

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
September 8th, 2021

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

Also Present: Superintendent Jerry Waagen, Business Manager Amy Maurer and Secondary Principal Benjamin Hannasch.

Visitor: Janet Hendrickson.

Call to Order: President Roorda called the meeting to order at 6:22pm.

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

- 1) Minutes from the August 11th, 2021 regular board meeting, and the August 16th, 2021 special board meeting, as presented.
 - 2) Bills and financial reports
 - 3) Open enrollments/non-tuition agreements for five students into the school district.
- The motion carried unanimously.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Hannasch reported:

- 1) He reported in detail how the high school staff is working to personalize their curriculums.
- 2) The staff is working on developing criteria for naming Students of the Month.
- 3) ACT testing is no longer required and will no longer be paid for by the state. He recommends that students who want to take the ACT should go to one of the official testing sites and he requests that the board pay for students to take the test one time.
- 4) He will be attending Title IX training.
- 5) Martin Time, an after-school program for students to get help and work on schoolwork, will begin on September 9th. It will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 6) Jamestown Public School has invited Montpelier to co-op with their Esports, which is competitive, organized video gaming.
- 7) He plans to purchase some flexible student seating.
- 8) There has been some controversy with students being allowed to choose their own graduation gown colors. He suggested that the board could mandate a color(s) after the 2022 graduating class.

ACT Tests: Boom made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the district paying for one ACT test per student. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Waagen reported:

- 1) There was professional development for staff on August 12 and 13. The focus of August 12 was on CPR/First Aid training provided by Lucinda Lien. The rest of the day was used for staff meetings, and new staff orientation. August 13 the teachers attended professional development in Edgeley with presenter Jimmy Casas. Teachers and administration also met with their colleagues from other schools attending.
- 2) Student enrollment as of September 1 is 109 students K-12 and 9 preschoolers.

- 3) We have two junior high and seven elementary girls participating in volleyball this year. Also have three boys playing junior high football and three students participating in cross country in Jamestown.
- 4) COVID update. The district is not offering COVID paid leave. Employees may use their available sick, personal or vacation days. He is watching the local positivity rates. So far there hasn't been any positive cases in the school. Testing will be available for staff at the school.
- 5) Bus drivers and others that drive students are doing training in the next couple of weeks. Bus inspection was on Tuesday, September 7.
- 6) The asbestos inspection was completed by Trio Environmental Consulting on August 6. This must be done every three years. The school is in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act.
- 7) He completed and submitted the 2021-2022 Comprehensive School Support grant application. This year our elementary school was still "frozen" as a comprehensive support school. Funding will be provided at approximately \$100,000.
- 8) The annual school open house/carnival was held on September 2 from 5:00-7:00.
- 9) The district is scheduled to have a fire inspection in February.
- 10) The SmartLab building had issues with water seeping in during our recent rain. Gutters had been installed prior. The board discussed drain tiles or whether gutters on the bus garage would help.

Transportation Fuel Provider: One vendor responded. Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta to approve purchasing the district's gas and diesel from Allied Energy for their delivered invoice price plus 10 cents. The motion carried unanimously.

LEA/School Compliance Report: After review, Harms made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to approve the LEA/School Compliance report. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget: Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom to approve the 2021-2022 budget, as proposed. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Levy: Boom made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the tax levy of \$458,325 (\$458,325 general fund, \$0.00 Building Fund). The motion carried unanimously.

Parental Involvement Policy: The board reviewed the 2021-2022 Title I Parental Involvement Policy.

Activity Driver: Boom made a motion, seconded by Jensen, to hire Jessica Harms as a school activity driver. A roll call vote was taken: Roorda-yes, Valenta-yes, Jensen-yes, Boom-yes, and Harms-abstain. Motion carried.

Substitute Teacher: Valenta made a motion, seconded by Harms, to hire Scott Lynch as a substitute teacher effective upon his receiving his license. The motion carried unanimously.

Substitute Cook/Custodian: Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom to hire Sheila Swartz as an assistant cook/custodian. The motion carried unanimously.

Staff Lunch Pricing: Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to increase the staff lunch price to \$3.35. The motion carried unanimously.

Virtual Learning Policy: The board did a reading of a virtual learning policy which would allow virtual learning in cases of extreme weather or other emergencies.

After discussion, Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve waiving the second reading requirement as allowed by Montpelier’s Procedure for Adopting Board Policy (descriptor BDA) in order to vote to adopt the Virtual Learning policy after one reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms, to adopt the Virtual Learning Because of Weather or Other Conditions policy. The motion carried unanimously.

NDSBA Convention: Information on the board convention was shared with the board. They concurred that the first two board members to sign up should be the board delegates.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date