

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
 I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
 JANUARY 22, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
 BIRD ISLAND MEDIA CENTER

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 January, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bird Island Media Center.

Members Present: Jeff Benson, Brian Boen, Traci Buchtel, John Desotell, Russ Lesniak, and Melissa Sagedahl

Members Absent: Jill Hanson

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 Vice Chair Lesniak.

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

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes

December 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

January 8, 2018 Reorganizational Meeting

Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Pauline Amsden: Buchtel moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve Pauline Amsden as the Long Term Substitute Paraprofessional starting January 1, 2018 for approximately eight (8) weeks. Motion carried unanimously.

Margie-Ana Timmons: Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve Margie-Ana Timmons as a High School Custodian, beginning January 29, 2018. Pay rate according to the 2015-2017 Local Union 1686, Council 655, AFSCME, AFL-CIO Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

2017-2018 Spring Extra and Co-Curricular Positions: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the following 17-18 Spring Extra and Co-Curricular Positions:

Position	Name	FTE	Level	Step
Head Baseball Coach	Brian Kingery	1	B	0
Assistant Baseball Coach	Gregg Helin	1	D	3
Assistant Baseball Coach	Derek Flann	1	D	0

JH Baseball Coach	OPEN	1	F	0
JH Baseball Coach	OPEN	1	F	0
Head Golf Coach	Dave Altmann	1	B	0
Head Golf Coach	Dan Gross	1	B	0
JH Golf Coach	Matt Sullivan	1	F	4
Volunteer Golf Coach	Steve Altmann	0	0	0
Head Softball Coach	Melissa Sagedahl	1	B	4
Assistant Softball Coach	Corey Buchtel	1	D	0
Assistant Softball Coach	Brittany Keltgen	1	D	0
JH Softball Coach	Melissa Honzay	1	F	0
Volunteer Softball Coach	Chet Boen - Varsity	0	0	0
Volunteer Softball Coach	Heidi Mack - JV	0	0	0
Head Track Coach	Jen Jahnke	1	B	0
Head Track Coach	Kaitlin Opdahl	1	B	0
Assistant Track Coach	Matt Zupke	1	D	0
Assistant Track Coach	Michelle Peppel	1	D	0
JH Track Coach	Kelly Matthies-Carlson	1	F	4
JH Track Coach	Steve Solem	1	F	0
Volunteer Track Coach	Matt Jahnke	0	0	0

Motion carried unanimously with Sagedahl and Buchtel abstaining.

Reports:

Superintendent Report – Mr. Dotson talked about the meeting with Buffalo Lake Hector Stewart School District and RC Hospital and Clinics about bringing in Health Occupations courses and possibly manufacturing courses. Beth Kadlec, of the BOLD Parent Teacher Organisation (PTO), reported what the PTO has been doing the last five years. To date, \$10,000 has been donated to the elementary over the past 3.5 - 4 years. The donations have gone to every classroom, phy ed, media center, PBIS, as well as Special Education classrooms. They’ve also held Family Fun Nights that are free will donation and have crafts, movies, sports, raffles and many other fun activities. PTO has partnered with the Girls Scouts, Lions, Early Childhood Initiative and Thrivent Financial. The PTO has also brought in speakers and provided leadership hours for some high school students. Beth ended by saying thank you to the school board and the staff for all their support.

Elementary Principal Report – Mrs. Dettmann talked about the math team making curriculum decisions and will most likely be going with McGraw-Hill for all grades K-12. The committee is working on sections per grade for next year.

High School Principal Report – Mr. Menton added some sample course descriptions on courses that will possibly be offered: Manufacturing and Engineering Courses, Health Occupations Courses, and Information Technology Courses. There is possible grant money available to help offset the cost of these programs.

Activities Report – Mr. Flann explained the Knowledge Bowl lettering system which will be a 500 point system. He also reported the Leadership Groups gave presentations to Grades 4-6 in both BOLD and St. Mary's, on bullying. The presentations lasted between 25-45 minutes and had some good discussions in the classrooms.

School Board Discussion– Boen gave an overview on the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA) Convention. There were good speakers at the convention. He also mentioned about the MSHSL update with the wrestling classes possibly decreasing, due to coach and parent complaints. Boen also talked about the Opioid abuse in the state. Sagedahl commented on the “Communicating From The Inside Out” session that she attended. It was about school board members involved in the regular school schedule, classrooms, lunch etc. Lesniak talked about Tier teaching, which is geared for principals and superintendents. He also talked about the question and answer sessions with the students, which is always eye opening. Benson congratulated the BOLD FFA students in their successes.

Pool Board Report - The Pool Board is looking for new flooring for the pool along with other repairs.

New Business:

2017-2019 MSEA Contract: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to ratify the 2017-2019 MSEA Contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Eligibility Requirements as per the Minnesota State High School League, (MSHSL): Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the Eligibility Requirements as per the MSHSL and to revisit this in the future and make the requirements stronger. Motion carried unanimously.

Policy #209 Code of Ethics: The board reviewed Policy #209 Code of Ethics.

Policy #206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Consideration: The board reviewed and discussed Policy #206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints About Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Consideration.

Plan for Superintendent Position: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve a half-time interim superintendent for a one year contract. Motion carried 5-1 with Boen voting no.

Superintendent Search Firm: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve having the MSBA give a three hour work session. Sagedahl withdrew her motion. Benson moved to table this item until they have further information. Motion carried unanimously.

AIA Document G802, Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Engan Associates for the Parking Lot Project: Sagedahl moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the AIA Document G802, Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Engan Associates for the Parking Lot Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Directing the Administration to Consider Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions: Desotell moved and Benson seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution Directing the Administration to Consider Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions. Motion carried unanimously.

Lettering System for High School Knowledge Bowl: Boen moved and Desotell seconded a motion to approve a Lettering System for High School Knowledge Bowl. Motion carried unanimously.

Cooperation with BLHS and RCW: The discussion included sharing courses with BLHS.

High School Course Catalog for the 2018-2019 School Year: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the High School Course Catalog for the 2018-2019 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services: Benson moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adopt a Resolution to Fully Fund Special Education Services for both Minnesota and the Federal Government. Motion carried unanimously for both resolutions.

Closed Session - Negotiations Strategies

Desotell moved and Lesniak seconded a motion to close the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Boen moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: Desotell moved and Boen seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Traci Buchtel
Board Clerk