

BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2015 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Jane Finnerty, Bob Pasch, Curt Gottschalk, and Kari Rojas. Ron Neyer and Rod Cole were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Kari Rojas read Board Goal #1 – Student Achievement for all Students.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board recognized the following guests: Ali Barnes, Rannon Newman, Apollo Schafer, Julie Christensen, Vickey Newman, Rachel Pung, Stephanie Ley, and Ariel Salter.

Ali Barnes from Yeo & Yeo presented the 2014-2015 Audit.

Ms. Christensen and her Spanish Club students gave a presentation on their trip they took last summer to Puerto Rico.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2015 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 28, 2015 as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Denise spoke about a District Administrator Magazine and a thank you from the National Association of Ag Educators for sending Ms. Spry to their conference. Bill reminded the Board about the replenishing of the flower fund and he passed around two thank you cards he'd received.

The Personnel Committee meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled.

Jane Finnerty reported for the District School Improvement Committee. There were two new student reps that attended their meeting; Hannah Steffke and Madeline Fike. Bill gave a budget update and reported that we are down in student count between 12 – 15 students. There will be a Veteran's Day Assembly on November 11th at 10:00. Parent Teacher Conferences are November 12 and there will be a table for Board Members. NWEA testing is complete and it went well. There is a training on November 7th to help staff and administrators with reading the test results. Julie Farrell gave an update on Title I. Jason and Julie are completing a desk audit of Title I. The committee was given an update from the SSIT and ESIT committees.

Jason Wolf reported that they have hired a para-pro for the elementary. Jason also reported that the kids are loving the playground and they have had to make a schedule for use of the playground so that all students get a chance to enjoy it.

Jeff Jackson reported that Rachel Pung was our Rotary Student of the Month. NWEA testing is complete and it went well.

Ben Eggenberger reported that he attended a meeting at the Deerfield Twp Hall to discuss wireless internet for Alternative Ed. Ben has been attending conferences to get familiar with Powerschool and he is learning a lot with the help of Joe Judge and others who are familiar with the program. There was a discussion on our wireless network here in our building.

Julie asked if there were any questions from the Audit presentation.

Jason McDonald reported that they decided to purchase a tractor from Tilmann Hardware. After reviewing the bids Tilmann's was the best bet. Bill and Jason discussed a recent bus issue with the driver and feel it is all taken care of. We are still in dire need of bus driver subs and Jason contacted Dean Transportation to see what it would cost to outsource trips in the Spring.

Bill Chilman reported that he will have a table set up at Parent Teacher Conferences for the Board. He will work on rescheduling the Personnel Committee. He gave an update on the weight room issue.

Denise McBride read the financial report.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the General Fund payments of \$307,160.40, hot lunch payments of \$11,526.39 and the Athletic Fund payments of \$6,332.77. Motion carried 5/0.

The Personnel Committee meeting will be rescheduled and they will work on the District Strategic Plan and the Superintendent Evaluation Tool.

Bill Chilman spoke about the Rock the Foundation Fundraiser and the Trunk or Treat Event. Denise McBride thanked Rod Freeze for all the work he has done for the Foundation.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve the Audit as presented. Motion carried 5/0. Kari Rojas thanked Julie Freeze for her precise budget work.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the 1st reading of the Neola Policies as presented. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Jane Finnerty to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Cam Gatrell – Varsity Boys Basketball, and Dan Beckwith – 8th Gr. Boys Basketball. Motion carried 5/0.

The following coaches have been hired through PCMI: Ashley Brown – JV Girls Basketball, Anna McDonald – JH Girls Basketball, Martha Veihl – JH Girls Basketball, Todd Schafer – JV Boys Basketball, Kyle Gross – JH Boys Basketball, and Ashley Finnerty – Winter Sideline Cheer.

Roni Sisco has been hired through PCMI as an Elementary Para-Pro.

Motion by Kari Rojas, seconded by Bob Pasch to go into Executive Session of the Open Meetings Act under Article 8c – Negotiations. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Jane Finnerty to come out of executive session. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion by Jane Finnerty, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to adjourn. Roll call vote. Motion carried 5/0.

Recording Secretary
Carrie Bleise

Denise McBride, President

Kari Rojas, Secretary