

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session, Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Rhonda Hogstad, Trustee Mark Berg, Trustee Billie Bergstrom, Trustee Manny Zuniga, Superintendent Brent Lindgren, Business Manager Jeanne Carroll, and Trustee Joel Junso.

*The chair called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance.*

The Business Manager's Evaluation was moved to Executive Session.

### AGENDA ADJ

*Mark Berg made a motion to approve the amended consent agenda moving 8<sup>th</sup> grade Trip to the next item of business, as well as moving the Business Manager's Evaluation to Executive Session.*

### CONSENT AGENDA

*Billie Bergstrom seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.*

### CORRESPONDENCE

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1. None

### NEW BUSINESS

3. Approve 8th Grade Trip

### 8TH GRADE TR

*Billie Bergstrom moved to open the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. Mark Berg seconded. Mike Rice reviewed the trip agenda with the board. The bus will leave At 6 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and are back at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. It has many educational aspects along the way. They will be back to school on Friday. Mike also talked about the second tournament not being held, which affected funding. They sent out donation letters and did really well. They exceeded their goal. Mike said tradition is to leave money for next year and they expect to be leaving a possible balance of \$3,000. He said they will also be getting a trip gift like possibly a jacket or something else. They will vote on the item. He handed out the budget for the trip as well. The kids are always very well-behaved and respectful. There are 18 students possibly going, with three chaperones going. There will be a permission letter and also thank you's going out to those who donated. They are picking topics for history-based research papers in Mrs. Halama's class so this will be an educational trip. They also do a quiz and they are applied to their classes for points. Mike said a kid can get on the bus with no spending money and all is taken care of. It's encouraged to keep everyone equal. Brent said medications, etc. are done with due diligence. Extra money brought by students Mike said has never been an issue. Anything harmful to the students is not allowed by the board. The board thanked Mike for his time. Brent said the parents really did step up when the tournament was cancelled. All voted in favor, *with the exception of Manny. The motion passed 4 to 1.**

Mr. Lipp reviewed his administrative report with the trustees.

### ADMIN REPORT

- Spring conferences went well this year with a good amount of parents attending. Students are performing really well.
- SBAC testing has been up and down this month. The testing system is not working. Scheduling has been very difficult. OPI keeps canceling the testing. Brent said OPI says it is the school's choice whether to test or not. He decided today to go forth and test. His thoughts for doing it are so that it is not a letdown to staff, to see the endgame and the goal after the teacher's have worked so hard for student achievement. He said the kids do really well with SBAC and other testing. Third grade started today. The window closes the end of May. He said if it gets to be too much of an issue, he will shut it down.
- K roundup will be the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We only have 13 so far. He is going to hold off on the kindergarten position until later.

- Mail ballots went out today. He will do a presentation on Thursday for people attending the community supper. He wants a lot of transparency in that meeting. He is really working towards getting the information out.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion is coming up June 4<sup>th</sup>. Rhonda and Mike will be there at the presentation. Billie will let Brent know if she can make it.
- He suggests holding off on any big projects with the maintenance because he is feeling very uncomfortable about the budget. We will be working on minor repairs, possibly re-roof the garage, etc.
- He wants to thank Billie, Becca, staff and the entire school community for working so hard on the community dinner.
- He got a letter from the Yellowstone County Sheriff's Department removing the SRO position next year due to staff constraints. He has talked with other rural schools about joint SRO's. He feels expectations need to be spelled out by the districts not the sheriff's dept. He doesn't feel it is a good use of taxpayer money as it currently is. Brent asked the board for their input. If there is an issue, Brent just calls the authorities and he gets quick response. Mostly he gets them for domestic disputes in his office.
- The Accreditation summary is in the packet for the board to look at. He wanted to share it. We are at regular accreditation with a slight deviation for staffing. There is a chart at the end for criteria and we are at the top end all the way across for math and reading.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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5. Billie said they are pretty much ready to go for the community supper. They raised \$1200 this year and so are doing pretty good. With the extra money from last year, she said maybe we can do a totally free dinner next year and not ask for donations. The only thing different this year is putting cooks and staff names on the banners for sponsorship to thank them.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT**

1. *Trustee Appointment/Swearing in*

Joel Junso was present as an appointed trustee. Jeanne swore him in as an official trustee.

2. *2015-16 Librarian Hiring*

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*Manny Zuniga moved to approve hiring Lindsay Sedlacek as a full-time librarian at step 4 on the MA+20 column. Mark Berg seconded. Brent said she is a fantastic candidate. All in favor.*

3. *Community Newsletter Preview*

**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER**

Brent said many of the pages are just loaded with all the positive things being done here, as well as his letter previously sent out to parents, along with how the levy affects taxpayers and how funds will be used and what we are doing.

4. *Staff Appreciation*

**STAFF APPRECIATION**

*Mark Berg moved to approve staff appreciation as presented. Manny Zuniga sec. Brent will go ahead and take care of this. All voted in favor.*

5. *Business Manager/Clerk Evaluation*

**BUSINESS MANAGER/CLERK EVAL**

Moved to Executive session.

**OLD BUSINESS**

8. *Negotiations Committee Meeting*

**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Nothing here.

9. *Water Update*

**WATER UPDATE**

Brent said since everything has been switched over to the new well. Our last testing readings were way lower than they have ever been. At the last meeting, the board approved \$6,000 if needed for the corrosion control plan, but we have put the brakes on this. This is now on hold as long as everything tests well.

There was no public comment.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Negotiations Updates

Moved into Executive session at 7:35 pm. Back into regular session at 7:41 pm.

*There being no further business, Manny Zuniga moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

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Rhonda Hogstad, Chair