

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting March 13, 2017

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Charles Funk, Rodney Huttunen, Russell Johnson, Eric Nelson, JoAnn Olson, and Bryan Pederson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Cathy Baumgart, Mr. K, and Mr. Bullock; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Erickson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions:
7.5.3 Spring Coaching positions. Motion carried unanimously.

The School Board held a work session on Monday, March 6th. Items of discussion included dates for a bond referendum; selection of a project delivery model to be used during the design and project cost phase, and to determine an option that will be chosen to pursue in a bond referendum from options that were presented throughout the process.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on (1) Form 1095C's have been distributed to employees; (2) has updated negotiation spreadsheets for all employee groups for the base year and FY2018-FY2019; (3) Health Insurance bid opening will be March 27th at 1:00 p.m.; and (4) Group Term Life and Long Term Disability are also up for bids along with our property and casualty insurance.

Jon Lillquist's Activities Director report included (1) Park Region Conference meeting on March 15th; (2) Accomplishments: Wrestling - two wrestlers advanced to State - Ben Johnson and Toby Hintzman; Ben also won his 100th match of his career and Toby placed 5th at the state wrestling tournament; Girls Basketball was seeded 6th in their sub-section and lost their first game to PRB; Boys Basketball was seeded 4th and lost their first game to WHA; and (3) Received Section placements from MSHSL for the next two years and all sports will be in the same class as this past year.

Due to the absence of Assistant Principal Mrs. Walter, Mr. Fjeldheim reviewed a few items on her report noting that Sebeka was one of eight schools to receive a Drive for Education grant in the amount of \$2500. Sebeka was notified later that they were one of two schools whose grant amount was increased to \$15,000.

Superintendent Fjeldheim's reported on (1) FCCLA, BPA, and Skills USA participants will compete in state competitions within the next couple of week; FFA will compete in late April; (2) Testing for MCA Science, Math and Reading will start in a few weeks; (3) High school schedule for next year is currently being worked on; (4) Reviewed minutes of the Health and Safety meeting noting that there have been no major issues to report on; (5) Reviewed Governor Dayton's FY2018-FY2019 Education Budget recommendations; (6) Reviewed Special Education caseload reports and comparisons through Freshwater; (7) Reviewed a Letter of Support for WiFi on buses through Wadena County; and reviewed a trespass order that was submitted to a person who was coming around the school buildings to connect to the school's WiFi; and (8) Noted that Marlyn is getting his schedule lined up for summer projects.

Mr. Bullock, Social Studies teacher, presented information regarding a Social Studies trip to Washington DC. for the spring of 2019 and informed the Board that students would do fundraising to earn money for this trip.

Funk moved, Johnson seconded to approve preliminary approval for the planning of the Social Studies Washington DC trip and a final approval will be granted by the School Board once all final details are completed. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed the School Board Evaluation Tool noting that this tool is used for school board members to be looked at as an opportunity to do a self-evaluation for the benefit of gaining more knowledge on topics for future consideration and as a guide for further education on school board issues. It was a consensus of the board to use the same evaluation tool as last year for their evaluation.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed budget information and student enrollment and recommended moving forward with the same staffing model for the 2017-2018 school year.

Pederson moved, Funk seconded to approve the following consent agenda items:

- February 13th regular meeting minutes;
- Treasurer and Investment report for March;
- Monthly bills at \$511,429.83;
- Summer contracts for Mr. Kerkvliet for summer band and Mr. Oyster for agriculture;
- Assignment of Allison Girtz as Speech Language Pathologist for the 2017-2018 school year;
- Assignment of Courtney Van Den Bussche-Doll as Jr. High Softball Coach and Paula Pearson as Assistant Track Coach;
- March enrollment at 503 (K-12).

Motion carried unanimously

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the second reading of the 2017-2018 school calendar showing school starting on September 5th; Christmas vacation December 25th through January 1st; School resuming on January 2nd; School on MLK Day January 15th; No school Good Friday and Easter Monday March 30th and April 2nd; Graduation on May 25th; Last student day May 31st and last teacher day June 4th. This calendar option is similar to the 2016-2017 school calendar. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fjeldheim reviewed the Capital Needs Plan and Long Term Maintenance Fund. Items on the Capital Needs Plan include sports uniforms for GBB and Baseball, Track Maintenance fund, K-12 classroom improvements, computer equipment, transportation equipment, textbooks, tables/desks/chairs. Items on the Long Term Maintenance Fund include window replacement in the '76 addition, fencing around Jr. High Softball/Baseball fields, gym floor replacement, gym painting (walls and ceiling), replace southwest gym doors, replace mats behind baskets in gym, asbestos abatement/retiling rooms. He explained issues with moving bleachers in the gym and new regulations and standards we would have to follow. There was a suggestion to have the painting of the ceiling of the gym listed as a low priority on the LTFM list.

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to approve the Capital Needs Plan in the amount of \$131,415.00 and the LTFM Expenditures in the amount of \$168,441.00 for school year 2017-2018. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed options for dates to hold a special election for a bond referendum, different options for the bond referendum in regards to the building, and discussed interviewing construction management firms.

Funk moved, Nelson seconded to select the date of August 8th to hold a special election for a bond referendum. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Pederson seconded to approve Option B3 as recommended by the Task Force to add classrooms, tear down the '37 addition address heating/ventilation/cooling in the '57 addition, change boilers to hot water heat and provide another performance area equal to or larger than the current gym in the '57 addition. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Nelson seconded to approve to go with a construction manager and to interview firms for this. Motion carried unanimously.

Pederson moved, Olson seconded to adjourn the regular at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebeka School District