BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 17, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Erin Ludwig read the Board Goal on Student Achievement.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 6/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Julie Christensen.

There was no scheduled Student & Staff Spotlight due to COVID.

There was no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2021. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: School Equity Caucus newsletters, Isabella Wind notice, the Aggie Express, fall and spring pupil count audit, the SEL Grant letter and a waiver for Free and Reduced lunch and breakfast for next year.

Bill Chilman reported for the Business & Finance Committee. They reviewed the recommendation from the Personnel Committee on the hourly wage increases for next year. They also discussed the Bond Debt Structure and investing the bond proceeds. They reviewed the bond sale budget amendments and discussed future insurance ideas.

Tom Gross reported for the District School Improvement Committee. They were given a quick budget update. They discussed the Title One/3rd Grade Reading Bill. The handbooks and the new course catalog will be brought to the committee in June. They have a lot of great candidates for the Band Director’s position as well as the 2nd grade teacher position and the counselor position. They were given an update on the Return the Learn Plan.

Bill Chilman reported for the Personnel Committee. They discussed hourly wage increases for next year. They reviewed the bond sale budget amendments and discussed future insurance ideas.

Dan Boyer gave a report on his Return to Learn Plan. They had Prom a couple weeks ago and everything went well. Dan reported that Senior Awards are May 20th, Battle of the Classes and Senior Extravaganza is May 21st. Graduation is May 27th and it will be held outside unless we get rain.

Ms. Doyle has started a new Key Club which is being sponsored by the local Kiwanis. This club creates opportunities for students to volunteer in their community and develop leadership skills. Mr. Carter has lead a MS/HS Nerd Club that meets to play Magic the Gathering cards. He has a lot of students that enjoy their time as part of this club. Dan also reported on our U.S. News and World Report ranking.

Rod Freeze reported that he has spent a lot of time lately on the finance portion of the Bond. He also reported on the school’s S & P rating for our bonds and he has been working on the budget amendments.

Bill Chilman reported that he will be out of the state from June 9 – 16th.

Motion by Curt Gottschalk, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the April payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $765,196.57, Payroll Account payments of $1,005.91, Hot Lunch payments $15,130.97. Student Activity Account payments of $16,262.58, Athletic Fund payments of $3,604.80, Arbiter Sports payments of $1,398.00, Debt Fund 2012 payments of $89,142.50, Debt Fund 2004 payments of $384,940.00, Debt SBLF payments of $131,547.75, and Debt 2017 payments of $23,517.50. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill updated the Board on Phase 2 of the Bond. We had a ground breaking ceremony last Friday and included the elementary staff and students. A fence is being built around the area where work will be done. Bill gave a sewer and parking lot update.

Rod Freeze reported for the BCEF. Scholarship applications were reviewed by a committee and the winners will be notified Wednesday afternoon. The BCEF committee will hand deliver the certificates to the recipients at their homes. They were able to give ten $500.00 scholarships this year. The committee is also planning the Halloween Bash for October 30th and the Trick or Treat event for October 31st.

The extended COVID-19 Return to Learn Plan was discussed. The Board supports the Administration’s plan to follow the local Health Department’s guidelines.

The Superintendent’s Evaluation will be discussed during Executive Session.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the 2nd reading of the NEOLA Spring Policy Updates as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Beal City Public School’s 2020-2021 mid-year budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the RESD Annual Budget Resolution as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the RESD Board Election Resolution as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Tom Gross, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the non-union wages for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion carried 5/0. Curt Gottschalk abstained.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the following coaching recommendations as presented: Chadd Fletcher – Varsity Girls Basketball and Griffin Bohannon – Cross Country. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion carried 6/0.

Bill Chilman reminded the Board of Graduation on May 27th at 7:00 p.m. He asked that they all be here by 6:30 p.m.

Bill Chilman reminded the Board of the Staff Appreciation Cookout on June 8th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Bill Chilman reminded the Board that the DSIT Committee will meet June 28th at 6:00 p.m. The Budget Hearing will be June 28th at 6:30 p.m. and the Regular Board Meeting will be June 28th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Bob Pasch, seconded by Tom Gross to go into Executive Session – Open Meetings Act Article 8a Personnel at 8:02 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion to come out of executive session at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 6/0.

Recording Secretary

Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary