BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 27, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Curt Gottschalk, Bob Pasch, Heather Curtiss, Ron Neyer, Rod Cole and Tom Gross.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Bob Pasch read the Board Belief Statement.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Jennifer Butkovich, Jennifer Courtright, Jennifer Davis, Sandi Beckwith, Jessi Spry, Veena Cole, Julie Christensen, Scott Leppert, Chadd Fletcher, Eric Vollmer, Niki Vollmer, Kyle Carter, Alsatia Lohr, Kristine Weis, Amy Sharrar, Michelle Maxon, Becky Block, Kevin Pastotnik, Dan Beckwith, Steve Pritchard, G’ne Jorgensen as guests.

Julie Christensen and Sandi Beckwith addressed the Board.

There was no scheduled Student & Staff Spotlight.

There was no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes of June 29, 2020 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 29, 2020. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: a letter from the GIRESD Superintendents regarding their Return to School plan, teacher evaluation scores, the Technology Services Contract with the RESD.

Denise reported for the Personnel Committee. They discussed the 2020-2021budget and possible cuts that will need to be made.

Jason Johnston reported that they have been working on how to start in the fall. He will be meeting with staff to make preparation plans.

Dan Boyer agreed with Mr. Johnston’s ideas about how to start in the fall. Dan reported that 9 out of 14 students in AP Government received credit on their test, including two students scoring a five. Two teams of Beal City Public Schools teachers applied for a Dow funded program to develop curriculum throughout the summer and both teams were accepted into the program. Dan reported on the layout and instruction on how graduation will go.

Rod Freeze reported that he is working on year end reporting. He also reported that we went live with the new software and were able to cut checks on July 1st.

Bill Chilman had nothing to report.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the June payments of bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $668,486.03, Payroll Account payments of $1,146.55, Hot Lunch payments of $11,389.24, Student Activity Account payments of $21,533.80, and Athletic Fund payments of $9,233.05. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that the Bond Issue Phase 1 will be complete after some painting and control work is completed. There is no update on Phase 2.

Heather Curtiss reported that she has heard that a contract has been signed for the sewer project. Bob Pasch reported that the county received additional funding for the project from a USDA grant.

Rod Freeze reported that the BCEF have been hosting open library times for students to come to the school and read or have books read to them. They have also started a free library that is outside of the school for the community to come and access books. Stuff the Bus will be in August and Rod will be mailing scholarship checks to universities this week for our newest winners.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to accept Tami Wilson’s resignation as a foodservice monitor as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the 2020-2021 Budget Amendments reflecting reductions as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

1. Budget Cuts Including
   1. Laid Off elementary Para Pro, and did not hire a Para position who is not coming back
   2. No pay increase for any non-union employee groups
   3. Cut extra curricular Transportation
   4. Cut multiple line items of discretionary funds
   5. Cut Professional development to almost zero
   6. Reduced hours to maintenance staff
   7. Reduced budget for building repairs, and bus repairs
   8. Did not replace retired bus driver
   9. Reduced Professional staff level, layoff of 2 teachers
   10. Cut transfer from general fund to capital projects fund to zero

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

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Heather Curtiss to approve the 1st reading of the MS/HS Student Handbook as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride reminded the Board of Graduation July 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Heather Curtiss to adjourn at 8:10 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