

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
July 20, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with six members present, including Mr. Burgstaler via Skype. Mr. Hoge was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Janzen, to approve the agenda adding Pat Nicko under consent agenda item #8 (Accept resignations). All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Kasey Barrett and Molly Stermer of Shirts Plus appeared before the Board to discuss a draft contract that would designate a logo designed by Shirts Plus as the District's official logo. After discussion on the language within the contract, Mr. Chute made a motion to table action on the logo until January 2016 to allow for time to gather opinions from students, staff and the community. Ms Hills seconded the motion. The motion failed, with Mr. Chute and Ms Hills voting in favor of the motion, and Mr. Welshons, Mr. Burgstaler, Mr. Janzen, and Mr. Hasskamp voting against. The consensus of the Board was to have Mr. Novak work with Mr. Cline on clarifying contract language and determining a timeline for taking action at the September or October Board meeting.

Jodie Zesbaugh from Ehlers presented information to the Board on the existing Board-approved levy, local optional revenue and the new Long Term Facilities Maintenance Revenue. The Board will make a preliminary decision on whether or not to utilize the various funding streams at the September Board meeting when the preliminary levy is set. A final decision will be made at the December Board meeting, where various pieces can be removed but not added to the levy.

Old business:

No old business was discussed.

New business:

A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Chute, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 15.
- Office receipts for the month of June in the amount of \$593,307.60.
- Report of expenditures for June including \$620,562.68 for bills and \$1,026,391.53 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Insurance Account checks #13537-13554 in the amount of \$7,671.74.

- Collateral Report for July.
- Donations for June in the amount of \$2,669.97.
- Wire transfers for June in the amount of \$1,100,000.00.
- Accepted resignations:

Ann Kukowski - Community Ed. Youth Director, effective July 24, 2015
 Jena Larson - 5th Grade Teacher at Rippleside, effective immediately
 Shanen Weimer - Title I Para at Rippleside, effective immediately
 Pat Nicko – Bus Driver, effective July 20, 2015

- Approved 2015-2016 head golf, and fall and all year extracurricular assignments, per the list.
- Accepted quotes for milk, bread and food for 2015-2016.
- Established breakfast, lunch and milk prices for 2015-2016. Last year’s prices are as follows:

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Adult</u>
1/2 Pint Milk	.35	.35	.35
Breakfast	1.25	1.35	2.30
Lunch	1.90	2.15	3.50

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

After passing the consent agenda, the Board clarified that the increase to lunch prices for 2015-2016 was \$0.10 per lunch, as noted in the chart below:

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>H.S.</u>	<u>Adult</u>
Lunch	2.00	2.25	3.60

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the increase. Mr. Burgstaler, Ms Hills, Mr. Janzen, Mr. Chute, and Mr. Hasskamp voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Welshons voted against the motion. The motion carried. Ms Hills noted that she would like to see more products from local food producers included in the district’s food service offerings.

Administrative reports:

Board members’ reports: There were no board members’ reports.

Committee Reports:

The Finance and Facilities Committee met on June 22 to discuss moving ahead with the community input process using Foster, Jacobs and Johnson (FJJ) of Duluth, MN. There were some questions regarding the contract that had been presented to the district after that meeting.

Mr. Novak will follow up with FJJ and bring back a revised contract for Board consideration at a future meeting.

The Transportation Committee met earlier in the evening, where the group discussed the status of the fleet and route planning for the upcoming school year. Based on a recommendation from the committee, Mr. Chute made a motion, seconded by Ms Hills, to approve a one-year lease extension for Mid Bus 2 (through Santander Leasing, LLC) along with the purchase of the Ford Flex that the District had been leasing. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak spoke about the damage to the high school as a result of a roof tear around a drain early last week. Board members and those in attendance were offered a tour of the building following the meeting.

Principal's report:

Mr. Karelis was present after being hired as the High School Principal, effective July 1, 2015. He is currently working on finalizing student schedules for the upcoming year, completing staff variance applications, and working on updates to the attendance policy.

Mr. Peterson was not present at the meeting.

Mr. Hasskamp presented the upcoming meeting schedule as listed in the agenda.

Comments from visitors:

Stacy Westerlund questioned whether the structural integrity of the building had been compromised as a result of the water damage.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Janzen. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary