

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
June 20, 2016

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with all members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Burgstaler, to approve the agenda, adding a closed meeting under M.S. 13D.05, Subd, 3c (Property Acquisition); adding consideration of roofing project bids and an update on the land purchase process under the Finance and Facilities Committee update; removing approval of the budgets; and adding 'Approve administration to dispose of miscellaneous outdated textbooks, supplies and equipment' as item #15 on the consent agenda. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Assistant High School Principal Chad Pederson, together with Amanda Voller and Kari Paulsen from the Northeast MN Office of Job Training, presented information on proposed curriculum changes at the Aitkin Alternative School. A motion was made by Mr. Chute, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to replace two credits of electives for alternative school students with two credits of job skills training curriculum, as proposed. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Old business: No old business was discussed.

New business:

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the consent agenda as follows:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 16, the Special Closed Meeting held on May 23 and of the Work Session held on May 23.
- Office receipts for the month of May in the amount of \$1,812,261.89.
- Report of expenditures for May including \$274,323.51 for bills and \$840,826.53 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403B.
- Insurance Account checks #13780-13799 in the amount of \$9,815.84.
- Collateral Report for June.
- Donations for May in the amount of \$4,441.91.
- Wire transfers for May in the amount of \$600,000.00.

- Approve lane changes:

Kathy Christy - from MA+45 to MA+60
Katie Dotzler - from MA+15 to MA+30
Nicholas Ganoë - from BA to BA+15

- Consider/approve a request for leave:

Maggie Moss, Rippleside Paraprofessional, is requesting maternity leave from around September 6, 2016 to around January 4, 2017.

- Accept resignations:

Heidi Burger - Rippleside Paraprofessional resigning effective immediately
Alissa Tuenge - JV Red Dance Coach resigning effective immediately

- Approve hirings:

Matt Bretz - Para one on one student support, 2 days per week (M-T), 7:00 - 5:00,
6/6/16 - 8/26/16
Madison Johnson - ACC Paraprofessional for summer ESY, 2 days per week (M-T), 8:20 –
3:05, 6/6/16 - 7/28/16
Tracy Shimer - One on one student support, 4.5 hours per week, 6/6/16 - 8/26/16 and 3.5
hours per week for ESY, 6/22/16 - 7/27/16
Mary Vinje - Para one on one student support, 1 day per week (W), 7:00 - 5:00, 6/15/16 -
8/26/16
Michelle Alcox - Transportation Technician, effective 6/13/16
Steffanie Osborne - Community Education Program Assistant, effective 6/28/16

- Approve the 2016-2017 Contract with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (ARCC) for \$54,056.40 for the year.
- Approve membership in the Minnesota Rural Education Association.
- Approve the Resolution Establishing Dates for Filing Affidavits of Candidacy.
- Approve administration to dispose of miscellaneous outdated textbooks, supplies and equipment.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Mr. Welshons, to approve a contract with Fosters, Jacobs and Johnson as presented for referendum services and construction management (upon successful passage of a bond referendum). All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Mr. Hoge to approve the following salary agreements for 2015-2016-2017:

Bus Drivers	Less Than 12 Month Clerical
Custodians	12 Month Clerical
Food Service	

All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

After a presentation by Terry Walisuk, Business Representative for the International Union of Operating Engineers (Local 70), a motion was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Burgstaler, to deny a grievance filed by a custodian. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Administrative reports:

Board members' reports: No Board member reports were given.

Committee reports:

Mr. Hoge made a motion, with a second by Ms Hills, to award the bid for roof replacement for Sections A and B at Rippleside (and repairs at Aitkin High School) to Granite City Roofing, Inc. of St. Cloud, MN. The total awarded was \$223,830 (\$221,000 + \$2,380). All members voted in favor, and the motion passed. Complete bid results are on file in the District Office.

Nate Eisenbarth from Foster, Jacobs and Johnson presented the Board with information on how the site selection process had been performed. Eighteen sites were identified, and the selection process brought the number down to two, one of which was determined to be the preferred location.

The Policy Committee presented the following policy for a first reading: Policy #524.1 MacBook Air 1:1 Acceptable Use, Policy and Procedures

Ms Hills reported on the Personnel Committee Meeting held on May 26. The group discussed the recent hirings in the Transportation Department and the hiring of a Human Resources position.

Ms Hills also reported that the Aitkin Education Foundation recently awarded \$3,000 in grants to District staff for educational supplies and equipment. The money will be spent on drones, grade level reading materials, and movement furniture.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak reported that twenty-four (24) new mandates came out of this year's legislative session. He also reported that a pipe separation caused some water damage on the second floor the night before.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Peterson reported that Summer ASK was delayed for one day with the water leak. However, summer cleaning at Rippleside is going very well. Two teaching positions remain posted for fall, and a new reading curriculum has been ordered.

Mr. Karelis reported that scheduling is complete, with only some eighth hour assignments remaining. Compass Learning is being used for some summer English and math interventions at the high school. He also reported that a candidate had been hired for the English position. However, she backed out of the contract, so a new candidate is being sought.

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

Comments from visitors:

Tom Sanford asked the Board to consider a slate of coaches (both paid and volunteer) for the football program.

Adam Hoogenakker of the *Aitkin Independent Age* apologized for any confusion that had been caused by a posting made to Facebook regarding cancelled activities.

Brian Smith, a concerned parent, expressed continued frustration with a student issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to close the meeting per Minnesota Statute 13D.05 Subd. 3c (Property Acquisition) in order for the Board to discuss property in Section 36 of Aitkin Township, currently owned by Gary and Mary Lindgren. All members voted in favor, and the meeting closed at 8:29 p.m. The Board proceeded to the District Office.

A motion was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to reopen the meeting at 9:02 p.m. The Board returned to the High School Cafeteria.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Burgstaler with a second by Ms Hills. All members voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary