BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Bob Pasch and Rod Cole arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Tom Gross read the Board Belief Statement.

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

Denise McBride welcomed Julie Farrell, Levi Davis and Elizabeth Wila to the meeting. Julie Farrell gave a presentation on a new reading program they are starting with the 1st graders.

There was no Public Participation but Denise McBride introduced Levi Davis as our new School Resource Officer. Jason Johnston introduced Elizabeth Wila. She is a current teacher at St Joes who is working on getting her administration degree and Jason Johnston is her mentor.

There were no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 17, 2023. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: the September Aggie Express, the ad staff agenda and minutes, a couple job postings, School Equity Caucus newsletter, educational magazines and a copy of the U.S. News and World Report.

Erin Ludwig reported for the Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation committee. They met with representatives from IDI and Wolgast along with Bill, Rod, Jason and Veena Cole to discuss plans for the new bond project.

Erin Ludwig reported for the District School Improvement committee. They had a quick budget update. They were given a school security update. They reviewed a new Social Studies textbook. They were given an ESIT and SSIT update.

Rod Freeze reported that he has been working on the audit. Bond paperwork is also taking up a lot of his time. He has been gathering information on the sale of the Bonds.

Jaason Johnston reported that they have had a great start to the school year.

Ben Eggenberger thanked a local business for the donation throughout the years of desk-top computers. Matt McMahon, from the GIRESD, has been Ben’s go to person at the RESD and he is retiring.

Dan Boyer reported that they have been examining some of the tools of Al that are specifically designed for teachers. He also reported that the school year is off to a great start.

Bill Chilman reminded the Board of the homecoming festivities. He will be attending a MASA Conference the rest of this week.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the August 2023 payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $728,540.30, Hot Lunch payments of $9,746.75, Student Activity Account payments of $17,393.08, Athletic Fund payments of $13,840.57, Arbiter Sports payments of $3,178.50, Debt Retirement 2021 payments of $500.00, and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of $87,709.41. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman reported that there is an estimated $75,000 left in the last bond budget. The Building, Maintenance, Grounds and Transportation committee will meet to discuss how best to spend the leftover money.

Rod Freeze reported that tickets will be available soon for the Halloween Bash. Letters requesting sponsorship will also be going out soon.

Bill Chilman reported on how the sale of the property has been promoted. Bids will be accepted through September 29th.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the Bond Sale Authorization Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman has signed the paperwork to acknowledge the Juuls settlement and Thrun will be sending us the Settlement Acceptance Resolution that we will act on at the October board meeting.

We have decided to close the current job posting for the Social Studies teacher and will repost it in December when new candidates may be available to apply.

Hadyn Armstrong has been hired through PCMI as a Media Center Friday para pro.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to adjourn at 8:16 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