

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
March 20, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:27 pm by Sabolik. Members present per roll call: Ulrich, Sabolik, Christenson, Grosz, Beuckens, Nessman and Strunk. Members Absent: None Administration present: Schmidt, Powers and, Amundson. Administration Absent: Prasch, Vincent, Moerke, Foslien, and McNamara

Visitors: Jessie Simon

Motion by Sara, seconded by Beuckens to adopt the agenda as written. MCU

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Grosz, to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on February 20, 2019. MCU

Motion by Nessman seconded by Grosz, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$399,846.94. MCU

Good Things Happening at WCA include WCA Boys Basketball finished 3rd in the conference. The following were selected for All-Conference team; Teigan Moritz, Jack VanKempen, Grant Beukens, and Gage Staples honorable mention. Girls Basketball finished 1st in the conference. The following were selected for All-Conference team; Lexi Bright (MVP), Ella VanKempen, Hailey Bennett, and Morgan Woodle honorable mention. Congratulations to Eric Schoenbauer for being nominated Coach of the Year. 6th-grade students enjoyed the annual Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center trip.

Mr. Schmidt reported on an issue with the summer heat pump repairs. The glycol that is used in the heating pumps will possibly need to be replaced. Current glycol is breaking down and not mixing well. It will cost \$300-\$400K for the 15000-20000 gallons needed to replace the glycol in the system. We would have to pay to get rid of the old and bring in new. We will be doing testing to see what our course of action is. Currently, the heat pump repair project is currently on schedule.

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – Mr. Schmidt reported on E-rate - we have accepted bids from Runestone Telecom Association for internet service and data transportation and from CDWG for wifi and networking equipment. The form 471 to request e-rate funding for these bids has been posted and is under review. Both contracts with RTA and CDWG are contingent upon e-rate funding approval. Mr. Schmidt reported that we are in the testing season over the next couple of months.

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – Ms. Moerke reported that C0-Ed volleyball has wrapped up. STEAM courses are still running each Monday at South and Tuesdays at North. Babysitting Course is running for weeks starting soon with Mikaylah Stark teaching the course. Open Gyms will continue for the month of March at both North and Secondary School. Great turnouts this winter. Preschool registration will be open late April for next year. A letter will be sent out the first week of April. We are in the process of putting together our summer rec brochure. This year will include ball programs, swimming lessons at Elk Lake and Fairhaven beaches, summer sports camps, etc. This will go out in mid-April. AARP classes will be held April 9th in Elbow and May 14th in Barrett.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – Mr. Schmidt reported that all spring sports have started. Early numbers indicate great participation numbers for all sports. Games/meets will depend on weather and conditions. 6th Grade students attended Wolfridge March 13-15. Upcoming conferences: State AD conference, FCCLA State Conference, Washington DC Trip, and FFA State Convention.

Buildings & Grounds Director: – (Pete Amundson) Mr. Amundson reported that this is a busy time of year. We have made a few small repairs at North Elementary. Summer plans include the heat pumps, grout in servery, painting the gym at South.

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – Ms. Prasch commented that North and South would like to thank school board members, parents and community members who came and read with classes during the I Love to Read Month. Kindergarten Round-up was held at both schools and was very successful. We had 18 families register at South and 27 at North. We have narrowed the math curriculum down to two choices. We have representatives from each coming to present to us next week. South Elementary would like to thank Douglas Dairy Producers for their support of Double Dairy Tuesdays. Students were given an extra yogurt or cheese stick.

Princess Kaye of the Milky Way visited with all of our students. Greg and Marissa Sabolik was instrumental in setting up her visit and the extra dairy treats for our students.

Secondary School Principal: (Claire Vincent) - Ms. Vincent reported students in grades 9-11 received course registration materials yesterday. Parent meeting for 8th graders and their families is set for March 25th at 6:30 pm. A meeting with 12th graders took place yesterday to discuss graduation plans and 4th quarter privileges. The third round of non-tenured evaluations begins next week.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) - Ms. Powers reported that we have three health insurance bids in so far. Capital outlay requests are due April 5th.

Superintendent: (Barry Schmidt) - Mr. Schmidt thanked students, staff, bus drivers and snow removal company for their patience the past couple of months. We are looking into e-learning; we need to make sure we are going to meet state statute. We are looking at how other schools from other districts do e-learning and working with the administration team to put together something for next year. Mr. Schmidt commented that Lakes Country Service Coop agreement for payroll services is up in June. Mr. Schmidt commented that we need to make a decision on whether we stay with them for payroll services or hiring someone internally. Mr. Christenson commented that he has always stated that we need to invest in our own staff member. The Coop suggested hiring someone for .5 or .6 FTE. We would be looking at a pay range of about \$16-18 per hour for three days a week. If we increase the time from the coop their fee will likely increase also. It was recommended that we advertise for the position and see if we get any applications. Mr. Schmidt reported the following positions are currently open: Reading Interventionist, Kindergarten Teacher, and Custodian.

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Beuckens to approve the following general consent items: Accept the following gifts: West Central Area Baseball Boosters \$1,000 for jerseys. MCU

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Grosz to approve the following unfinished business: MCU

1. Final reading of the following policies:
 - a. Policy #101 - Legal Status of the School District
 - b. Policy #101.1 - Name of the School District
 - c. Policy #102 - Equal Education Opportunity
 - d. Policy #103 - Complaints - Students, Employees, Parents & Other
 - e. Policy #104 - School District Mission Statement

New Business:

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Christenson to approve 2019-2020 school calendar. MCU

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Christenson to approve the Certified and Non-Certified Seniority Lists. MCU

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Strunk to approve adding a 1.0 FTE Communications/Instructional Coach position for a 1-year pilot program. MCU

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Beuckens to approve the purchase of speaker system from Tri-Corne Audio for \$36,415. MCU

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Strunk to approve the additional overload of 0.5 FTE. MCU

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Christenson to approve the hiring of Pete Amundson as Director of Buildings and Grounds. MCU

1. First Reading of the following policies:
 - a. Policy #514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy
 - b. Policy #522 - Student Sex Nondiscrimination
 - c. Policy #522 Form - Student Sex Nondiscrimination Form
 - d. Policy #524 - Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy
 - e. Policy #524 Form - Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy Form
 - f. Policy #301 - School District Administration
 - g. Policy #302 - Superintendent

Mr. Schmidt reported we are looking at ways to help our students with mental health issues at our schools. We are looking to see if there are any other schools in the area that would share a counselor or work with Midwest Special Education Coop. Capital outlay requests are due April 5th. Upcoming MSBA School Board Workshops: Phase III Training - Building-High Performance School Board Team in Fergus Falls - April 23; Phase IV Training- Representing Your Community through Policy and Engagement in Fergus Falls- April 12.

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Beuckens to close the meeting to discuss Staff Negotiations at 7:25 pm. MCU

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Beuckens to open the meeting announcing that the closed meeting dealt with Staff Negotiations. MCU

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Grosz, to adjourn. MCU

Michelle Nessman
Clerk