

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
MEDIA CENTER, OLIVIA AND VIA ZOOM MEETING

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a Board of Education Meeting of I.S.D. #2534, Renville County, Minnesota, was held on the 28th day of September at 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center, Olivia and via Zoom Meeting.

Members Present: Jeff Benson, Sandy Benson, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, John Desotell, Jill Hanson and Melissa Sagedahl.

Members Absent: N/A

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; Brett Benson, K-8 Principal; Derek Flann, Activities Director.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Hanson.

Agenda: Sagedahl moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Recognition of Visitors to Board Meeting: Hanson thanked everyone for being a part of the in person/virtual meeting.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes: August 24, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel:

Whitney Haney: J. Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve Whitney Haney as a Junior High Volleyball Coach, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Pay Level E/Step 0 of the 2017-2019 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Carrie Gass: Bohlin moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve Carrie Gass as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Kiana Johnson: Buchtel moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve Kiana Johnson as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Nancy McNamara: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Nancy McNamara, Little Warriors Paraprofessional, effective August 25, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Thank you to Nancy!

Lynn Rudeen: Bohlin moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve a one (1) Year Leave of Absence for Lynn Rudeen for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Patsy Cornelius: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Patsy Cornelius, Special Education Paraprofessional, effective September 2, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Thank you to Patsy!

Jeanette Jangula: Bohlin moved and S. Benson seconded a motion to approve Jeanette Jangula as a Food Service staff, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. Pay grade 3/Step 1 of the 2017-2019 MSEA Agreement. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Jody Neubauer: Sagedahl moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve a revised contract for Jody Neubauer, Assistant Business Manager. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Preschool Staff: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Preschool Staff as follows:

Lindsey Long – Coordinator/Preschool Teacher
Kassidy Fischer – Preschool Teacher
Laurie Lubitz – Parent Educator
Josette Repke - ECFE Teacher
Jody Neubauer – Paraprofessional
Kathy Herdina – Paraprofessional
Derrick Lothert - Paraprofessional
Tonja Miller/Ziller - Paraprofessional
Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Reports:

Superintendent Report:

1. BOLD School Learning Plan - Mr. Brandsoy complemented the staff and students on an amazing job dealing with the situation at hand, wearing masks and washing hands. Grades 7-12 have moved to the Hybrid Learning Plan where the students are split into two groups, attending class in person two days a week and learning online three days a week. PreK-4 are attending class in person everyday.
2. Grades K-4 Move to Olivia Campus - The K-4 teachers worked hard at setting up their classrooms and getting ready for the new year. Classes are going very well and they are spacing as best they can.
3. Tax Levy Report for the School District - The summary of the tax levy is included in the board packet and available to anyone that requests to see it. The Excess Levy money that was voted on last fall is included in the summary. The board is asked to approve the maximum amount.
4. Enrollment Update for 2020-2021 - K-12 enrollment is at 623 which is a decrease from last year. This is partly due to the fact that last year's senior class was larger than the incoming Kindergarten class.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Benson reported the conferences held the first two days of school for the K-4 students went well and he thought that was a good way to start the year. He thanked parents and staff for all the support they have given to our students!

High School Principal Report: No further information.

Activities Report: Mr. Flann reported that he met with the Athletic Advisory Council about the changes in the fall sports schedule. He then updated the board on the new rulings at the Minnesota State High School League concerning the fall sports. There will be limited tickets for football games and there will be no fans allowed indoors at the volleyball games. Volleyball games will be live streamed in both the Olivia and Bird Island gyms.

School Board Committee Reports: No further information

Pool Board Report: No further information.

New Business

Truth in Taxation Hearing: Desotell moved and Hanson seconded a motion to approve the Truth in Taxation Hearing for November 30, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Levy: Sagedahl moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to Adopt/Certify Proposed 2020 Payable 2021 Maximum Levy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Public Hearing: Buchtel moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to authorize the School Board to hold a public hearing involving the decision of closing the Bird Island facility. The hearing is scheduled for October 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Transportation Reimbursement: J. Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve Transportation Reimbursement for the following family of District Students attending Non-Public School outside ISD #2534 for the 2020-2021 School Year: Nathan Scharlemann. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

MSHSL Membership: The school board discussed the proposed MSHSL Membership Fee and the changes involved. They also discussed the Fall Sports Schedule for the 2020-2021 School Year.

SW/WC Service Cooperative Contracts: Bohlin moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the SW/WC Service Cooperative Contracts for 2020-2021 School Year. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EA Temporary Master Agreement: Desotell moved and Hanson approved to table this item until the October meeting. Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Bohlin voting no and Sagedahl abstaining.

Renville County Public Health Service Agreement: Bohlin moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the Renville County Public Health Service Agreement for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Application for Free School Breakfast and Lunch: S. Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Application for Free School Breakfast and Lunch for all students enrolled in the district regardless of their eligibility. This funding is through the USDA and will be effective September 28, 2020 through December 31, 2020 or until funding is exhausted. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Upcoming Dates:

October 19, 2020 Public Hearing @ 7:00 p.m. on the BOLD Elementary Building, Bird Island Campus
October 26, 2020, School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center in Olivia and via Zoom.

Acknowledge and Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests: J. Benson moved and Hanson seconded a motion to adopt a resolution to acknowledge and accept the gifts, grants and bequests as follows:

Accepted a donation from the Bird Island Lions Club for \$500 toward the BOLD Robotics Team.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn: Sagedahl moved and Desotell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Board Chair