, Hunter Stevens, Wayne Kosak, Broderick Prokosch, Willow Schafer, Andrea Maher, Melissa Wohnoutka, Carly Sigurdson, Byron Hogberg, Laurie Hogberg, Paul van der Hagen, Stacey Larson, Deb Hillesheim, Nick Strandberg, Kathy Reese, Shumila Kazmi, Jen Visser, Bailey Elbert, Taylor Fennern, Christena Svoboda Ojeda, Blayne Schwer, Andrea Saucedo, Janeen Perrizo, Aimee Dale, Julia Church, Rolly Rauenhurst, Jennifer Robideau

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair Benson.

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

Public Forum: Pat Rauenhurst expressed concerns about the Prairie View Regional Trail. Hazards exist due to agricultural activities, including chemical spraying and heavy equipment movement. Maintenance costs are very high exceeding \$14,000 per year. The cost of building the new trail is around \$322,500 per mile. The field approaches to the highway will be difficult to maintain to support the heavy equipment. Sarah Iverson expressed concerns about the decision not to rehire a full-time library para professional at the High School, therefore, closing the Media Center two days per week. She wondered how this fosters good readers, helps in raising test scores and/or helps furthering the district's technology goals.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes  
September 23, 2013 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Linda Stadther as a Media Para Professional, effective October 15, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. Desotell thanked Linda for her time.

Haney moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Julia Church as the One Act Play Advisor, effective September 23, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. Desotell thanked Julia for her time.

Hanson moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Dan Gross as the Junior High Girls Basketball Coach, effective October 10, 2013. Motion carried unanimously. Desotell thanked Dan for his time.

Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Richard Steinbeisser as the Head Custodian, effective September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Greg Seidl as the Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, effective 10-21-13. Motion carried unanimously. Desotell thanked Greg for his time.

Hanson moved and Lesniak 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	Danica Ashton	1	E	0
Head Boys Basketball Coach	Greg Snow	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	OPEN	1	E	0
Head Wrestling Coach	David Williams	1	A	0
Assistant Wrestling Coach	Bill Kopel	1	C	0
Assistant Wrestling Coach	Matt Zupke	1	C	0
JH Wrestling Coach	Matt Jahnke	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	Kelly Tauber	1	D	0
JH Girls Basketball Coach	OPEN	1	E	0
JH Girls Basketball Coach	Jen Hensel	1	E	0

Motion carried unanimously.

Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Trista Park as the PATHWAY II Para Professional beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Dan Timm as the JH Boys Basketball Coach beginning with the 2013-2014 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

## Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson talked about Phase I or II Orientation if needed for school board members. He also talked to the Olivia City Administrator for a joint board meeting of the Olivia, Bird Island and Lake Lillian City Councils to discuss potential for sharing resources..

Elementary Principal Report – Included in packet

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer reported that students are required to meet Algebra I & II Standards. Additional Algebra classes are needed. Mr. Gauer suggests an intermediate algebra to assist with meeting the Algebra II standards. Second, there could be an elective class to combine a Health and Physical Education class for teaching the nutrition requirements and maintain balanced levels of exercise and nutrition. Third, guitar class could be taught by Mr. Strandberg. The class would be in an ensemble format. The purchasing of 15 guitar sets with straps, strings, picks and cases would be approximately \$1500. Desotell would like to poll the students to determine interest. Deb Hillesheim presented technology used in Family Consumer Sciences and Tech 8, including SMART boards, iPads, Schoology and Reality Works Babies. Mr. Gauer also shared concerns for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students failing core classes. He suggested requiring Targeted Services or an 8<sup>th</sup> Hour Study Hall to boost performance. Desotell suggested a reward concept.

Activities Report – Included in packet, Melissa Sagedahl reported that the officials from Saturday night's football game sent a positive email about the sportsmanship and great behavior. She also said that the Minnesota Athletic Director also called to congratulate the team and fans on their positive behavior, class and support.

School Board's Report – Alan Haney met with Melissa Sagedahl and Brian Gauer about the possibility of a new weight room. Jeff Benson informed the members that negotiations are progressing with custodians, however, a final agreement has not been reached.

New Business:

Parent Concerns Regarding Late Start In-Services: Discussion started with Beth Kadlec and Jen Visser speaking on behalf of concerned parents opposed to the 11 two hour late starts. Beth said that she believes that student achievement has to be number 1. She is asking the board to re-evaluate the late starts and put them into the 3 full days of in-service, instead of utilizing the late starts. Mr. Dotson said that his idea was to add more in-service time this year to help with the technology and other newly implemented programs with the staff in order to benefit the students.

Senior Music Trip: Desotell moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the Music Trip. The trip to Arizona will take place May 1-4, 2014. There will be approximately 20-25 students and 5 chaperones.

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

Letter of Support to the Prairie View Regional Trail Legacy Trail Application: After much discussion, this item was tabled for a future meeting.

Bird Island Township – City of Olivia Orderly Annexation Agreement Exhibit: Desotell moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the Bird Island Township – City of Olivia Orderly Annexation Agreement Exhibit. Motion carried unanimously.

Penny War: Haney moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve a Penny War for Santa's Closet at the elementary campus. Motion carried unanimously.

Date and Time for Superintendent Evaluation: The date for the superintendent's evaluation was set for November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, after the regular meeting.

Negotiations Strategies – Closed Session

Haney moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to move to closed session at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Haney moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

November 25, 2013 School Board meeting at the District Office, Olivia @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Haney seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley  
Business Manager