

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Independent School District No. 820  
Sebeka, MN 56477  
Regular meeting Monday, August 9, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Rod Huttunen, Russell Johnson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent Nate Erickson and Eric Nelson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; K-12 Principal Amie Westberg, Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff member Becky Pierson and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Olson moved, Funk seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Negotiations Committee met with the 12-month non-union staff, principal, and Food Service Supervisor on July 21<sup>st</sup> and the ESP union group July 27th to settle contracts for the 2021-2023 school years.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on: auditors from Eide Bailly will be on-site Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> to conduct fieldwork for the FY2021 school year; submitted the Long-term Facilities Maintenance Revenue Applications with MDE, PERA Exclusion report, IRS Form 720, and the 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter payroll reports; submitted and received an ESSER II claim for FY2021 in the amount of \$54,667.52; and received an allocation of \$15,569.34 from the Governor's Discretionary American Rescue Plan for Summer Academic and Mental Health Support.

Jon Lillquist's Activities Director report included the following Fall coaching assignments: **Football** - Bryson Vasey and Tanner Burgau as Co-Head Coaches, Assistant Tom Smith, and Jeff Lake and Jesse Bullock as Jr. High coaches; **Volleyball** - Head Coach Becca Pulju, Assistant Jon Lillquist, Emily Crabb as C-team coach and Marissa Tumberg as Jr. High coach and one open Jr. High Volleyball coach position; **Cross Country** - Nicole Oyster and Nick Jasmer as Co-Head coaches and Katie Smith as Jr. High coach; and Sarah Kuschel as Football Cheerleading advisor. It was also noted that fall sports begin practice on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Westberg reported on the Fall Inservice agenda noting that new teachers will start on Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup> and noted that all teachers will start on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>; Special Education teachers will have a fall update meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup>; Paras will have their fall workshop via Zoom on Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, moving away from having the Accelerated Reader program and Northern Pines is working on a mental health grant to help teachers.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported that all employees will be emailed information regarding the 2021-2022 school year; reviewed fall sports activities; teacher staffing, Shane Siltala has started as Transportation Supervisor and all seems to be going well; custodians have been busy getting the school prepared, and the food service staff attended a beginning of the year workshop and will begin preparing for the new school year the last week of August. Mr. Fjeldheim also noted that sanitizing and specific protocols are being reviewed again with the custodial, transportation, and food service departments to best address the needs of minimizing the potential of the virus spreading in the building and on buses once school begins this fall as it appears we will see another wave that will exist.

Under Discussion Items, Mr. Fjeldheim and Mrs Westberg reviewed the beginning of the year plans; staffing for the 2021-2022 school year; and the Safe Return to In-Person learning plan for this coming school year which includes limiting the number of people into the building who are not working here, emphasizing sanitation and hand washing, seating charts for better contract tracing, sending students to the health nurse when not feeling well, request but not require Covid testing before returning to school if at home sick, lunchroom seating, etc. and following the guidelines from MDE and MDH.

Funk moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of the Fall coaching assignment of Sarah Kuschel: the minutes of the 07/12/2021 regular meeting; the Treasurer and Investment report for August; the monthly bills at (\$631,306.60); 2021-2023 contracts for non-union 12-month employees, Principal, Food Service Supervisor and ESP contingent on the approval by the ESP Union; Fall coaching assignments: **Football** - Bryson Vasey and Tanner Burgau as Co-Head Coaches, Assistant Tom Smith, and Jeff Lake and Jesse Bullock as Jr. High coaches; **Volleyball** - Head Coach Becca Pulju, Assistant Jon Lillquist, Emily Crabb as C-team coach and Marissa Tumberg as Jr. High coach and one open Jr. High Volleyball coach position; **Cross Country** - Nicole Oyster and Nick Jasmer as Co-Head coaches and Katie Smith as Jr. High coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Frame seconded to approve the fall coaching assignment of Sarah Kuschel as Football Cheerleading advisor. Motion carried as Funk abstained from voting.

Olson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the Truth in Taxation hearing date for Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office with the regular meeting to follow. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve a resolution for the Community Concern for Youth Program for the 2021-2022 school year for a cost of \$1,790. The following members voted in favor: Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson and Olson; against: none; absent: Erickson and Nelson; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

No Action was required for the balance transfer of Finance 332 Enrichment to Community Ed Finance 362.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to approve a resolution to approve the transfer of the Staff Development Finance 316 to the Basic Skills Finance 317 in the amount of \$20,000. The following members voted in favor: Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson and Olson; against: none; absent: Erickson and Nelson; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve the resolution to renew the MSHSL membership for the 2021-2022 school year. The following members voted in favor: Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson and Olson; against: none; absent: Erickson and Nelson; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Johnson moved, Olson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:29 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson  
Clerk of Sebeka School District