

**School Board Minutes**  
**Montpelier Public School District #14**  
**214 7<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Montpelier, ND 58472**  
**February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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

**Also Present:** Superintendent Jerry Waagen, Secondary Principal James Bear, and Business Manager Amy Maurer.

**Call to Order:** President Roorda called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Agenda:** The following were added to the agenda: 1) Substitute teacher, 2) Recording device policy.

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

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of the minutes from the January 15<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and January 25<sup>th</sup> school board retreat.
- c. Approval of four open enrollment applications.

The motion carried unanimously.

**Secondary Principal /Technology Coordinator Report:** Mr. Bear reported: 1) NWEA testing is nearly completed. ACT testing and state testing will start soon. 2) He spoke with Dakota Central about adding cameras to the schools current system. They would recommend getting a new system which would cost \$8000.00. Electro-watchman had estimated \$5700 for the additional cameras. He is getting information from Jamestown Communications on what options they could provide. 3) On the 13<sup>th</sup> he will be “shadowing” the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, i.e. participating as if he were a student.

**Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report:** Mr. Waagen reported: 1) Early release for professional development was on February 6. Mr. Soulis and Mrs. Nelson presented to the staff about building and importance of relationships with students. Time was given for the staff to create an engagement statement to send to the parents in one of their classes. 2) He attended the mid-winter NDASA conference in Bismarck on January 27 and 28. Keynote speaker John Perricone presented on creating a philosophical identity in what we do. 3) He attended the negotiations seminar in Bismarck on February 7. Topics included basics of negotiations and the days-to-hours transition and the negotiated agreement. 4) The County Spelling Bee was postponed to the 19<sup>th</sup>. 5) The health inspector did their routine inspection of the kitchen on February 4. Only two small violations that need to be corrected. 6) Mr. Entzi received and has started using the I am Resilient curriculum for health with high school students. This curriculum was developed by current superintendent of Litchville/Marion Tom Nitschke and his daughter. Mr. Entzi went to training for this in January. 7) The board reflected on what was discussed at the board retreat. As mentioned at the retreat, Mr. Waagen talked to an entertainment hypnotist about performing for the community. The board concurred he should go ahead with the plan. A dishwasher lease versus purchase was discussed. 8) Building and transportation committee meetings are needed.

**Belief, Mission and Vision Statements:** Valenta made a motion, seconded by Boom to approve the statements. Belief: Montpelier School believes that each student is unique, capable of learning, has potential, and is able to attain personal goals; Montpelier School will prepare students to succeed in a changing world while supporting students’ emotional and physical well-being. Mission: Embracing Success through Education. Vision: Preparing Today for a Better Tomorrow. The motion carried unanimously.

**First Reading of Policies:** The board discussed and did the first reading of school year and calendar, teacher work day, and recording devices policies.

**Resignation:** Mr. Roorda read a letter of resignation from high school science teacher Meggan Smith. Boom made a motion, seconded by Dally to accept the resignation from Mrs. Smith effective as of the end of the current school year. The motion carried unanimously.  
The board expressed their thanks for her years of service to the district's students.

**Superintendent Evaluation:** The evaluation is due to be completed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Amy will email the forms to board members to be completed by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**School Board Election:** Valenta made a motion, seconded by Dally, to set the election date for June 9<sup>th</sup> with the polls to be open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and directed the business manager to appoint the necessary election workers. The motion carried unanimously. The terms held by Harms and Boom are the ones up for election.

**Substitute:** Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the hire of Taylor Balkan as a substitute teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

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Tony Roorda, Board President

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Amy Maurer, Business Manager

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Approval Date