

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Independent School District No. 820

Sebeka, MN 56477

Regular meeting February 8, 2021

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

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on working on ACA IRS Form 1095 C to employees for calendar year 2020 to be distributed to employees; started process of the 2021 HITA bid year with Gallagher for health insurance noting that the bid opening would be on March 29th at 3:00 p.m.; completed the GEER and ESSER Survey showing a breakdown of funds spent between March 13-September 30, 2020 and submitted it to MDE; W-2s have been given to employees; submitted the Pay Equity report which is done every three years; and setting up negotiation spreadsheets for each employee group.

Activities Director Jon Lillquist's report included information noting that playoff dates and brackets for winter sports have been set with a March 15th start; no Covid issues by any of the teams as far as players having Covid or players having to quarantine so far with hosting games and participating in contests since returning to school after the holiday break; and Spring Sports Coaches: Softball - Head Coach Jerome Meyer, Assistant Jesse Bullock, Jr. High-Open; Baseball - Head Coach Jeff Lake, Assistant Reggie Kiser; Track - Head Coach Tom Smith, Assistant Megan Porto, Assistant-Open; Golf - Head Coach Tim Wurdock, Assistants Josh Roiko and Todd Frie.

Principal Westberg reported on starting the spring math pilot program which is a level one intervention that is used for the whole class to help find the gaps that students have in math and will be piloted by Mrs. Crabb, Mrs. Carlson, Mrs. Connor, Mr. Kiser and Mrs. Ament; the Spelling Bee was held on Thursday, February 4th with Abby Huhta winning the Junior Division and Bailee Rife as the runner-up and the Spelling Bee champion was Allee Roberts with Hudson Nelson as runner-up and noting that Allee will be competing in the LCSC Regional Virtual Spelling Bee on March 24th; conferences will be held on Thursday, February 11th with Covid protocols being followed and reviewing the new Social Studies standards.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on class enrollments in the high school for the second semester; legislative session began the week of January 4th and will conclude no later than May 17th and will keep board members informed of legislative issues through the session; reviewed the PMA Bond Portfolio Management report showing the revenue from the bonds available to pay the remaining bills that are yet to be received to close out accounts; discussed extending the Covid Sick Leave Days noting that these days will be extended through the end of the year with the exception of any employee who chooses to go out of the country and then having to quarantine in that country or when returning; and Custodial, Transportation, and Food Service departments are all running smoothly.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on information received from the MSBA virtual meetings; noted that School Board Recognition Week is held the week of February 22nd and thanked the school board for all they do for the students and staff and presented certificates to the school board members; reviewed information related to the ESSER II funding that will be received noting that the intended uses for this revenue could be used for addressing academic support among students, school facility repairs and improvements and inspection, testing, maintenance, repair, replacement and upgrade projects to improve indoor air quality in school facilities, including mechanical and non-mechanical heating, ventilation, and air conditions systems, filtering, purification, and other air cleaning systems, control systems, and window and door repair and replacement; and reviewed a list of capital expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year. Items included ceiling tile replacement in the '87 addition, tile and carpet replacement in various areas, digging up the current surface and replacing base and wood chips in the playground area, potential of a media center remodel, LED lighting in bathrooms that have yet to be completed, baseball field

bathrooms, replacement of some windows is being reviewed, and equipment items in need of replacement. A list was reviewed and will be prioritized at a later date once quotes are received.

Nelson moved, Funk seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.3 Resignation of Sheree Polman: January 11th reorganizational and regular meeting minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for February; monthly bills at \$625,094.50; Spring Sports Coaches: Softball - Head Coach Jerome Meyer, Assistant Jesse Bullock, Jr. High-Open; Baseball - Head Coach Jeff Lake, Assistant Reggie Kiser; Track - Head Coach Tom Smith, Assistant Megan Porto, Assistant-Open; Golf - Head Coach Tim Wurdock, Assistants Josh Roiko and Todd Frie; request from EMS-ESP to accept their Intent to Negotiate; and February enrollment at 448 students K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Erickson seconded to accept the resignation, with regret, of English Instructor Sheree Polman effective at the end of the 2020-2021 and wished her well on her retirement. Motion carried unanimously.

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to approve the second reading of the 2020-2021 budget revisions for Funds I, II, IV, and VIII as presented by Business Manager Holly Paulson showing revised revenues of \$6,895,798 and revised expenditures of \$7,101,042 and a projected deficit of \$205,244 for FY2021 not including the Construction Fund which should be expensed out this school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Erickson seconded to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 school calendar starting with new teachers on August 30th and the rest of the staff on August 31st, September 1st & 2nd plus one floating in-service day required for teachers prior to the start of the school year; first student day starting September 7th; November 5th end of 1st quarter; Christmas vacation beginning December 23rd through January 2nd; school resuming on January 3rd; January 21st end of second quarter; March 25th end of 3rd quarter and May 27th end of 4th quarter, graduation and last student day; and last teacher day June 1st.

Nelson moved, Frame seconded to approve a resolution accepting donations of \$25 from Helen Frith, \$50 from Lynn Hanson and \$100 from Pat Beaumont for a scholarship in the name of Elaine Viet; and \$500 from Thomas Schulz, \$750 from Toby Pierce Agency, \$500 from Johnson Well Drilling, \$900 from WCTA, \$2,500 from Todd Wadena Operations Roundup, \$2,500 from the Froemming Foundation, and an additional \$1,000 from Perkins for the purchase of a SGa-540 Rolan 54" Print and Cut Vinyl Printer. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson, Nelson, Olson; against: None; therefore, the resolution was duly passed.

Johnson moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson,
Clerk of Sebeka School District