

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
January 13th , 2021

Board Members Present: President Tony Roorda, Abram Valenta, Robert Froehlich, Scott Harms, Jeff Jensen, Wade Dally, and Lynn Boom.

Also Present: Superintendent Jerry Waagen, Secondary Principal Ben Hannasch, Business Manager Amy Maurer, and Driver's Education Teacher James Bear.

Visitors: Mr. R. Nelson, Mrs. S. Ratts.

All attended via Google meets.

Call to Order: President Roorda called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Consent Agenda: Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the following:

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
 - b. Approval of the minutes from the December 9th regular board meeting
- The motion carried unanimously.

Secondary Principal's Report: Mr. Hannasch reported: 1) Mr. Wright, along with his student team consisting of Locklynn Steele, Miranda Witt, and Claïressa Sandstrom, are semi-finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. As semi-finalists they won \$15,000 to be used for school technology and are entered to win the \$50,000 grand prize. Their project is to help create an app for the ND Game and Fish Department to help create a safer, more peaceful, and more successful hunting season for all hunters and to help provide more data collection for NDGF as well. Some of the money may be used to purchase larger 3-D printers. 2) There are 3 distance learners in grades 7-12 this semester compared with 17 last semester. 3) Several teachers are participating in a professional development book study of the book, "What Schools Can Be". 3) Fourteen students are taking online classes to supplement their in-school learning. In addition to offering students interesting class options the taking of online classes is part of states "Choice Ready" criteria. 4) Mr. Soulis will be taking 10th graders to tour the vocational center which they may attend next year.

Superintendent/Elementary Principals Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) He attended the NDSU Extension Advisory Board meeting. Stutsman County Emergency Manager Jerry Bergquist said the county has not been receiving very many doses of COVID-19 vaccine to distribute.

Driver's Education: Mr. Bear presented information on the driver's education program. He is willing to do the classroom teaching both online and in person. Students must complete 30 hours of classroom instruction, six hours behind the wheel training, and typically 12 hours of observation, although that has been modified to six hours because of COVID. The district charges \$50.00 per student or, if the student is eligible for free or reduced meals, there is no charge. The program is open to students who attend Montpelier School or live in the district.

State Superintendent Student Cabinet: Cecelia Bear has been selected to be a member of the 2020-2022 State Superintendent Student Cabinet.

Pledged Securities: Mrs. Maurer reported that Unison Bank has pledged securities of \$1,295,623 to the district.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act Policy: The policy the board had approved to pay employees absent for COVID related reasons expired on December 30th along with the federal mandate to do so. The board discussed extending the policy. Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to extend the policy, including any previously unused days through June 30th, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

Hybrid Learning Plan: Currently, as part of the hybrid learning plan, school is face-to-face Monday through Thursday and distance learning takes place on Fridays. This helps to allow time for teachers to accommodate/prepare for/teach students that are out due to COVID/quarantine/distance learning. After discussion, the board concurred that they would continue with the plan through the quarter ending March 10th unless the state mandates otherwise. They will revisit the subject at that time.

Negotiations Seminar: The NDSBA Negotiations Seminar is February 4th and 5th. Mrs. Maurer will email the board more details.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date