

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

The trustees met in regular session, Monday, December 21, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Rhonda Hogstad, Superintendent Brent Lipp, Trustee Billie Bergstrom, Business Manager Jeanne Carroll, Trustee, Mark Berg, and Trustee Joel Junso.

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

*Mark Berg made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Joel Junso seconded. All in favor.*

CONSENT AGENDA

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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Month in Review

Mr. Lipp reviewed his administrative report with the trustees:

ADMIN REPORT

- Brent thanked the Board for the Christmas party and support of it. The staff appreciates it.
- It was a really nice concert series this month. It was packed The 3-5 program is this spring.
- Smarter balance testing results are out. Brent received them today. We are at

Math is at 39%, and K-6 at 56%. He said it's really very good compared with other districts.

In the junior high scores are a little less than what he would like. He said we are going to continue with Smarter Balance. No Child Left Behind is no longer, however he feels he'd like to continue with common core at least for now and then have a discussion on it later on. Denise Juneau has made lots of changes.

He will keep everyone posted on it.

- Brent said its time for his evaluation in January. Please let him know if he needs to work on anything.
- YBGR Mustang Tournament was going on and the kids were awarded sportsmanship

of the tournament.

- We are continuing to work on the autism project. A lot will be implemented in January.

- NCLB has been left behind and he feels what is best for kids is the best thing to do. He'd like to continue what is being done. One thing he'd like to propose tonight to the Board is the 5 year

plan, with all the change in the board. He said if the board is interested, he feels we should do an

overhaul of 3, 3 hr sessions to revamp the whole thing. It's been a decade since it's been done. If the board is interested, maybe in the spring/summer, MTSBA will do it. It could be anywhere from \$2000 to \$5000. He feels it's definitely worth the money.

- The water test came back really good. We don't have to do anything else with the copper.

However, we have been testing our water with our chlorine inputs. We got a letter last month from DEQ regarding levels. Brent called when we got the letter a month ago and they have finally responded after many phone calls and e-mails. They finally responded today and say we are out of compliance and there may be a fine. Back in July, 2014, in a very small paragraph in a 15 page document, they mentioned it.

There is a due diligence problem with DEQ. These levels have not changed. Tetra Tech looked and said DEQ has not done their due diligence is notifying us. He'll keep the Board in the loop.

NEW BUSINESS

5. MQEC

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Brent handed out the MQEC handout he received from his superintendent meeting last week. The board paid dues last year to belong on a trial basis. He reviewed it with the board. Some of the items were choice affecting school finances, school retention rates, special Ed, facilities maintenance and addressing this issues. Brent talked about some of the graphs in the handout. They focus on higher enrollments in schools, lower teacher graduate numbers,

vacancies, etc. Also special education funding at state and local levels is something else they look at. The differences are all being paid at the local levels. The federal and state systems are not contributing anything more. MQEC is working on the formulas for funding.

6. Adopt Resolution for Budget Amendment for Unanticipated Enrollment Increase. **RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT**
Joel Junso moved to adopt the resolution for budget amendment for unanticipated enrollment increase. Mark Berg seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

7. Superintendent Evaluation Forms **SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION FORMS**
Forms were handed out and are to be back to Jeanne or the board box in the office by January 6th

8. Employee Handbook **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK**
Brent said this is only the first third of the handbook. The index and page numbers are not up-to-date. He thanked Jeanne and Dani for reviewing it, spending several hours on it and updating it. He would like the board to read it and advise on any comments. The next part will be the certified staff portion, which we will review for master agreement and send it through the MTSBA for review. This is all procedures and legalities.

9. Hirings/Resignations **HIRINGS/RESIGNATIONS**
Mark Berg moved to accept Erin Buyske's resignation from teaching, at the end of the school year 2015-16. Billie Bergstrom seconded. Brent said he feels she has been a fantastic teacher and has done some wonderful things here for our students, staff and district. He understands her need to fulfill her commitment to her family. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

1. Staff Handbook
2. Superintendent Evaluation
3. MQEC

There being no further business, Mark Berg moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Carroll, District Clerk

Rhonda Hogstad, Chair