

MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD, DISTRICT #2342
WEST CENTRAL AREA SECONDARY SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
May 15, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Sabolik. Members present per roll call: Sabolik, Christenson, Grosz, Beuckens, Nessman, and Strunk. Members Absent: Ulrich Administration present: Schmidt. Administration Absent: Prasch, Powers, Vincent, Moerke, Foslien, Amundson, and McNamara

Visitors: Chuck Cheney, and Nicole Hanson

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Beuckens to modify the agenda as written. MCU

Motion by Beuckens, seconded by Nessman, to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on April 17, 2019. MCU

Motion by Strunk seconded by Nessman, to approve the payment of claims in the amount of \$707,290.19. MCU

Good Things Happening at WCA include recent retirement breakfast had great attendance of 25-30 people. Thank you, Kari, for putting together. Dollar for Scholars has done a great job raising funds for district scholarships, we received a grant from Lake Region Art Council to be used for storytelling with students. Safety Day at South elementary was hosted by the South PTO. Education banquet raised \$428 for the Education Foundation. TOY winner was Holly Nadgwick and POY was Annie Hildebrandt. North & South videos are ready and will be shared with the public. Barrett Care Center invited the FCS for a meal and visiting. Mr. Kreff's class is putting the finishing touches on the primitive cabin for Tipsinah Campground.

Technology Coordinator: (Kevin McNamara) – None

Community Education: (Naomi Moerke) – Mr. Schmidt reported upcoming AARP classes are being held in Elbow Lake on June 25th and Hoffman on July 23rd. Ms. Moerke met with Kari Stattleman on Tuesday to look at improving our advertising and getting ideas about how to better what that looks like. We currently have 7 students registered for summer care. Registration was opened April 29th for Preschool. South Kindergarten Connection is currently at 14 & 12, North is showing 13 & 9. Little Knights at South is currently sitting at 5 and North Little Knights are sitting at 13 & 4. We have had great numbers this year for classes and thank all the families who are getting their children involved in different opportunities. Summer Recreation brochures were handed out and registrations are all open. Summer recreation opportunities kick off on June 3rd.

Activities Director: (Jacob Foslien) – None

Buildings & Grounds Director: – (Pete Amundson) Mr. Amundson reported the new sound system has been installed in the gym and repairs have been made to the sound system on the football field. Irrigation will be started tomorrow, painting of handicap parking will be done at south, heating repairs will be done at north. Mr. Amundson reported that they are preparing for summer cleaning and met with the mechanical contractors today to go over the heat pump project.

Elementary School Principal: (Natalie Prasch) – Mr. Schmidt reported would like to thank the entire WCA community for a great carnival this year. The North & South PTO helped with prizes and planning. The Grant County Herald advertised and printed flyers for us and the Bank of the West donated a basket to our silent auction. The carnival was a huge success. We have a meeting today regarding math adoption. Our options include purchasing one of the resources or waiting to make a purchase based on the updating of resources. Our discussion will also include the best way to meet the needs of all students having to take Algebra in 8th grade. Mr. Schmidt reported that both schools are attending field trips such as Prairie Wetlands, Runestone Par, Bounce4Fun, the zoo, Home Depot, and Cub Foods. Second graders will be touring Elbow Lake on the 24th. Planning for the upcoming school year is in full swing, we have our sections set and will begin working on student placement and scheduling.

Secondary School Principal: (Claire Vincent) - Mr. Schmidt reported graduation planning is in the final stages. Parent letters have been sent out detailing important dates related to graduation. Our seniors are doing a great job remaining engaged and behavior choices among seniors have been positive. Registration for the 19-20 school year is complete for most of the secondary students. Interviews are in process for Choir and 5th Grade positions. Ms. Knutson is taking the lead on the 5th Grade hire.

Business Manager: (Diane Powers) - Ms. Powers reported Title I and Title II revised applications are approved and next year's Title I & II amounts are supposed to be released in June, applications are usually due by the end of August. FY 20 budget work continues and I will be reviewing the FY19 budgets to see if they need to be amended.

Superintendent: (Barry Schmidt) - Mr. Schmidt reminded that school board meetings in June, July, and August will be held at 7 am. The building and grounds committee met on May 13th to discuss the replacement of all ceiling tiles and grid. Contractors will have to remove the grid and tiles to remove the heat pumps. It was decided to move ahead and remove and replace tiles and grid. Mr. Schmidt reported for non-certified and administration staff we will be staying with Medica for health insurance. PEIP did come in lower but did not bid the specs that we asked for. PEIP is statute driven and can only be bid based on statute. We are going to keep Dean Ellis as our agent. We are hoping to hear next week on E-12 funding on what was passed in the bill. We are still interviewing for several positions. School Perception staff survey results are in. If we want to do a comparison with other schools we can for an additional charge of \$350. End of the year cookout will be on May 31st starting at 12:30. With the Title IV grant, we received \$11,000 which will be used to add 24 days to Garrett's contract.

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Strunk to approve the following general consent items: Accept the resignation of Emily Malone, Joyce Zanol, and Barry Schmidt, Approve donation from Farmers Co-op Oil/CoBank of \$4,000 for unpaid lunch accounts.

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

1. Final reading of the following policies:
 - a. Policy #303 - Superintendent Selection
 - b. Policy #304 - Superintendent Contract, Duties, and Evaluation
 - c. Policy #305 - Policy Implementation
 - d. Policy #306 - Administrator Code of Ethics
 - e. Policy #701 - Establishment & Adoption of School
 - f. Policy #701.1 - Modification of School District Budget

New Business:

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Grosz to approve the lane change for Holly Nadgwick from BA +20 to MA Step 2. MCU

Motion by Nessman, seconded by Beuckens to approve the Head Start Lease Agreement. MCU

Motion by Ulrich, seconded by Grosz to approve the solicitation of propane bids for the 2019-2020 school year. MCU

1. First Reading of the following policies:
 - a. Policy #702 - Accounting
 - b. Policy #703 - Annual Audit
 - c. Policy #704 - Development & Maintenance of an Inventory of Fixed Assets & Fixed Asset Accounting
 - d. Policy #705 - Investments
 - e. Policy #706 - Acceptance of Gifts
2. Kristi Hasting from Pemberton Law Firm will be coming on June 5th board meeting to discuss board excellence/protocols.
3. The following staff movements will be taking place next year: Amy Johnson .5FTE reading interventionist, Tobi Seland .5FTE reading interventionist, Kathleen Moore will move from 2nd to 3rd grade at South, and Kari Bentrup will move from 3rd grade to 4th grade at South.
4. Mr. Sabolik discussed with the board the sample questions that Sandy Gundlach from MSBA had forwarded to us. Each member was asked to review the questions and let Ms. Beuckens know so she can compile and forward Ms. Hanson. Staff and Admin questions will be emailed out to each group for review and emailed back to Ms. Hanson. Once compiled each group's questions will be sent to MSBA for final review. Mr. Sabolik discussed with the board Mr. Cheny's role in the superintendent interviews.

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

Michelle Nessman
Clerk