

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Independent School District No. 820  
Sebeka, MN 56477  
March 14, 2022

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

Nelson moved, Olson seconded to approve the agenda with the additions of 7.5.3 Resignation of Science Instructor Aryanna Wetteland and 7.5.4 Resignation of Title I Instructor Sandy Fultz. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Representative Rachael Smith reported on: Leprechauns will be hidden throughout the school and if a student finds one they can bring it to Mrs. Kern for a treat and will also have “guess the number of gold coins” and the student closest will receive a treat; Student Council will be doing a NCAA bracket challenge for students who are interested; afternoon activities are planned for the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter - Archery tag hosted by the National Guard, Bingo, Trivia, scavenger hunt escape room activity and build your own sundaes; and during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter there will be a weekly advisory challenge.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on: ACA 1095 Forms for 2021 have been submitted to the IRS; received notice that there will be funds available under the Extended Learning Summer Programs grant and noted that these funds will go through Freshwater and will be based on hours generated in the summer of 2021; Food Service Department was notified that there was funds available through the remainder of FY2022 through the Supply Chain Assistance Funds in the amount of \$12,569.17; submitted a draw request in the amount of \$115,053.47 under ESSER II for the period of October-December 2021 and noted that the total grant was \$554,392 and \$54,667.52 was spent in FY2021 leaving a carryover of \$499,725.46; \$283,719 has been budgeted for FY2022 leaving \$216,004 for FY2023; submitted a first draw from ESSER III funds in the amount of \$73,713.81 for expenditures incurred through December 31<sup>st</sup> noting that the total grant amount for ESSER III is \$996,356.50 of which \$684,179.34 is budgeted for FY2022 which includes the HVAC project and playground equipment; received Delta Dental renewal rates for 07/01/2022 noting a reduction in premiums and an increase in benefits from a \$1500 maximum per person to \$2000 maximum per person.

Mr. Lillquist’s Activities Director report included: will be attending a Pairing meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> in the a.m. and a PRC AD meeting in the afternoon; Wrestling placed 6<sup>th</sup> as a team in their first ever appearance at the MSHSL State Wrestling Tournament also noting that eight individual wrestlers made it also with Marcus Peterson placing 6<sup>th</sup>, Eion Ness and Torrey Carlson placing 4<sup>th</sup> and Ethan Hendrickson becoming the first UNC wrestling champion; GBB lost in the first round of the section tournament to Browerville; BBB lost in the play-in round to LPGE; recommending Tanner Burgau as Junior High Baseball Coach; recommending Noah Stevens as Junior High Baseball Coach depending on number of players and if he can make it work with his job; Softball and Track start on March 14<sup>th</sup> with full practice, Baseball starts on March 14<sup>th</sup> with pitchers and catchers conditioning and full practice on March 21<sup>st</sup> and Golf full practice starts on March 21<sup>st</sup>; and UNC Warrior Speech will be hosting the SubSection 23A Tournament this year on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Principal Westberg reported on: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math Masters competed on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at Sourcewell in Staples noting there were a total of 60 students who competed in the Fact/Drill and Individual Rounds and 12 teams. Highlights for Sebeka students were Hudson Nelson placing 4<sup>th</sup>, Claire Koll placing 5<sup>th</sup> and Matthew Keddy placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the Fact/Drill Round; in Individual Rounds Matthew Keddy place 4<sup>th</sup> and Tate Byman placed 16<sup>th</sup>; and in Team Rounds, Sebeka placed 8<sup>th</sup>; this is the third year that the seniors will be doing the University Michigan survey on March 16<sup>th</sup> and will receive a nice thank-you with \$500 from the University of Michigan to be put into their class account; on March 21<sup>st</sup>, Craig Hillier will be speaking with students in grades 7-12 on resilience, respect and responsibility and will also meet with student leaders after the presentation; five fifth graders will be competing online for the National Science Bee Regionals competition; Students in grades K-5 will be attending the Shrine Circus in Detroit Lakes on March 31<sup>st</sup>; for the March 28<sup>th</sup> Inservice, Sourcewell will be doing a Cultural Competency Training for our teaching staff which they will be required to complete as a requirement for their license renewal; there will be a K9 demonstration on April 4<sup>th</sup> for students in grades K-6; and Kindergarten Roundup will be on April 2<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on: the Special Education Caseload from Freshwater for all disability areas being served; February Budget and Economic Forecast from the Legislative sessions; discussed the snow day and the Monday after Easter noting that he will have teachers, paras and food service make up the snow day by documenting extra hours so they will not have to go an extra day at the end of the school year and school will be in session on Easter Monday; district reimbursement cost

for SkillsUSA State Conference which will be held April 8<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>; Minutes of the March Health and Safety meeting noting there have not been any major concerns; letter from the City of Sebeka requesting a variance to construct a storage rental facility on Becker Ave; and Custodial, Food Service and Transportation departments are all running smoothly.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed funding from ESSER III noting that there is approximately \$250,000 that was set aside for extended school day, extended school year, and summer programming to address learning loss and enhanced activities that can also address physical, emotional, and mental health of students. Discussion took place on targeting additional activities over the summer, additional support for students, transportation for students provided for summer school, and after school programs above and beyond targeted services for students.

Discussion also took place on how to structure grades 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade now that Mr. Lillquist will move into the Dean of Students/AD/Community Ed position. No specific decisions were made as the administration will continue to review options, review enrollment numbers, discuss with those involved, and bring a decision back to the board at a later date.

Mr. Fjeldheim also held discussion regarding the school board completing a board self-evaluation and looking at long range planning. Mr. Fjeldheim noted that when establishing goals for schools, they are usually based in the following five categories, (1) Curriculum Development and Programming; (2) District Budgetary areas of concern; (3) Building and Infrastructure improvements (4) Promotion and Advertising of the school district; (5) Technology Improvements. A survey will be developed and completed by students, staff, parents, and community to receive input of areas to focus on over the next couple of years.

Olson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.3 resignation of Science Instructor Aryanna Wetteland and 7.5.4 Resignation of Title I Instructor Sandy Fultz: February 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for March; monthly bills at \$672,900.08; summer contracts for Mr. Kerkvliet for summer band and Mr. Oyster for agriculture; assignment of Tanner Burgau as Jr. High Baseball Coach; and March enrollment at 460 (K-12). Motion carried unanimously

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to approve the resignation from Science Instructor Aryanna Wetteland and thanked her for her two years of service to Sebeka School. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Nelson seconded to approve the resignation of Title I Instructor Sandy Fultz and thanked her for her 33 years of dedicated service to the Sebeka School District and students of the district. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the second reading of the 2022-2023 school calendar starting with new teachers one day during the week of August 22<sup>nd</sup>; and the rest of the staff on August 29<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>; First student day starting on September 6<sup>th</sup>; Christmas vacation beginning December 23<sup>rd</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup>; School resuming on January 3<sup>rd</sup>; No school on Good Friday (April 7<sup>th</sup>) or Easter Monday (April 10<sup>th</sup>) Graduation on May 26<sup>th</sup>; Last student day May 26<sup>th</sup> and last teacher day May 31<sup>st</sup>. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Erickson seconded to approve an amount up to \$207,675.00 for capital expenditures noting that this is based on estimated revenue the district will receive from capital aid and levy and the aid and levy the district will receive for Long Term Facility Maintenance for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to approve to purchase one conventional bus at a cost of \$97,000 to be paid out of the general fund and to lease two transit buses at a cost of \$232,850. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Erickson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson  
Clerk of Sebeka School District