

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
SEPTEMBER 22, 2014 – 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 22nd day of September, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, Olivia.

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

Members Absent: None

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: There were many teachers and community members present.

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

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

Public Forum: Stacey Larsen spoke about tabling the Superintendent's contract and raise until after all other outstanding contracts have been settled. She also expressed concern about attitudes in the District. Jamie Bohlin spoke about the fact that school board members do not return her messages via email or phone messages. She also asked the Superintendent's contract not be renewed. Paulette Svoboda asked why the Superintendent's valid contract is being approved when the teachers' contract has not been settled. Byron Hogberg commented on the meeting area and asked if the meeting could be moved to a larger room. Pat Rauenhurst spoke about the Common Core – World's Best Work Force. She is concerned about the emphasis of the Common Core's test score and how the data is used. Stacie Haney spoke about being worried that all of this chaos is affecting the students, that they are the focus. She also asked for people to treat all others with respect.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

August 25, 2014 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Corey Krueger: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Corey Krueger as a K-2 Grade Special Education Para Professional, effective September 2, 2014. Pay @ \$9.66/hr. Motion carried unanimously.

Charlotte Cornell: Haney moved and Ridler seconded a motion to approve Charlotte Cornell as a High School Special Education Para Professional, effective September 8, 2014. Pay @ \$9.66/hr. Motion carried unanimously.

Lora Coughlin: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve Lora Coughlin as a 3-6 Grade Special Education Para Professional, effective September 2, 2014. Pay @ \$9.66/hr. Motion carried 5-0 with Stenholm and Haney abstaining.

Penny Christy: Lesniak moved and Desotell seconded a motion as amended to approve Penny Christy as the Business Manager Assistant, effective August 25, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Trista Park: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve hiring Trista Park as the 4 year old Para Professional in the ECFE Classroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Cuellar: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve hiring Brenda Cuellar as the 3 year old Para Professional in the ECFE Classroom. Motion carried unanimously.

Natasha Gardeen: Hanson moved and Haney seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Natasha Gardeen, Media Para Professional, effective September 12, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Jen Jahnke: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Jen Jahnke as a Cross Country Volunteer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Kindra Moudry: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve Kindra Moudry as a HS Custodian. Pay grade 1/step 1 of the 2013-2015 Local Union 1686, Council 65, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Teri Berg: Haney moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Teri Berg as a Food Service Employee for the elementary campus for 5.5 hr/day. Grade 1/Step 1 of the 13-15 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Amanda Young: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve Amanda Young as a Food Service Employee for the elementary campus for 5.5 hr/day. Grade 1/Step 1 of the 13-15 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried 6-0 with Haney abstaining.

Reports

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson reported the year is off to a good start and the weather has cooperated. Enrollment is still fluctuating at this time. The water heater in the High School needs to be replaced for a cost of around \$12,000-\$26,000.

Elementary Principal Report – Mr. van der Hagen reported the Title I picnic with Magic of Reading meeting was well attended. They will be doing one fundraiser to fund field trips and PBIS rewards. The RAPAD program paid for the Rock In Prevention program.

HS Principal Report – Mr. Gauer reported an evening credit recovery program will start in October. The 21st Century program started September 22 and they are still looking for a coordinator. Ridgewater is holding a college fair that our 11th and 12th graders will be attending. Mr. Gauer would like the board's approval to use Go Fund Me to fund PBIS t-shirts for every student in the district. BOLD has tickets for students to participate in We Day, an international service project.

Activities Report – Mrs. Sagedahl thanked everyone for the successful fundraiser for Charlie Schneider. She also thanked the custodians for all their hard work. She also thanked Mrs. Prodoehl for the leadership for the Student Council and their work during homecoming week.

School Board's Report – John Desotell replied to Stacey Larsen's Public Forum comment. Brian Stenholm thanked Mr. Gauer for his work with Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS). He also went to the Ag Advisory Committee meeting and thanked Jessie Beucler, the new Ag teacher, for her good ideas. Alan Haney asked about the 4 year old preschool program. Mr. Dotson replied that 38 students are attending with a waiting list. The transportation has been going good. Alan Haney also said Mrs. Baumgartner, kindergarten teacher, thanked the board for the small class sizes. Jeff Benson asked about the Rock in Prevention program. Mr. van der Hagen said it is an anti-bullying/drug and alcohol prevention program. Russ Lesniak asked to keep the school

board in the loop and is excited about the goals. Jill Hanson commented she hopes that everyone works together toward the goals too – make BOLD the best it can be. John Desotell asked if there will be monthly reports and if the school board can add goals.

New Business:

Adopt/Certify Proposed 14 Payable 15 Levy: Haney moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to adopt/certify the proposed 2014 payable 2015 levy. Motion carried unanimously.

District Goals: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the District Goals. Motion carried unanimously.

World's Best Workforce: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to table this item until the October 27th board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Transportation Reimbursement: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion as amended to approve Transportation Reimbursement for the Nathan Scharlemann family students attending a non-public school outside ISD #2534 for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

CMCS Transportation Contract: Hanson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the CMCS Transportation Contract for the 2014-2015 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Assurance of Compliance: Hanson moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #514: Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve Policy #514: Bullying Prohibition Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with Neighboring Districts: Mr. Dotson said he will be meeting with BLHS to discuss some items.

Ratify the 2013-2015 EA Master Agreement: Tabled until the October 27th board meeting.

Secretaries' Contracts: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to table this item until the next board meeting to review the contracts. Motion carried 6-1 with Desotell voting no.

Food Service Director Contract: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to table this item until the next board meeting to review the contract. Motion carried 6-1 with Desotell voting no.

English 11 Overload: Stenholm moved and Ridler seconded a motion to approve an overload for English 11. Desotell asked how English 11 ended up with 2 sections when Social Studies has 3 sections. Mr. Gauer said more students enrolled than initially planned. Motion carried unanimously.

Costa Rica Trip: Stenholm moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to approve the Costa Rica Trip for March 14, 2015 - March 21, 2015 with two chaperones and possibly a third chaperone at the District's discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

Rescind resolution: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to rescind the resolution relating to conducting a referendum revenue authorization election in 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Converting Voter Approved Referendum Authority to a Board Approved Referendum Authority: Stenholm moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adopt a resolution Converting Voter Approved Referendum Authority to a Board Approved Referendum Authority. Motion carried 6-1 with Lesniak voting no.

Grievance Settlement Agreement: Lesniak moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the grievance settlement agreement. Motion carried 6-0 with Desotell abstaining.

Superintendent Salary Increase: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve no salary increase for superintendent for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Dotson suggested no salary increase. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Contract Extension for Superintendent: Desotell moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to approve a 3 year contract extension for the superintendent, with the salary to be determined at a later date. Haney spoke to the audience about listening to the people who voted him into office. Hanson made a comment that it would have been better to settle all of the outstanding contracts first, before settling the superintendent's contract. Motion carried 5-2 with Lesniak and Hanson voting no.

Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests:

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

Donation of \$500.00 from Palmer Bus Service for PBIS.

Donation of \$3,309.10 from the InFaith Community Foundation for the BOLD Elementary School.

Donation of \$4,103.32 from the RC Hospital Foundation to the BOLD School District.

Donation of \$200 from Vosika Portable Toilet Rental for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program at BOLD School.

Donation of \$100 from anonymous donors for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program at BOLD School.

Donation of \$160.31 from Bob Mehlhouse for the BOLD Warriors Football Strong Foundation Banner.

Benson thanked everyone for their donations.

Upcoming Dates:

October 27, 2014 School Board meeting at the District Office, Olivia @ 7:00 pm.

Closed Session: Negotiations Strategies

Stenholm moved and Ridler seconded a motion to move to closed session at 8:52 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Stenholm moved and Ridler seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Lesniak moved and Stenholm seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Howley
Business Manager