

Unofficial School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
May 11th 2022

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

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

Visitors: Mrs. Julie Williams, Mrs. Sarah Ratts, and Ms. Tonya Kramer. Mrs. Heidi Bear (presenting on Innovation Academy).

Call to Order: President Roorda called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.

Agenda: No changes.

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

- 1) Minutes: Regular meeting 04-13-2022.
- 2) Bills and financial reports

The motion carried unanimously.

Secondary Principal's Report: Mr. Hannasch reported:

1. Students of the month are Taryn Middleider and Matthew Irmen.
2. Congratulations to Ms. Anderson for winning the Teacher innovation Grant through the state. She won \$3500.00 to go toward a thermal camera for our new drone which was purchased with a Samsung Grant.
3. He reviewed the schedule for the last week of school.
4. He discussed the drone program for next year. Ms. Anderson starts training this summer. There are 7 students in the program.
5. Graduation is May 22nd.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Waagen reported:

- 1) He completed his Letters training today. The new principal will need to complete training if she hasn't yet.
- 2) The Pk-4 spring concert was May 5th and the 5-12 concert is May 12th.
- 3) State assessments are done.
- 4) He completed the Title "Intent to Apply" report with the state.
- 5) Swimming lessons will take place in June. They will once again be using the school's bus with one of the district bus drivers driving.
- 6) There is another EKM athletic co-op meeting coming up. Montpelier hasn't contributed toward the cost of a coach in a couple of years. Mr. Waagen had a discussion with the Edgeley athletic director about possibly paying a set amount per Montpelier participant.
- 7) Cross Country is co-oped with Jamestown. The current participants prefer that it stay in Jamestown.

Innovation Academy: Mr. Hannasch, Mrs. H. Bear, Mr. Harms and Ms. Anderson attended Innovation Academy this school year. Mr. Hannasch and Mrs. Bear presented a proposal for next year based on the 7-day program which encourages “Moonshot” ideas in order to better meet student needs. The participants propose creating four “houses” within the school in order to enhance learning in several ways including social-emotional learning- creating a feeling of belonging and community, enhancing STEM learning, and collaboration among different grades. All students, K-12, would be assigned to belong to one of the houses and the initial thought is to have the houses work together 18 days throughout the year. Comments and suggestions were taken on the proposal. The program would evolve and be changeable as needed.

Classified Staff: Mr. Waagen shared recommended 2022-2023 wages for classified staff with an average increase of around 5% and an increase to the substitute teacher pay to \$140.00 per day and an overall increase to the 2022-2023 budget of approximately \$13,500. Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta to approve the classified staff increase as presented, and the substitute teacher increase to \$140.00 per day. The motion carried unanimously.

Preschool Approval: For the preschool grant through Human Services, it is required that the board formally approve having preschool next year. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve having preschool in 2022-2023. The motion carried unanimously.

Building/Facility Projects: The board discussed several proposed building projects and their estimated costs that could be paid for with ESSER funds. Estimates were requested from several contractors. Northland came and looked at the project but never turned in an estimate. Infinity was the only one who provided quotes. Windows in the high school were estimated at \$34,000 for the first and second floor, \$3460 for the high school principal’s office and \$18,821 for the basement. New siding and windows for Smart Lab is estimated at \$17,250.00. The science teacher put together the cost of updating the science lab with new lab stations and came up with \$18,600. Plumbing and electrical would be additional. A new storage shed to go on the slab of cement behind the kitchen would be approximately \$12,000.00. Gutters are also needed on the bus garage. Scherbenske plumbing came to look at the plumbing in the elementary rooms and some of the pipes fell apart when he tried to disconnect them and the plumbing is in a very difficult to access crawl space. It would be a major replumbing project. One idea is to remove the sinks and replace with new countertops and closet units and look into a central location for a sink. Another suggestion was to look at removing the old heaters from the back walls. The kindergarten room is due to have the carpeting replaced. Concerns about water leaking between the high school and the stage area were discussed. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Dally, to approve going forward with the replacement of windows in the high school, siding and windows on the smart lab, gutters on the bus garage, remodel of the science lab, new carpet in the kindergarten room, purchase of a storage shed and to get estimates for new counters and cupboards in the elementary classrooms. The motion carried unanimously.

Business Manager Salary: Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich to increase the business manager’s salary to \$46,000 per year and to pay up to the cost of the district’s group family health insurance through 10-31-2023, and a single plan thereafter. The motion carried unanimously.

ND Small Organized Schools: Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom, to approve joining the NDSOS for the 2022-2023 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Election Workers: Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms to approve Sue Valenta, Joline Luck and Heidi Bear as election workers, to allow the business manager to appoint the 4th worker and pay them \$15.00 per hour plus mileage. The motion carried unanimously.

Graduation Ceremony: Graduation is on May 22nd. Mr. Roorda will present the diplomas.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date