

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
August 15, 2016

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with six members present. Ms Hills was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Burgstaler, to approve the agenda, adding Dana Lodermeier under consent agenda item #10 (Approve hirings) and adding consent agenda item #15, Accept resignation (Geni Patrick). All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Cora Fastner and Marisa Kittleson updated the Board on the upcoming Homecoming festivities, which will include dress-up days and coronation.

Ms Hills arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Lisa DeMars presented the results of annual assessments as well as Vision, Mission and Goals as developed by the District Improvement Team.

Old business: No old business was discussed.

New business:

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 18 and of the Special Meeting held on July 26.
- Office receipts for the month of July in the amount of \$561,539.72.
- Report of expenditures for July including \$668,796.75 for bills and \$709,682.06 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Insurance Account checks #13817 - 13830 in the amount of \$4,050.56.
- Collateral Report for August.
- Donations for July in the amount of \$4,863.99.
- Wire transfers for July in the amount of \$1,300,000.00.
- Approved requests for lane changes:

Lindsey Kaiser - from MA to MA+15
Justine Nordick - from MA+15 to MA+30

- Considered/approved a leave of absence request:

Cathy Patrick (bus driver) requested a leave of absence for 24 days from Sept. 6 through Oct. 7, 2016.

- Approved hirings for the 2016-2017 school year:

Ashley Beck - Title Teacher at Rippleside at Step 3, BA Lane
Justin Kern - Fifth Grade Teacher at Rippleside at Step 1, BA Lane
Jennifer Long - Special Education Teacher at the H.S., Step 1, BA Lane
Arica Tweet - ECFE/School Readiness at Step 1-A
Dana Lodermeier - Bus Driver

- Considered/approved the salary agreement for 2015-2016-2017 for Krista Olson – Community Education Director and Elem. Dean of Students
- Approved the Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District General Election.
- Set the date for a Truth in Taxation Meeting as part of the December board meeting on December 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.
- Considered/approved Policy 430, Health Care Savings Plan Contributions.
- Accepted a resignation:

Geni Patrick – Guidance Secretary, effective immediately

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of including Local Optional Revenue on the 2016 Payable 2017 levy. After discussion, the Board tabled action on LOR until after the Board work session scheduled for Monday, August 29, 2016.

Administrative reports:

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

Committee reports:

Mr. Janzen reported on the Policy Committee's July 20 meeting. The committee is recommending the following policies for a first reading:

Policy 503 Student Attendance
Policy 510-4 Scholastic Eligibility and Attendance
Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy

Policy 722 Admission to School Activities
Policy 425 Staff Development

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak reported on the various workshop activities scheduled before the start of the school year. He also reported that KinderCamp is scheduled for September 1.

He also gave the Board updates on the various building projects. The street project in front of Rippleside has been delayed due to weather, but the crews are working very hard to have it ready for bus traffic on Thursday, September 8.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Karelis reported that seventh grade orientation is scheduled, as are parent meetings for implementing the 1:1 initiative. He thanked Riverwood Healthcare Center and Aitkin County Health and Human Services for helping with the seventh grade orientation.

Mr. Peterson thanked the Board and technology staff for supporting technology. While the 1:1 roll-out is only happening at the high school, that action has resulted in Rippleside getting many technology upgrades with passing down existing equipment. He also thanked Lisa DeMars for her presentation earlier in the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Burgstaler, to approve the 2016-2017 student handbooks as presented. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Comments from visitors:

Jeanette Smith....

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Mr. Welshons. All members voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary