

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Independent School District No. 820

Sebeka, MN 56477

Regular meeting May 10, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Russell Johnson, Eric Nelson and JoAnn Olson. Absent member Rodney Huttunen. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Principal Amie Westberg; and Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Dave Kerkvliet, Nikki Ament and Cathy Baumgart; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

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

Under the Student Council Report, Principal Westberg reported that Student Council will be holding a Whiffle Ball Tournament along with a picnic for 7th-12th grade students on Friday, May 21st; they will be having a Hat Day on Monday, May 24th; and elementary students did a Donation Dots fundraiser and raised \$3,289 with 63 students raising more than \$30 each and noted that those 63 students will be getting a special treat.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on final budget revisions for FY2021; an open enrollment meeting regarding health insurance with Justin Kroeger, our Gallagher re, about PEIP rates; and attended the virtual year end payroll meeting and noted that there are new requirements regarding the EEOC Employee Equal Opportunity Commission and will need to file reports for 2019 and 2020 by July 19th.

Principal Westberg reported on registration for classes for the 2021-2022 school year has been completed; MCA testing has been completed with relatively good results with the exception of a couple of grades and noted that these results do not become public until August; Band and Choir concerts went very well and parents were happy to be able to be in the building to watch the concerts; NHS held their official induction ceremony on May 5th with 11 juniors and two (2) seniors being inducted and thanked Ms. Polman for organizing such a nice program; Track and Field Day will be held on May 25th with grades 4-6 starting at 9:00 a.m. and grade K-3 starting at 1:00 p.m.; and Seniors will have their cap and gown pictures taken on May 12th and their last day will be May 26th.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on legislative updates providing information on topics pertaining to educational issues; thanked Heidi Huotari for completing the grant for Pathways II and on receiving the Pathways II Award for fiscal years 2022 and 2023 for a total award of \$75,000 (\$37,500/year) to help pay for our preschool program and will also be receiving a few Pathway I scholarships for early learners that are up to \$7,500 each; Targeted Services Summer School noting that due to having ESSER revenue we are able to provide transportation and smaller class sizes for the summer school program; the final school construction budget from Contegrity was reviewed; uses of ESSER II & ESSER III monies noting that ESSER funds can be used for additional positions, retaining positions, expanding the playground area, indoor air quality projects, and outdoor facilities for outdoor classes; a letter from Paul Drange asking school districts in the Region 5 area to consider donating 3.5% of their ESSER funds to help secure funding for a Region 5 Children's Museum to be located in the Brainerd/Baxter area. This was for discussion only as no decision will be forthcoming at this time; Summer Food Service for the month of July during Targeted Services with free breakfast and lunch for anyone under the age of 18 and will also continue throughout the 2021-2022 school year and noted that we may run this program in June if there appears to be interest.

Under Discussion Items, Randy Vandermay was present to provide information regarding Trap Shooting and asked the School Board to consider paying for registration fees for the State Trap Shoot competition in Alexandria; The Summer Rec program will run from June 7th through July 15th with Mr. Lillquist in charge of the program along with student helpers Levi Stevens and Jolee Lillquist with the School Board approving the superintendent to hire additional help if needed; Mrs. Ament reviewed a slide presentation regarding the Q-Comp program and how the program works to improve instruction and student achievement noting that the focus this school year for Q-Comp was a book series called "Sparks in the Dark" and also noted that each staff member has three observations, two formal observations and one observation of their choice, PLC's were held every other week and staff had a choice of PDs to attend; and Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed staffing for the 2021-2022 school year noting that all open positions have been filled with the hiring of a new English teacher, two SPED teachers, Science teacher, Kindergarten teacher, Second grade teacher, an Elementary Interventionist and a Secondary Interventionist and noted that because of the ESSER funds the district will again be at two classes per grade in the elementary by adding back another section in 2nd grade.

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Nelson moved, Frame seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: April 12th regular meeting minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for May; monthly bills in the amount of \$676,884.29; assignment of Summer Rec Director Jon Lillquist and helpers Jolee Lillquist and Levi Stevens with an added addendum of hiring additional help if needed; assignment of Caroline Drury as 2nd grade teacher; assignment of Jacob Haag as Science teacher; assignment of Carol Lindroos as Elementary Interventionist; assignment of Becky Salo as Secondary Interventionist; assignment of Shane Siltala as Transportation Director/Mechanic; and May enrollment at 452 students K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the graduating class of 2021 contingent upon all requirements completed at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve Wednesday, May 26th as the last day of school for seniors, dismissal of 12:30 p.m. for all students on Friday, May 28th and early dismissal of 12:30 p.m. for teachers on Wednesday, June 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Olson seconded to approve revisions to the 2020-2021 budget showing revenues at \$7,030,206.00 and expenditures at \$7,123,135.00 noting the second revision of this year's budget indicates a deficit of \$92,929. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to approve to pay \$1,100 in registration and meal costs for the Trap Shoot State Championship Conference meet in Alexandria which will be held in June. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve a resolution accepting donations in the amount of \$1,000 from WCTA for Elementary Reading Rewards trips for SY 2021-2022; \$500 from WCTA for BPA; and \$2,000 from Minnesota Power for Mr. Smith's Entrepreneur class for the vinyl printer. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Johnson, Nelson, Olson; against: none; Absent: Huttunen. Therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Frame moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District