

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
June 20th 2022

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

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

Visitors: Incoming Superintendent Mr. Phil Leitner, Incoming K-12 Principal Ms. Sara Boom, and 3rd Grade Teacher Ms. Tonya Kramer.

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

Agenda: The board concurred the agenda would be amended to add the 05-16-2022 special meeting minutes to the consent agenda.

Correspondence: An email was received from NDSBA (North Dakota School Board Association) clarifying that they were not involved in the drafting of or decision to send an ill-advised letter to President Biden advocating for federal intervention with respect to school board meetings that was sent by the NSBA (National School Board Association). While they commend the NSBA choice to conduct an internal investigation to determine the origins of the letter, on June 17th the NDSBA Board of Directors met for their annual planning and budgeting meeting and voted to not renew its membership in the NSBA, which is due June 30th. They believe the long-term viability of the NSBA is in question.

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

- 1) Minutes: Regular meeting May 11, 2022 and special meeting May 16th, 2022, as presented.
- 2) Bills and financial reports, as presented.

The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Waagen reported:

- 1) Four individuals attended the 3-day MTSS training this month.
- 2) Mr. Leitner has been here almost daily working with Mr. Waagen.

Canvass and Certify election results: The board canvassed the election results adding one absentee ballot that was postmarked by the required date. Two set-aside ballots were not able to be counted because the individuals never returned with the required personal identification. The election was for three at-large school board positions for three-year terms. There were forty-two ballots cast. The final results were as follows: Wade Dally- 39 votes, Eric Schrader- 12 votes, Tony Roorda- 21 votes, Brock Naze- 33 votes, Jeff Jensen 15 votes, and Kyle Throener- 6 votes. Wade Dally, Tony Roorda, and Brock Naze, having received the highest number of votes, are elected to the school board. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Boom, to certify the election results. The motion carried unanimously.

Pupil Membership and Transportation Reports: The average daily membership for 2021-22 was 107.42 students. Open enroll student miles are no longer reported on the transportation report. Harms made a

motion, seconded by Dally to approve the pupil membership and transportation reports. The motion carried unanimously.

School Lunch Prices: A proposal to increase most prices by 25 cents and guest lunches to \$5.00 was reviewed and discussed by the board. Concerns about increasing food prices and collecting payments after meals have been free for two years were mentioned. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Boom to increase prices to the following: Elementary breakfast \$2.00, lunch \$2.50. Secondary breakfast \$2.00, lunch \$2.75. Staff breakfast \$2.50, lunch \$3.60. Extra milk/milk break 35 cents. Guest breakfast \$3.00, lunch \$5.00. Roll call vote was as follows: Harms-aye, Boom-aye, Valenta-aye, Dally-aye, Froehlich-nay, and Roorda-aye. Motion carried.

Milk Cooler Bids Opening: One bid was received and opened at the meeting. Zach Dally bid \$30.00. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Boom, to accept the bid and sell the old milk cooler to Zach Dally for \$30.00. The motion carried unanimously.

2022-2023 Title Consolidated Application/Plan: Mr. Waagen shared the details of the plan which includes paying for part of Mrs. Bear's salary (as Title Coordinator and 4th grade teacher-class size reduction), paying part of Mrs. William's salary as PK teacher, paying Ms. Luck's salary as Title Aide, and supplies. Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve the Title consolidated application. The motion carried unanimously.

Teacher Position Hiring: Mr. Leitner and Ms. Sara Boom conducted interviews for the open elementary position and recommend the hire of Mr. Marcus Giles. Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom, to hire Mr. Marcus Giles as elementary teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

Edgeley/Kulm/Montpelier Rebel Athletics Co-op Agreement: The new 3-year agreement gives Kulm two home basketball and volleyball games in even years and three home basketball and volleyball games in odd years. Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Boom, to approve the new EKM athletic cooperative agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

JRSEU Board Member: Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve Mr. Phil Leitner as Montpelier's James River Special Education Unit Board Representative. The motion carried unanimously.

Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan Review: The plan must be reviewed every six months as part of the ESSER funding requirements. Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan with the recommend changes. The motion carried unanimously. The plan is available in its entirety on the school website.

Long-term Plan: A proposed long-term plan which includes information on school academics, activities, population/enrollment, finances/levies, staffing, and student achievement was reviewed with the board. Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms, to approve the long-term plan. The motion carried unanimously. The plan is available in its entirety on the school website.

2022-23 Budget: A preview of the 2022-2023 budget was reviewed and discussed with the board. It includes an overall increase to spending, in part to purchase a new school bus. It includes a possible increase to the tax levy which has been virtually unchanged for the last several years. In 2023-2024 the

state will no longer pay for transportation miles for open enrolled students which will be significant to the school's transportation budget.

Building/Facility Projects: Mr. Waagen shared updates on building improvements. Carpet is being installed in the kindergarten room this week. He received contracts from infinity for the windows in the high school (next summer) and the siding, windows and gutters for the smart lab (this summer). He received an estimate from Woodside Industries for new cabinetry for the elementary classrooms. The storage shed that will be east of the school is being built on August 14th and will be delivered the next week. A sink in the hallway for elementary use was mentioned.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date