

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting Monday, September 13, 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, Russell Johnson, Eric Nelson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent member Rod Huttunen. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; Principal Amie Westberg; and Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Becky Pierson, Nikki Ament and Dave Kerkvliet; Student Council Representative Eion Ness; Dan Huebsch from CCY; and Review Messenger Reporter Roy Rudderforth.

Johnson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of 5.7 Report from Dan Huebsch from the Community Concern for Youth program. Motion carried unanimously.

A Pairing Committee was held on August 24th with Menahga. Items reviewed were all paired sports and activities, shared positions, school calendars and reopening plans, COVID protocols, and athletic activities regarding COVID; and reviewed the Master Pairing Agreement noting that several items need to be omitted due to the change in the football status. Also discussed the current six-year agreement is up for renewal in a couple of years.

Dan Huebsch from CCY reported to the board that the CCY program is a youth diversion program for the county and funding for this program comes from cities, schools grants and Community Corrections and referrals come from school, county attorneys, social workers, parents, mental health workers and law enforcement. The program works collaboratively with families, schools and community by educating youth and families, setting up programming such as Teen Intervene, Kinship, Family Decision Group, trainings and networking. He also noted that he has taken kids hiking, biking, kayaking, to Twins games, Valley Fair and to Chanhassen.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on working with auditors to finalize the FY2021 audit; Workers Comp audit for FY2021 has been completed and refund of \$1,296 was received; and the 2021 Levy Payable 2022 has been summarized for review and approval.

Mr. Lillquist's Activities Director report included numbers for Fall sports as follows: Cross Country grades 7-12: Boys 4 (Menahga 4, Sebeka 0) Girls 15 (Menahga 7, Sebeka 8); Football has 21 athletes in grades 9-12 and 24 athletes in grades 6-8; Volleyball has 16 athletes in grades 9-12 and 24 athletes in grades 6-8; and Cheerleading has 7 girls.

Principal Westberg reported on (1) First day of school went well noting high school students spent the morning with their advisors and had activities that they did as a group and elementary students were introduced to their teachers and the routines that are in each classroom; (2) Elementary will be starting their school fundraiser through the School Store and noted that this fundraiser is a good way to help teachers with supplies for their classroom and money for the elementary fund; (3) All K-6 teachers and LA teachers in the high school will be getting money to purchase books for their classroom library; and (4) Would like to require all students going on the band and choir trip to Florida take a COVID test before they leave.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on (1) Beginning of year starting out well; (2) New teachers are adjusting well and with the mentor system in place through Q-Comp there will be additional support in place for a successful transition; (3) Reviewed the PMA Bond Portfolio Management report, Governor Walz' Pandemic Enrollment Loss Support, Debt Levy Verification for taxes payable in 2022, email from LCSC on masking on school buses noting that there has been some misunderstanding whether this is a requirement or recommendation; and provided the Freshwater Manual for board members to review.

Under the Discussion Items, Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed beginning of the year details, staffing, enrollments in secondary classes, other programming that will be implemented this year, etc.; reviewed COVID-19 guidelines and protocols for the school. Mrs. Nikki Ament presented information regarding the 2021 MCA testing and grade level and district results.

Nelson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: the August 9th regular meeting minutes; the Treasurer and Investment report for September; monthly bills at \$618,499.98; assignment of Mrs. Ashton Seieroe as Art teacher; Custodial assignment for Frank Komppa beginning September 13th; lane change request for Wade Hukriede from BA+15 to BA+45; lane change request for Bryson Vasey from BA+0 to BA+15; 2021-2023 contract agreements for K-12 Secretary, Health Nurse, and SLPA; EMS Teachers Union Contract for 2021-2023; 2021-2023 Bus Drivers contract; and September Enrollment at 454 students K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Nelson moved, Johnson seconded to approve the proposed 2021-Payable-2022 Tax levy by maximizing the levy with final approval done at the December 13th Truth in Taxation meeting. Preliminary adoption states a 1% increase from the previous year. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Frame seconded to approve a resolution accepting the following donations - \$250 to Sebek Band from the Sebek C&C for participation in the Red Eye River Days parade; \$100 to Sebek Band from the Nimrod Do-Gooders for participation in the Nimrod parade; \$50 to Sebek FFA from the Nimrod Do-Gooders for participation in the Nimrod parade and \$250 to the Sebek School Angel Fund from JoAnn White to help students in need. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Johnson, Nelson and Olson; absent Rod Huttunen; against: None; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Erickson moved, Olson seconded to approve a Cooperative Sponsorship with Park Rapids School for gymnastics for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Frame moved, Nelson seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson
Clerk of Sebek School District