BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 17, 2022 7:00 p.m.

The middle school robotics team gave a presentation at 6:52 p.m. The people participating included Stacey Battenfield, Paxton Sandel, Spencer Fox, Trip Bellinger, Nole Theisen, Wesley Higgins, Taylor Perreault, Avery Schuberg, Jack Weber, Kelli Bellinger, Jalene Sandel & Kathleen Rau.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Ron Neyer, Erin Ludwig, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole, Tom Gross and Bob Pasch.

 The Pledge of Allegiance was said

 Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the agenda with the addition of XIII. Executive Session that was not included on the original agenda. Motion carried 7/0.

 Bob Pasch read the Board Mission Statement.

 Denise McBride welcomed Jeremy Zebronski, Jessi Spry, Becky Block, Julie Farrell and Stacie Pratt.

 Jess Spry thanked the Nottawa Sherman Fire Department, Hammer Restoration, Jason McDonald, Bill Chilman, Dan Boyer and all the students and staff for their help, kind words and support during the shed fire we had last Friday, January 14th.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2021. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: Educational Magazines, School Equity Caucus newsletter, January Aggie Express, January Ad Staff Agenda, Meal/Mileage Reimbursement guidelines, copies of emails sent throughout the month, information on the Isabella County GIS mapping, and Carrie Bleise’s job posting.

Erin Ludwig reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a quick budget update and an SSIT and ESIT committee update. Work on the course description catalog is ongoing. They were given a Title 1 update.

Dan Boyer reported on the Middle School class size remedies that the SSIT committee is working on. They continue to work on their SEL goal. The entire staff will be taking a free online course that is an introduction to SEL. Jennifer Davis has resigned from her teaching position here at Beal. She will be greatly missed but we’re excited for her as she has taken a job at Mt. Pleasant. We have hired a replacement for Jen; Tyler Russell. He started Monday and we are very excited to have him. Dan reported that he is continuing to work on the bullying situation and believes he is making progress on a resolution.

Jason Johnston reported that they are mid-year testing. They discussed volunteer training during their ESIT meeting this month. Jason has put together a video that volunteers will watch prior to volunteering in the classrooms. Jennifer Courtright has been selected as the 2022 STEM STAR recipient. She will be recognized at a STEM Teachers Dinner at Saginaw Valley State University on February 22nd.

Rod Freeze reported that he received a letter from the IRS stating that we will be getting the last of the 3% social security and medicare refund that he has been waiting for. Rod gave an update on the new payroll software.

Bill reported that he has sent numerous emails this past month in order to keep the Board up to date on happenings here at the school. Bill thanked all involved with the clean-up from the fire. He also thanked the Board for the treats they supplied last Friday to the staff. Bill will be gone this Thursday and Friday to a MASA Conference.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the December 2021 payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $771,893.53, Payroll Account payments of $2,122.74, Hot Lunch payments $14,226.29, Student Activity Account payments of $15,052.51, Athletic Fund payments of $4,286.95, Arbiter Sports payments of $2,813.80, Debt 2017 payments of $25.00, and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of $291,896.24. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman reported on the Bond Project. Jason will be going over a punch list with Wolgast to make sure everything is completed according to the plans.

Rod Freeze reported that BCEF will meet soon to start the application process for scholarships.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the 1st reading of the Strategic Plan as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the 2nd reading of the NEOLA Policy updates as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the Schools of Choice 105 and 105C programs for the 2022-2023 school year as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to accept Jennifer Davis’ teaching resignation as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the hiring of Tyler Russell as a Secondary Social Studies teacher as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the hiring of Candy Chamberlain as a Foodservice Worker as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

The Board Members will be recognized during halftime of the varsity basketball game on January 25th in honor of School Board Recognition Month. We thank you for all that you do for our school and community.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to go into Executive Session under Open Meetings Act Article 8C – Negotiations. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Rod Cole to come out of Executive Session at 8:35 p.m.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary

 Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary