

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
March 11, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Rodney Huttunen, Cheri Kangas, Eric Nelson and JoAnn Olson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Kerkvliet; Principal Amie Westberg, staff member Jerome Meyer; Student Council Representative Brianna George; and Review Messenger Reporter Dave Hanson.

Funk moved, Olson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.4 Consider changing the May Board meeting from May 13th to May 14th. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Representative Brianna George reported on Student Council selling “Bubblers for your Boo” in February; will be planning a celebration for the beginning of 4th quarter; will be hiding shamrocks throughout the school in March and if a student finds one they can bring it to Mrs. Kern for a treat; and will also be doing the NCAA bracket challenge for students who are interested.

Holly Paulson’s Business Manager report noted that ACA 1095 Forms for 2023 have been completed and submitted to the IRS; received the Workers Compensation modification rate of 1.04 for FY2025 from a rate of 1.35 for FY2024 noting that the rates are moving in the right direction; and completed the FY2023 ESSER and GEER survey and submitted to MDE.

Mr. Lillquist’s DOS/AD report noted that he will be attending a PRC AD meeting on March 19th; recommends Thor Johnson for the assistant track position; and Softball and Track started practice on March 11th; Baseball started conditioning throwing week on March 11th with the whole team starting practice on March 18th.

Principal Westberg reported on Staff Development on March 25th will have an AVID presentation from 9:00 - 10:30 and an enVision presentation for math teachers grades 4-12 from 12:00 - 1:00; Kindergarten Round-up will be held on Monday, April 8th at 5:45 p.m.; will be meeting with teachers to help determine a 2-year rotation for electives along with Mrs. Kern and Steph Drange from Sourcewell; will be meeting with Mrs. Kern and the school counselor from BBE on March 12th to learn how they set up their courses and advisory time; will be having a training on March 12th on the administrative side of how Prolific works and then next to be trained will be the MTSS and DataTAT teams and rest of staff will be trained during the fall inservice; READ Act request for PD has been submitted to MDE and noted that all of the K-4 literacy teachers, K-12 special education teachers and paraprofessionals will get trained in LETRS and Mrs Huotari and Mrs. Ashman will get trained in Early Childhood LETRS; and MCA testing will begin the week of April 8th with reading, then math and science.

Superintendent Kerkvliet reported on continuing to try getting information from the Tribal Nations Education Committee regarding the Warrior Mascot Appeal noting that he has been sending messages to Governor Tim Walz, Lieutenant Peggy Flanagan, Senator Mary Kunesh (author of the bill), Senator Paul Utke, Representatives Mike Wiener and Krista Knudsen. Attended a virtual meeting with MREA and MASBO on their legislative agendas; will be attending MSBA Day at the Capitol on March 18th, Great Start Cohort on March 13th and MASA Spring Conference on March 14th & 15th; and completed required MDE paperwork with Holly on ESSER funds accountability; continues to work through staff shortages in the custodial department; taking quotes for the yearly gym floor maintenance and two air conditioning units for the shop area; and H2i came and inspected the gym curtain divider and noted that the clips are fine but will replace them with locking clips; will be updating MSBA Policy 504 - Student Appearance; had one resignation in the food service department effective at the end of the school year; met with Frank Komppa to price out cost to purchase one conventional gas bus and also discussing ideas for cost containments; met with Dan Weir from the Minnesota Healthcare Consortium to get an update on the school’s insurance and is hoping for a favorable renewal rate due to younger staff and lower usage during the first half of the year; dupported a grant from Sourcewell in regards to a teacher mentoring opportunity; sttended meetings at Freshwater and LCSC; vontinuing professional development training called GIANT with Mrs. Westberg and Mr. Lillquist; postponed the Procure contract for the TrojanCare Daycare due to no interest at this time and will offer the program before the next school year; and is on the Family Services Collaborative Board of Directors Executive Advisory Committee and they will be donating \$500 for the Color Run.

Under Discussion Items, Rich Ragatz from Ideal Energies presented information on a “Solar for Schools” grant Program; planning to have a school board work session on Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office; Superintendent Kerkvliet and Holly have organized the summer programming and budget utilizing the remaining ESSER funds noting that a 15-day targeted services for the month of June will be supported along with transportation and food services; a summer band and ag program and summer recreation program; and Superintendent Kerkvliet noted that he and Mr. Funk will be

attending the MSBA Day at the Capitol on Monday, March 18th and will also be meeting with Senator Paul Utke, Representative Mike Wiener and Representative Krista Knudson.

Huttunen moved, Frame seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: February 12th regular meeting minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for March; monthly bills at \$674,941.43; 20-day summer band contract; 14-day summer ag contract; resignation of Food Service Assistant Kassie Meech; post Science position for 60 days due to Tier I License requirements; assignment of Nicole Johnson and Miranda Jansson as Co-Coordiators for TrojanCare; assignment of Thor Johnson as Assistant Track Coach; and March enrollment at 464 (K-12). Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Funk seconded to approve updating MSBA Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance as recommended. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Kangas seconded to approve the second reading of the 2024-2025 school calendar (Option B) starting with new teachers August 21st and all staff on August 26th through August 29th with one floating teacher inservice day during the week of August 19th-August 23rd or August 30th; first student day starting on September 3rd; Graduation and last student day on May 23, 2025 and last teacher day May 28th. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board took no action on the Solar for Schools Grant Project.

Funk moved Frame seconded to approve the resolution accepting the following donations - \$1,088 from Sebeka C&C for ESports. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson and Olson; against: none; therefore the resolution was duly adopted.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve the date of Wednesday, April 3rd at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office for a work session. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Huttunen seconded to approve the 15-day targeted services for the month of June along with transportation and food services; a summer band and ag program and summer recreation program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Huttunen seconded to approve changing the date of the May school board meeting from Monday, May 13th to Tuesday, May 14th due to WCTA having their annual meeting on Monday, May 13th. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Kangas seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District