

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN  
DECEMBER 18, 2017 – 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office, Olivia.

Members Present: Jeff Benson, Brian Boen, Traci Buchtel, John Desotell, Jill Hanson, and Melissa Sagedahl

Members Absent: Russ Lesniak

Administration Present: John Dotson, Superintendent; Ann Dettmann, Elementary Principal; Jim Menton, High School Principal; and Derek Flann, Activities Director/Community Education Coordinator

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

Agenda: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented Motion carried 5-1 with Hanson voting no.

Public Forum: Gladie Hagen gave a response to the petition: willing to take their request and consider John Dotson, higher salary for new superintendent, response to her email - only three board members responded, concerns about bullying in the school by adults, need to put friendships aside, financial repercussions, and adults behaving poorly. Jamie Bohlin quoted an article from the Iowa newspaper where Mr. Dotson was terminated. She also talked about personal agendas and asking to be placed on the agenda in the past and being told no. She believes there is no bullying going on and feels staff always has extra time to help her kids. She then asked who the real bullies are and to stop the name calling. She was told by Mr. Dotson to investigate the rumors. She believes we have a great staff that works together.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

November 27, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Jill Dworshak: Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve increasing Jill Dworshak to 6.5 hours/day as a Special Education Paraprofessional, effective October 26, 2017. Pay grade 2 of the 2015-2017 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Friesen: Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve a .5 FTE Overload for Brittany Friesen, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective September 6, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Devyn Meyer: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Devyn Meyer as the C Squad Girls Basketball Coach, effective December 5, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Meier: Buchtel moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve an FMLA for Brittany Meier for approximately 8 weeks, effective January 1, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Susan Wrobleski: Boen moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Susan Wrobleski, effective December 15, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports:

Superintendent Report – **Reminder** – MSBA’s 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Conference will be held January 11-12, 2018, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. **Early Bird workshops and pre-conference functions will be held on January 10-11.** Mr. Dotson addressed Jamie Bohlin’s concerns. He was hired to improve the financial position of the school. He asked Jamie to talk to the board members of that district. He also commented that BOLD District is looking to hire a custodian. Mr. Dotson said there are issues with the way the board held the last work session. Ray and Associates said they were not contacted and Mr. Dotson thinks the system is flawed and has too many unanswered questions. Boen asked if he has anything to say about the school in Iowa. Mr. Dotson said BOLD teams are successful thus far. Everyone is handling the turmoil well and getting through this week until Christmas break.

Elementary Principal Report – Mrs. Dettmann thanked Christina Masee with the Christmas Concert. BOLD has a great staff!

High School Principal Report – Mr. Menton commented that early dismissals are to give teachers a chance to work on professional development. He is also hoping to add some college and tech classes next school year.

Activities Report – Mr. Flann talked about the Leadership Program. It is making progress. The video board ad sales are at 4 ads at the premium level. Two businesses seemed interested but Mr. Flann hasn’t heard back from them yet. The covered service fee should continue to grow. The Wrestling Boosters will help with the ad sales. The Wrestling Program will receive the money, although he is not sure it will be the full amount. Mr. Flann is also looking at combining with other communities for Community Education trips to get more involvement.

School Board Discussion – The Pool Board is coming together. They are fixing issues in the pool with a band-aid approach, such as tile and bubbling around the pool because the grout is worn. The committee is also looking at doing a feasibility study.

Pool Board Report - No further information.

#### New Business:

Discuss Community Concerns: Benson put this item on the agenda. Sandy Benson talked about the bullying - told about when her daughter was in high school. Mr. Menton deals with bullying immediately. People are making the school look bad by what they are putting in the paper. Buchtel hasn’t heard of bullying going on in the school. Desotell questioned how the public is to ask the board questions. Hanson read the policy.

Adopt the 2017 Payable 2018 Property Tax Levy Proposed 17 Payable 18 Levy: Desotell moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to adopt the 2017 Payable 2018 Property Tax Levy as follows:

<u>Levy by Fund:</u>	<u>Proposed Levy:</u>
General Fund	\$ 939,886.27
Community Service	\$ 83,094.43
Debt Service	\$ 411,841.15
Grand Total	\$1,434,821.85

Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Search Firm: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to table this item to January 8, 2018, prior to the Reorganizational Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Letting System for High School Math League: Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a Lettering System for the High School Math League. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which The Polling Places Will Remain Open For Voting For School District Elections Not Held On The Day Of A Statewide Election: Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designating Hours During Which The Polling Places Will Remain Open For Voting For School District Elections Not Held On The Day Of A Statewide Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

- January 8, 2018 Reorganizational Meeting
- January 29, 2018 Regular Meeting

Closed Session - To Discuss Consideration of Charges/Allegations.

Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to move to a closed session at 8:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Hanson moved and Boen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Buchtel  
Board Clerk