

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Independent School District No. 820  
Sebeka, MN 56477  
Regular meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2021

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nate Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Rodney Huttunen, Russell Johnson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent member Eric Nelson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim via Zoom; Principal Amie Westberg; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Becky Pierson and Melissa Koch; Student Council Representative Eion Ness and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

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

Student Council Representative Eion Ness reported on Fall Festival Week noting that will be dress up days every day and activities which include a Volleyball game between the juniors and seniors and staff, staff meeting with their Power of One students, Bingo during Advisory time, ice cream treats, obstacle course, and Powder Puff Football. They will now start planning activities for Halloween.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on the auditors will be presenting their Executive Summary regarding the 2020-2021 audit at the November board meeting; Truth in Taxation form and Levy Limitation and Certification report 2021 Payable 2022 was submitted to MDE and counties in Sebeka School District; salary census for Long-Term Disability and Group Term Life was submitted to National Insurance Services for the 2021-2022 school year; submitted for reimbursement in the amount of \$11,210.50 in REAP funds spent through September 30<sup>th</sup>; and received information on the Pandemic Enrollment Loss Support from MDE noting that an estimated \$35,965 will be received in additional funding for declining enrollment from FY2020 to FY2021.

Mr. Lillquist's Activities Director's report included the following winter sports assignments: GBB - Head Coach Mike Heino, Assistant Ryan Tuorila, C-Team Heidi Heino, Jr. High GBB Becca Pulju; Wrestling - Head Coach Jake Oyster, Assistant Wade Hukriede, ½ Assistant Todd Frie and ½ Assistant Luke Davidson; BBB - Head Coach Jon Lillquist, Assistant Jeff Lake, Jr. High BBB Jerome Meyer and Reggie Kiser; Michelle Koch as Head Speech Coach and Assistant Speech Coach position is open; Sarah Kuschel as BBB Cheerleading Advisor and Kiana Schauer as Wrestling Cheerleading Advisor.

Principal Westberg reported on the Florida trip noting that there was not enough Charter bus drivers so students will be flying to Florida on two flights with one flight leaving Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m. and returning November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. and the second flight leaving on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and returning November 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:39 p.m. noting that three of our bus drivers will be bringing our students to the airport and picking them up; update on COVID noting that anyone with a positive case has to stay out for 10 days and parents have been communicating well with the health and main office when their child is not feeling well; some of Mrs. Carlson's first grade students along with Sarah Kuschel make the front page of the MN Agriculture in the Classroom Program Resources pamphlet; Ottertail County has a new process called CAMP (County Attorney Mediation Program) where the county attorney, Human Services, school, parents, and students meet to work with truancy issues; Wadena County is working on something similar; Northern Pines Mental Health has developed a Teacher Wellness Group for staff run by Kayla Meyer; (6) has started non-tenure staff evaluations; and K-6 classrooms and High School ELA teachers will be able to spend \$500 on a classroom library.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on secondary class schedules with enrollment numbers in each class; information received for the use of stipends out of the ESSER funds; Tik Tok Challenges; potential of counting Amish students in our resident students for levy purposes and noted that the number of students they have enrolled in their schools are difficult to track and difficult to report; and attendance at the MASA Fall Conference in Duluth.

Under Discussion Items, Mr. Fjeldheim reviewed what work needed to be completed for the World's Best Workforce Plan, ESSER III applications and status on approved projects and the effect COVID is having on staff and students.

Frame moved, Funk seconded to approve the following consent agenda items with the exception of the assignment of Sarah Kuschel: regular meeting minutes from the September 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting; Treasurer and Investment report for October; monthly bills including construction bills at \$753,107.83; Q-Comp Leadership positions: Q-Comp Coordinator-Nikki Ament; Peer Coaches - Dan Doyle, Mike Heino, Becca Pulju, Nikki Ament, Donna Yliniemi, and Ronnie Lee; Data Manager - Nikki Ament; Data Management Team Members - Vicki Lake and Katie Rasmussen; Teacher Mentors Becca Pulju, Ronnie Lee, Jenny Lillquist, Mike Heino, Dave Kerkvliet, Rachel Kern, Dan Doyle, Nicole Oyster, Emily Crabb and Tammy Kopacek; Assignment of Dawn Eitel as paraprofessional; Winter sports assignments: GBB - Head Coach Mike Heino, Assistant Ryan Tuorila, C-Team Heidi Heino, Jr. High GBB Becca Pulju; Wrestling - Head Coach Jake Oyster, Assistant Wade Hukriede, ½ Assistant Todd Frie

and ½ Assistant Luke Davidson; BBB - Head Coach Jon Lillquist, Assistant Jeff Lake, Jr. High BBB Jerome Meyer and Reggie Kiser; Michelle Koch as Head Speech Coach and Assistant Speech Coach position is open; and Kiana Schauer as Wrestling Cheerleading Advisor; and October enrollment at 453 students K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the assignment of Sarah Kuschel as BBB Cheerleading Advisor for the 2021-2022 school year. Funk abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve the following competencies for bus drivers 1) Safely operate the type of school bus the driver will be operating; 2) Understand student behavior, including issues related to students with disabilities; 3) Ensure orderly conduct of students on the bus and handle incidents of misconduct appropriately; 4) Know and understand relevant laws, rules of the road, and local school bus safety policies; 5) Handle emergency situations; 6) Safely load and unload students. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Johnson seconded to approve this report noting that this report is completed for the state showing that the school district is in compliance with state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination noting that we have to have certain policies on file in-house and submitted to the state ensuring we are in compliance with federal law pertaining to these compliance issues. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Erickson seconded to accept the final summative evaluation of Mr. Fjeldheim's goals noting Mr. Fjeldheim was exemplary at the success of his goals for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Olson seconded to approve a RN School Nurse Service Agreement with Becca Grieger through Wadena County Public Health at a cost of \$48.92 per hour up to a maximum of 240 hours. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve a resolution accepting the following donations - \$200 to Sebeka FFA from the Nimrod Bar for garbage pickup from Nimrod Jubilee Days and \$700 to Sebeka FFA from the Nimrod Boosters for additional Jubilee Days cleanup. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Johnson, Olson; against: none; absent: Nelson; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Johnson moved, Erickson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson  
Clerk of Sebeka School District