

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
I.S.D. #2534 BIRD ISLAND-OLIVIA-LAKE LILLIAN
MAY 24, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
OLIVIA 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 24th day of May at 7:00 p.m. in the Olivia Media Center.

Members Present: Sandy Benson, Brian Boen, Jamie Bohlin, Traci Buchtel, Jill Hanson, and Theresa Jacobs

Members Absent: Melissa Sagedahl

Administration Present: Dale Brandsoy, Superintendent; 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: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition of Visitors to Board Meeting: Hanson thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Public Forum: John O'Neill talked about the Community Interview Group. Tami Steffel thanked the school board for all they do for the school. Heidi Woelfel talked about her experience on a former search she had been a part of.

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

Approved Bills for Payment

Approved Minutes: April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
 May 13, 2021 Special Meeting
 May 18, 2021 Special Meeting
 March 22, 2021, 2021 Special Meeting - Addition/Correction to the minutes
 Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel:

Nicole Coughlin: Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve hiring Nicole Coughlin as a Summer Custodian for \$8.21/hour for 320 hours during the 2021 summer. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Zhong Fritsche: Bohlin moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve hiring Eric Zhong Fritsche as a Summer Custodian for \$10.08/hour for 320 hours during the 2021 summer. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Friesen: Benson moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Brittany Friesen, Special Education Teacher, effective June 7, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Skyller Schmidt: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve hiring Ms. Skyller Schmidt, Agriculture/Industrial Tech teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Pay level BA-0 of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

Brielle Leszczynski: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve hiring Ms. Brielle Leszczynski as a Secondary English Teacher beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Pay level BA-0 of the 2019-2021 EA Master Agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

2021 Summer Rec Employees: Bohlin moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the 2021 Summer Rec Employees as listed on the enclosure. Motion carried 5-0 with Boen abstaining.

Patricia Wroblewski: Benson moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve Patricia Wroblewski as a Food Service Staff for the Summer Food Program at the Olivia Campus. The hours are dependent on Summer Rec numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

Kristin Young: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Kristin Young as a Food Service Staff for the Summer Food Program at the Olivia Campus. The hours are dependent on Summer Rec numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

Brenda Muench: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve Brenda Muench as a Food Service Staff for the Summer Food Program at the Olivia Campus. The hours are dependent on Summer Rec numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

Brooke Trager: Buchtel moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve Brooke Trager as a Food Service Staff for the Summer Food Program at the Olivia Campus. The hours are dependent on Summer Rec numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

Brittany Louwagie: Boen moved and Jacobs seconded a motion to approve Brittany Louwagie as the Food Service Staff for the Summer Food Program at the Olivia Campus. The hours are dependent on Summer Rec numbers. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Superintendent Report: Mr. Brandsoy gave a report on the state legislative budget. He urges community members to contact your legislators and encourage them to increase public education funding. He then reported on Minnesota Department of Education's Commissioner Update in regards to the CDC Guidelines. Mask guidelines have changed, but are still required in school during school hours. COVID-19 cases in Renville County have been decreasing. Mr. Brandsoy and Mr. Spielmann also gave a facility update. The media center carpet will be replaced in early June due to water damage earlier this spring. BOLD had a good report from the OSHA walkthrough. Mr. Brandsoy then highlighted some upcoming events, such as the retirement party on Wednesday, May 26, last student day on Thursday, June 3, staff in-service on Friday, June 4, and graduation on Friday, June 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Elementary Principal Report: Nothing further to report.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Menton reported the current COVID-19 numbers in Renville County are at 15.75. He also reported that prom went well even though they were not able to have a dance. Sheryl Petersen did a great job! Amber Weber also did a great job with the After-Prom party!

Activities Report: Mr. Flann reported on the Summer Rec Program. There are a few minor changes but will be similar to two years ago. As of now, there are around 100 students signed up for summer rec. with more registrations expected.

School Board Discussion: Benson asked if Mr. Brandsoy would help get the two union contracts, non certified and EA, settled before he leaves at the end of June.

Pool Report: No report, please ask Tracey Johnson if you have any questions.

New Business

Electronic School Sign Donation: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to accept an electronic school sign from the Olivia High School Class of 1977 Memorial Scholarship Fund. Ted Wurm will work on getting any permits or variances needed and Bohlin will contact residents in the vicinity of the sign.

Rescind the Motion to Start Over the Superintendent Search Process: Boen moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to rescind the motion to start over the superintendent search process. Motion carried 4-2 with Benson and Jacobs voting no.

Discussion to Offer a Contract for the Superintendent Position: Boen moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to offer Mr. Menton a contract for the superintendent position. Jacobs amended the motion to bring all four candidates back for interviews. Benson seconded the amended motion. Amended motion failed 2-4 with Boen, Hanson, Bohlin and Buchtel voting no. The original motion passed 4-2 with Benson and Jacobs voting no.

Newspaper Quotes for the 2021-2022 School Year: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to authorize the District Office to seek newspaper quotes for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Dairy Bids for the 2021-2022 School Year: Boen moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to seek dairy bids for 2021-2022 School Year. Motion carried unanimously.

SFY 2022 Application for Special Education Funds Statement of Assurances: Bohlin moved and Buchtel seconded a motion to approve the SFY 2022 Application for Special Education Funds Statement of Assurances. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Activity Fees: Buchtel moved and Bohlin seconded a motion to approve student activity fees for the 2021-2022 School Year. The fees are the same as last year. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-2022 Head Start Lease Agreement: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Head Start Lease Agreement, increasing the rent from \$450 to \$500 per month. Motion carried unanimously.

PACT For Families Contract: Benson moved and Boen seconded a motion to approve the PACT For Families Contract for Tom Kroes, K-12 Social Worker for the 2021-2022 School Year. Benson thanked Tom Kroes for all he does for BOLD School. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Dates:

May 26, 2021 - Retirement Party @ 3:30 p.m. Olivia Media Center

June 3, 2021 - Last Day of School for Students

June 4, 2021 - Graduation @ 7:00 p.m. Olivia Large Gym

Adjourn: Bohlin moved and Benson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Hanson
Board Chair