

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Independent School District No. 820

Sebeka, MN 56477

Regular meeting June 14, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Russell Johnson, and Eric Nelson. Absent Rodney Huttunen and JoAnn Olson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Dave Kerkvliet, Melissa Koch and Becky Pierson; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

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

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on the following: Career and Tech FY2021 has been entered in the CTE Levy Reporting System in the amount of \$201,651.99; reviewed summary of SERVS financial information; preliminary grant allocations for Title have been released and we will be receiving \$170,644.29 for Title I and \$26,951.62 for Title II; received a grant for FY2021 for REAP funds and funds were used for library books and reading textbooks/supplies; and attended a webinar on additional summer school funding noting that the estimated total is \$14,400 of which we have received \$3,600 and at the end of the program, student attendance will have to be submitted to receive the balance of the funds based on \$4/membership hour and unused funds can be carried over to the next fiscal year.

Principal Westberg's report included the following: Elementary field day went well with a good turnout of spectators; grades were sent out on June 4th; and received a grant from Dollar General Literacy Foundation in the amount of \$2,000 for a summer reading program noting that this will give students the opportunity to have books to read during the summer.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on summer school for targeted services noting the program will run July 6th through July 29th and thanked Mrs. Dragseth for all her help in organizing the summer program; Summer Rec will run June 7th through July 15th noting that additional activities have been added to this program along with weight room supervision; Summer Food Service program will be available for lunches Monday through Thursday for the month of June and breakfast and lunch for the month of July; Shane Siltala, our new transportation director, began his duties on June 7th and will work with Glenn for the month of June and will take over full time in July; end of year details were completed by teaching staff; Congratulated the baseball and softball teams and coaches on their success this year as both teams represented our section in their respective state tournaments; congratulated Mr. Heino on his Educator of Excellence Award for his support of the Stock Market game that his classes have competed in over the past several years; and reviewed federal funding for Extended Learning Summer programs, fire inspection report received from the Fire Marshall's visit in May noting that most items are easy fixes; information received from Mrs. Kern regarding a notice received from MDE regarding the waiver schools received this year related to ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) as schools will not be compared this year as to their results compared to other schools and the information will not be used for accountability purposes; report from the school nurse regarding Covid numbers for the 2020-2021 school year noting that a total of 36 school cases were reported with most cases being isolated events; and a handout on the Tiered license requirements for Tier I, II, III and IV.

Under Discussion Items, Mr. Fjeldheim noted that he is working on carpet and tile replacement in the media center, Mrs. Geiser's room, Mrs. Oyster's classroom, band room, practice rooms and storage room and looking into painting walls in those areas; discussion on the replacement of pneumatic controls in the '87 addition to digital controls and all the work to change over this system; and continue to work on adding additional equipment to the playground. He also reviewed the school board self-evaluation noting that the school board and administration will need to focus on a few areas as short-term goals and also identify longer term goals in future years. Categories for the areas identified are Enrollment, Promotion and Marketing, District Financing, Staffing, Curriculum, Technology, School Environment and Community Involvement. Discussion was also held on legislative updates.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.1 Resignation of Art Teacher Kristin Hoff and 7.5.4 Leave of Absence Request for Dean of Students Luke Roberts: May 10th regular school board minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for June; monthly bills at \$779,133.29; Call for milk bids; resignation of Concession Stand Advisor Missy Wattenhofer; assignment of Maureen Dragseth as part-time Elementary Interventionist; and end of year enrollment at 452 students K-12.

Erickson moved, Nelson seconded to approve the resignation of Art Teacher Kristin Hoff at the end of the 2020-2021 school year and to wish her well on her new endeavors. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Johnson seconded to approve a one year leave of absence for Dean of Students Luke Roberts with a response date of March 1, 2022 as to his decision of returning to his position of Dean of Students. Motion carried 6-1 with Erickson, Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson and Olson voting in favor and Nelson opposed.

Olson moved, Nelson seconded to approve the second reading of the 2020-2021 budget revisions showing revenues at \$7,084,245 and expenditures at \$7,175,943 noting that the second revision of this year's budget indicates a deficit of \$91,698. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board reviewed quotes received for the school's liability and workman's compensation insurance from EMC Insurance (our current carrier) in the amount of \$72,874 and Weizenegger Engel Insurance in the amount of \$71,397.

Funk moved, Erickson seconded to approve the renewal quote from EMC Insurance for the school's liability and workman's compensation insurance in the amount of \$72,874. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Frame seconded to approve the HVAC project in the amount of \$363,755 contingent upon approval of the plan by the state to use ESSER III funding for the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Olson seconded to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 Elementary and Secondary Handbooks with only minor changes noting that a more thorough review will take place next month when the legislative session is over due to some changes that could surface with educational policy. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 proposed budget showing a budgeted revenue of \$7,139,582 and budgeted expenditures at \$7,192,816 with a proposed deficit for the FY2022 of \$53,234. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Nelson seconded to approve a resolution accepting the following donations for scholarships: \$2,000 from Shari and Rich Perrine; \$2,500 from Karen Moen for the Elaine Veit scholarship; \$5,000 from Earl and Rhita Keskey; and \$250 from John Hafer for the Linda Smith scholarship and a \$2,000 donation from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation for a summer reading program. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson, Nelson, and Olson; against: none; therefore the resolution was duly adopted.

Nelson moved, Olson seconded to approve a Safe Return to In-Person Learning plan for SY2021-2022 by continuing to follow MDE, MDH and CDC requirements noting that what the Sebeka School District will not do under current expectations is that they will not require face coverings, will not require students to have a Covid vaccination to attend school and does not plan on implementing any restrictions that are not mandated by the federal or state government and noted that all guidelines are subject to change as MDH and the CDC could change future expectations. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Funk seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District