

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
MARCH 22, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
OLIVIA MEDIA CENTER/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 22nd day of March at 7:00 p.m. in the Olivia Media Center and via Zoom.

Members Present: Sandy Benson, Brian Boen, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, Jill Hanson, and Melissa Sagedahl

Members Absent: Theresa Jacobs

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; Brett Benson, K-8 Principal; Jim Menton, 9-12 Principal /COVID-19 Program Coordinator; Derek Flann, Activities Director.

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

Agenda: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel 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 virtual meeting. There were several community members attending the meeting.

Public Forum: Randy Tersteeg thanked Mr. Brandsoy and Denny Spielmann for their time to show the group the building and discuss further needed repairs. Randy would like an updated cost estimate. Todd Frank commended the administration and school board for working with the BLHS School District. He would like to see both districts continue to work toward possible common goals.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes: February 17, 2021 Canvassing Meeting
 February 22, 2021 Regular Meeting
 Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel:

Jody Neubauer: Sagedahl moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Jody Neubauer, Business Manager Assistant, effective June 3, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Dale Brandsoy: Hanson moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Interim Superintendent Dale Brandsoy, effective June 30, 2021. Buchtel, Sagedahl, Boen, and Bohlin thanked Mr. Brandsoy for his leadership and support over the last three years. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Reports:

Superintendent Report:

Legislative Update: Mr. Brandsoy started his report by saying this is crunch time for the legislature. He also commented about the Governor's budget. Both are working on summer learning opportunities for the state with funding coming from both the state and federal.

School Calendar 2021-2022: Teaching staff have 181 days and students have 172 days.

Facility Plan Update: Mr. Brandsoy talked about the Top 20 Training. He also mentioned that Brian Thompson, from The Garland Company, came to the school and looked at the roofs. He took pictures and will share at a Facilities Committee Meeting. Mr. Brandsoy has set up a meeting with the BLHS Board of Education for Tuesday, March 30, 2021. GFW, as per Superintendent Jeff Horton, is not interested in consolidating but possibly interested in sharing programs.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Benson is happy to have the students back in the building. To help celebrate the first day back, St. Patrick's Day, Mr. Benson wore his Shamrock pants. Students and staff also enjoyed the shamrocks outside and looked for the pot of gold. Mr. Benson also reported MCA testing will take place in April for grades 3-11. Kindergarten Roundup has been set for May 3, 2021.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Menton congratulated the girls basketball team for receiving the Section Academic Award, which consists of a GPA average of 3.833 or higher. He then explained the Top 20 Training and how you look at problems. If you are in the top 20, you tend to have a positive attitude and if you are in the bottom 80, you tend to have more of a negative attitude.

Activities Report: Mr. Flann stated that the playoff games will be with very few fans since the gym space is limited. The girls basketball team plays at Sleepy Eye St. Mary's on Tuesday, March 23, 2021. He also stated there are two wrestlers, Austin Kiecker @ 132 and Tim Peppel @ 285, that qualified for the state tournament. The state tournament will be run a little different this year being held at St. Michael-Albertville High School. The tournament will be broadcast through the MSHSL website.

School Board Committee Reports: The Facilities Committee, Boen, Buchtel, and Bohlin, met with Mr. Brandsoy and Denny Spielmann. They will be meeting again soon.

Pool Board Report: The report was handed out at the meeting.

New Business

District Information on COVID 19 Pandemic - Admin. Team: PreK-6 is in the In Person Learning Plan and the 7-12 is in the Hybrid Learning Plan. Mr. Menton said the administration team is hoping to move the 7-12 to the In Person Learning Plan on April 6th.

Ballpark Complex Contract: Benson moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the Ballpark Complex Contract for April 1st - August 31st, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

School District Calendar: Bohlin moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the School District Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy #209 Code of Ethics: Hanson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Policy #209 Code of Ethics. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Policy #414 Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse: Second reading.

State Fire Marshal Fire Inspection Report: Benson moved and Sagedahl seconded a motion to approve the State Fire Marshal Fire Inspection Report from March 5, 2021. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Upcoming Dates:

April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Olivia Media Center/via ZOOM

Adopt a Resolution to Acknowledge and Accept Gifts, Grants, & Bequests: Sagedahl moved and Benson seconded a motion to accept the following gifts, grants and bequests:

Accepted a donation of \$250 from Keltgen Technology LightBeam Internet, toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$50 from Polly Amsden toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$100 from Beck's Superior Hybrids, Inc. toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$50 from Eric J. Skeie State Farm Insurance toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$2,500 from Rural Computer Consultants, Inc. toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$250 from HomeTown Bank toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$100 from Saunders Mertens Schmitz, P.A. toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team.

Accepted a donation of \$500 from the Bird Island Lions Club toward the BOLD FIRST Robotics Team. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Closed Session: Superintendent Evaluation

Buchtel moved and Benson seconded a motion to move to a closed session at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. At 8:02 p.m. during the break, before the closed meeting started, Benson had to leave because of an emergency call and did not return.

Hanson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to reopen the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Adjourn: Hanson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Board Chair

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