

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Jerry Waagen, and Business Manager Amy Maurer.

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

Correspondence: State Fire and Tornado rates will be increasing by 14%.

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 May 12th, 2021 regular meeting, as presented.
- The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Waagen reported:

- 1) High school principal report: Next year there will be 14 students attending the vocational center. The Smart Lab room is painted and being readied for installation starting the middle of July.
- 2) The final meeting with Ed Direction was on May 25 with coach Pam VanHorn. The current and upcoming years were reviewed/discussed. One focus for next year will be the creation of goals by students as this has a positive effect on student growth. The teachers will receive professional development to implement this program. They have been provided with a book that addresses this. We will not be working with Ed Direction in the upcoming school year.
- 3) He is working on completing information needed for the final year of our comprehensive school grant. Due to Covid related legislation providing an extension of funding, the elementary school will still be designated as a comprehensive school next year with funding available.
- 4) He continues to attend webinars provided by DPI regarding ESSER guidance.
- 5) Mr. Roorda, Ms. Maurer, and he attended an ESSER guidance training sponsored by NDCEL on June 3 in Bismarck. Many ideas were shared regarding use of ESSER II and III funds.
- 6) He is working on ordering classroom and general supplies for the upcoming school year. A few furniture items have been ordered for the learning center and office. Also, we will be updating materials for the science classroom to replace outdated items and meeting the needs for the hands-on activities done by Ms. Anderson. The elementary will continue using Saxon Math but is updating to the 2018 version so it may be utilized for at least three more years.
- 7) The policy committee needs to meet prior to the July school board meeting to discuss policies to be reviewed/updated. Policies to be discussed include schedule of student school day and school board member pay.
- 8) All students will again receive free meals for the 2021-2022 school years, however, following regular food guidelines and not the summer food guidelines. It will still be essential that all parents/guardians complete the free/reduced lunch application as it a determining factor in funding received for many grants.
- 9) NDASA scores were shared with the board.

Election Results: The board canvassed the election results. Ten people voted. For the two at-large board member positions the results were: Abram Valenta- 9 votes, Robert Froehlich- 7 votes, Brock Naze (write-in)- 2 votes, and James Bear (write-in)- 1 vote. Abram Valenta and Robert Froehlich are reelected. On the question of whether to publish the proceedings of the school board in the district's official newspaper there were 6 no votes and 4 yes votes. Publication in the official newspaper is not required. Harms made a motion, seconded by Jensen to certify the election results. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Preschool 2021-2022: Preschool will be taught by Mrs. Julie Williams and is planned for 2 days per week the first semester and 3 days per week the second semester. Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Jensen to approve the plans for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Request: Ms. Sally Dick requests that her hourly wage be increased to \$15.00 per hour for 2021-2022. The board discussed her request including discussion of her duties and years of experience. Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Harms to approve increasing Ms. Dick's wage to \$15.00 per hour. The motion carried unanimously.

Music Teacher: Mrs. Kristen Lynch has agreed to be the school's music teacher. Mr. Waagen recommends that the board consider paying a one-time hiring bonus for this hard-to-fill position. After discussion, Valenta made a motion, seconded by Froehlich to approve the hire of Mrs. Lynch and to pay a bonus amount of \$3000.00. \$1000.00 to be paid prior to the start of the 21-22 school year, \$1000.00 to be upon her completion of the 21-22 school year, and \$1000.00 to be paid upon her completion of the 22-23 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Smart Lab Gutters: Homers bid \$1425.00 to replace the gutters on the Smart Lab building. They are not available to add new siding at this time. Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich to approve the new gutters. The motion carried unanimously.

Extra-curricular Policy: The board did the second reading of the revised extra-curricular policy which includes specific guidelines in the case of possible concussion. Jensen made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve the new extra-curricular policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan: After discussion, Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Abram, to approve the plan as presented. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

ESSER II and III: The possible uses of the funds including addressing learning loss/acceleration, student engagement/attitudes toward achievement, parental involvement, and building repairs/improvements were discussed. It was agreed that Valenta and Harms will be part of the stakeholder team.

Harms made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve the ESSER II budget. The motion carried unanimously.

2021-2022 Preliminary Budget: The preliminary 2021-2022 budget was reviewed. The board concurred the business manager should pay the bills due to be paid in July prior to official budget approval at the annual meeting.

Building Update: Near the end of June Scott's Electric will be addressing some basic repairs/projects. In July new carpet will be laid, the north elementary roof will be redone, and the Smart Lab will be set up. Capping the chimney on the high school was discussed. An estimate was received from Jamestown Communications to add 5 cameras to the security system for \$3899.00. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve the addition of the new cameras. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date