

Independent School District No. 820
Sebek, MN 56477
Regular meeting Monday, August 12, 2024

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nate Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Cheri Kangas, and JoAnn Olson. Absent Rodney Huttunen and Eric Nelson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Kerkvliet; K-12 Principal Amie Westberg, Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff member Melissa Koch; and Review Messenger Reporter Dave Hanson.

Kangas moved, Erickson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of 7.5.1 Approve Jr. High VB coaches Kayla Frame and Stephney Maloney. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported that all auditor requested documents have been completed and submitted to Brady Martz for the FY2024 audit; submitted ESSER III Fin 161 dollars in MEGS (\$46,115.56) for summer school and \$325.72 from Fin 160 noting that these were the final draws available in MEGS and all Covid funds have been used; entered Career and Tech actual expenditures for FY2024 into the Levy System; and starting to prepare for the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year.

Jon Lillquist's Activities Director report included the following: Jr. High Volleyball coaching assignments: Kayla Frame and Stephney Maloney; all fall sports started practice on August 12th; Cross Country will be doing the Dragon Twilight Run on September 13th; Volleyball will be competing at a Breakdown Showcase on August 24th at New Prague, will be playing in the Class A Showcase on September 20th and 21st at the Midwest Volleyball Warehouse in Burnsville and playing a varsity only match on Friday, October 11th versus Henning at 1:00 p.m. for Fall Festival Week and football will have a home game that evening versus Cromwell at 7:00 p.m. He also noted that Laporte will not have a varsity football program this year so they were replaced by Kelliher-Northome.

Principal Westberg reported on the Fall Inservice agenda noting that new teachers will have two days on Wednesday, August 21st and Thursday, August 22nd and all teachers will start on Monday, August 26th; noted that Mr. Adams, Mrs. Adams, Mrs. Tumberg, Mr. Haag and Mr. Tuorila all attended AVID training this summer and all expenses were paid through Sourcewell; sent a questionnaire to local businesses regarding what types of soft skills our students need to be successful and informed the board that legislation was passed to say that each district has to have a cell phone policy in place by March 15, 2025 and noted that we will continue to use our current policy since it seems to be working well.

Superintendent Kerkvliet reported on meeting with Superintendent Kjos from Menahga regarding the Warrior Mascot appeal noting discussion will be held during the Pairing meeting on August 15th; attended the MSBA Summer Seminar and the Back to School Conference; MREA Conference will be held November 17th-19th; custodial summer projects are being completed; working with Brok Johnson from Solar Connection on the grant application for the solar project;; continue to work with Eileen Weber on strategic planning and has completed all "Out of Field" paperwork for any PELSB license issues.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Kerkvliet reviewed a draft of a schedule to hold meetings with all various stakeholder groups to discuss strategic planning; the beginning of the year plans; future options for an operating levy; and reported on the MSBA Summer Seminar.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.1 approval of Jr. High Volleyball coaches: minutes of the 07/15/2024 regular meeting; Treasurer and Investment report for August; and monthly bills at (\$633,791.04). Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Kangas seconded to approve the assignment of Kayla Frame and Stephney Maloney as Jr. High Volleyball coaches. Frame abstained from voting. Huttunen and Nelson absent. Motion carried.

Frame moved, Kangas seconded to approve the second reading of the elementary and secondary handbooks for school year 2024-2025 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Erickson seconded to approve the resolution accepting the following donations: \$2,000 from Sebek Lions for the preschool playground and \$5,000 from Minnesota Power Foundation for the preschool playground. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Kangas, Olson; absent: Huttunen and Nelson; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve the first reading of the Sebeka School Literacy Plan as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Kangas seconded to approve the Truth in Taxation hearing date for Monday, December 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office with the regular meeting starting at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve passing a resolution establishing combined polling places for school district elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The combined polling location is the Sebeka Fire Hall and will serve all territory in Independent School District No. 820 located in the City of Sebeka; and Meadow, North Germany, Red Eye, Rockwood, and Wing River Townships, all of Wadena County; the City of Nimrod and Orton and Lyons Townships, all in Wadena County; Paddock, Butler, Blowers, and Bluffton Townships in Ottertail County; a small portion of Runeberg Township in Becker County, Minnesota, and a small portion of Poplar Township in Cass County, Minnesota. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Kangas, Olson; absent: Huttunen and Nelson; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Frame moved, Kangas seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:17 p.m. p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District