

**School Board Minutes**  
**Montpelier Public School District #14**  
**214 7<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Montpelier, ND 58472**  
**January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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

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

**Visitors:** Nicole VanEnk, Jonas VanEnk, Tiffany Bell, Amber McIntyre, and Melissa Anderson.

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

**Agenda:** Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to make the following additions to the agenda:  
1) Substitute Teacher Approval 2) Parents address to the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

**Correspondence:** An email was received from Mr. Rotunda, CPA who was our auditor for at least the last 20 years, sharing his progress with getting the state to review his audits. Montpelier has signed with another firm to audit the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2020-22 school years.

\*Valenta arrived.

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

- 1) Minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 regular board meeting, as presented.
  - 2) Bills and financial reports
  - 3) A non-tuition agreement for two students out of the district.
- The motion carried unanimously.

**Parents Address to the Board:**

The visiting parents addressed the board, summarized as follows:

- 1) Serious concerns that on January 6<sup>th</sup> the bus that drove their children's morning route had no heat in subzero temperatures, and concerns about the protocols/policies that may have led to that situation.
- 2) Concerns that the bus sometimes runs late.
- 3) Questions on what the policy is on cancelling school.
- 4) Cold temperatures in the science room.
- 5) A lack of heating and cooling consistency in the school building.

These concerns were discussed with the parents. A letter from the school had been mailed to parents on January 10<sup>th</sup> detailing what steps the district intends to take to prevent buses going out without heat again.

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

- 1) December's students of the month were Miranda Witt and Gabriel Lusby.
- 2) Four students will be presenting at the ND Water Quality Conference in March. They will be presenting the findings from the Riverwatch station from fall 2021.

- 3) The Student Leadership Team put together community service opportunities for students for the December 17<sup>th</sup> school day. They made 62 tie blankets and 3762 meals for the orphan grain train. 40 of the blankets will be donated to the school buses and 22 to a local nursing home.
- 4) Donation Request: Ms. Anderson's Environmental Science class is looking for donations of ice fishing equipment. Mr. Entzi's Lifetime Fitness class is looking for donations of exercise equipment.
- 5) The first semester is complete. Students have until this Friday to make up any incomplete grades. If they fail to do so, they may bring any legitimate requests to the next board meeting to request they receive credit.
- 6) Esports update: Me. Hannasch met with Fenworks regarding their Esports program. It would cost \$2000 per year if we co-oped with two other districts. We have been asked to co-op with Lake Park/Audobon and Fenworks would help pair us with a 3<sup>rd</sup> school. There is a fee of \$150 per student which could be waived for up to 15 students who qualify for free and reduced. The season runs from December-April. Mr. Hannasch has received interest from 15 students. Practice is 1 ½ hours per day, 4 days per week. It was brought up whether the organization addresses moderating screen time and addiction.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Waagen reported:

- 1) State fire marshal inspection: There were four minor violations, three have been corrected and the other will be addressed during the summer. New outlets need to be installed in several classrooms to operate their air conditioners.
- 2) He has begun the LETRS training for administrators to meet the state requirements regarding reading instruction for grades K-3.
- 3) He has contacted the state Cognia director concerning our contact at Cognia not showing up to scheduled Zoom meetings as scheduled.
- 4) The postponed Christmas concert was held on January 6.
- 5) The large amount of snow from the storm in December was removed from the parking lot by Bill Anderson and Jeff DeBuck.
- 6) He completed my training to renew his certification as the school's local agency security officer to access the Criminal Justice Information Services.

**Driver's Education:** Mr. Bear is interested in teaching Driver's Education again. Salaries will be reviewed.

**Budget Adjustment:** The district's Comprehensive Support grant proposal has been approved by the state. Boom made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve the required corresponding adjustment to the districts budget increasing the Comprehensive Support revenue and expenses each by \$20,486.23. The motion carried unanimously.

**Pledged Securities:**

The business manager reported that Unison Bank has pledged securities of \$1.282 million dollars, as of January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

**Negotiations Seminar:** The seminar takes place on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year.

**Substitute Teacher:** Harms made a motion, seconded by Dally, to approve the rehire of Orrin Kluting as a substitute teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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Tony Roorda, Board President

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Amy Maurer, Business Manager

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Approval Date