

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
June 15th, 2020

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

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 6:10 pm.

Agenda: No changes.

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

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of the minutes from the May 13th regular meeting and May 28th special board meeting, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Secondary Principal /Technology Coordinator Report: Mr. Bear reported: 1) An untraditional graduation was accomplished. Mr. Bear apologizes that the recording of the live stream was lost because it was started too soon and the allowable length was exceeded.

*Jensen joined the meeting.

2) He continues to work on Powerschool. 3) 4 new active panels/Promethean Boards have been purchased and will be installed. The new Chromebooks will be in soon.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) The weekly meetings with NDCEL for updates are still taking place. There is uncertainty for the upcoming months making it difficult for planning for the restart next fall. 2) The governor's executive order to allow schools to be above the allowable ending fund balance amount was rescinded. Schools must be below 35% for the most recent school years' expenditures plus \$50,000 or lose the difference above that amount from the foundation aid payment. This has been a challenge for multiple schools due to unexpected savings during the pandemic. 3) He attended a virtual meeting with SEEC on June 8 to reflect, reset, and discuss what schools will do for the restart in the fall. Surveys maybe considered to give to teachers and parents to determine what worked well and what needs to improve if future distance learning occurs. A list of tools and possible webinars will be provided to schools to improve the learning experience of all stakeholders. 4) He worked with Darby Heinert, assistant director of the James Valley Career and Technology Center, on the needs assessment required by the state. 5) He attended the Southeast Schoolmasters meeting in Milnor on June 11. Among the topics of discussion included the reopening of schools in the fall.

Canvass Election Results: The board reviewed the poll books and added the absentee ballots that were received after the election and had appropriate postmarks. There were two at-large positions up for election. The results were as follows: Scott Harms 49, Lynn Boom 32, Brock Naze 13, Sandy Dally 3, and Beau Kastet 2. Harms and Boom received the most votes and are reelected.

Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Dally to certify the election results. A roll call vote was taken with Dally, Jensen, Froehlich, Valenta, and Roorda voting aye. Harms and Boom abstained due to a conflict of interest. Motion carried.

Van and Bus Bids: The bids for the 2005 Chrysler Town & Country van were opened. Jacob Haag \$551.51, Angela Hansen \$900.00, Wade Dally \$800.00, and Ryan Nelson \$705.00.

Harms made a motion, seconded by Dally to sell the van to Ms. Hansen for \$900.00. The motion carried unanimously.

The bids for the school bus were opened.

Harlow's: A 2021 International 53 passenger school bus with a CUM ISB 250 HP 660 ft-lb diesel engine \$81,765.00.

A 2021 International seated to 47 passengers with a CUM ISB 250HP 660 ft-lb engine for \$82,605.

Hartley's: A 2021 Blue Bird 53 passenger with a CUM 200 HP520 ft-lb diesel engine for \$80,000.

A 2021 Blue Bird 47 passenger with a CUM B 6.7 diesel engine for \$79,000.

Istate Truck Center: A 2021 Thomas C2 School Bus 53 seated to 47 passengers with a Detroit Diesel 220HP/560 High torque engine for \$81,500.

A 2021 53 passenger seated to 47 passengers with a Cummins220 HP/600 In-Line Diesel engine for \$82,150.

The bids and their details were discussed. Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom, to purchase the 2021 53 passenger International from Harlow's for \$81,765. The motion carried unanimously.

Long Term Plan: Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve the long-term plan. The motion carried unanimously.

ESPL/EFMLA Leave Policy: The board did the first reading of the policy outlining federally mandated leaves that are to be in effect through the end of 2020. Concerns about clarifying job performance expectations for employees while still complying with federal law were discussed.

Pupil Membership/Transportation Report: Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the pupil membership and the transportation reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Preschool 2020-21: Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve the preschool program for 2020-21. The motion carried unanimously.

Early Childhood Grant: Dally made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve the Early Childhood Grant application. The motion carried unanimously.

Bus Driver Position: Heather Caldwell put in her resignation this spring. Boom made a motion, seconded by Dally, to hire Jeannie Davis as regular route driver for an annual salary of \$14,438. the motion carried unanimously.

Dishwasher: Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve leasing a dishwasher from Cash-Wa Distributing at a cost of \$83 per month. The motion carried unanimously.

Elementary Roof: The roof on the west wing of the elementary is deteriorating. Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve hiring Roofing Solutions LLC to resurface it at their bid cost of \$15,866.50. The motion carried unanimously.

2020-2021 Budget: The preliminary budget was reviewed and discussed. The budget projects reducing the total number of mills levied from 70.44 to 69. Due to the change in the value per mill, that would be a dollar increase of \$13,617. The state transportation payment is less due to fewer miles and rides when there was no school during this spring due to COVID. The state legislature may act to make up those lost amounts.

Building Update: Repairs are being done to four windows, the garage door was repaired, some painting is being done, the hallway carpets will be professionally cleaned, and the breaker box on the stage is due to be replaced. Scott's Electric estimates \$1420 to replace the breaker box.

Dally made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to hire Scott's Electric to replace the breaker box for \$1420. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date