

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
October 20, 2014

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Brian Orłowski with all members present.

The following agenda changes were presented to the Board: Revise consent agenda item #11 (Approve extracurricular assignments) to add Gloria Curtiss, Jason Henke, Kristi Hoge, and Sean Smith; add item #15 (Approve the job description of the Community Education Director/Elementary Dean of Students); add item #16 (Approve hiring – Brittny Burton – H.S. Food Service Worker I, effective 10/21/14); add item #17 (Approve the Region Facilities Use Agreement); remove Policy 203.7 Board Reimbursement from the policy list brought forward for a first reading; add Board members' reports for Minnesota State High School League, MN School Board Association Fall Meeting, PTO and PAC. A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Burman, to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

No Student Council Report was given.

The following new staff members introduced themselves to the Board: Heather Anderson (3rd Grade Teacher), Ashley Beck (ECFE/School Readiness Teacher), Sue Buhlmann (H.S. Special Education), Chance Goudge (H.S. Social Studies Teacher), Tashana Husom (H.S. Counselor), Briana Tetrick (H.S. English Teacher), and Krista Olson (Community Education Director/Elementary Dean of Students).

Old business: No old business was discussed.

New business:

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 15, the Special Meeting held on September 29, the Work Session held on September 29 and of the Special Meeting held on October 13.
- Office receipts for the month of September in the amount of \$1,165,228.33.
- Report of expenditures for September including \$829,774.86 for bills and \$758,014.77 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Insurance Account checks #13281-13319 in the amount of \$16,411.02.
- Collateral Report for October.

- Donations for September in the amount of \$7,737.53.
- Wire transfers for September in the amount of \$1,450,000.00.
- Approved lane changes:
 - Julie Jensen - from MA to MA+15
 - Lorelie Robinson - from BA+15 to BA+30
 - Marie Zettel - from BA+30 to MA
- Accepted resignations:
 - Margie Burman - Assistant Elementary Secretary effective 11/14/14
 - Scott Krawchuk - Custodian, effective immediately
 - Amber Lindgren - Paraprofessional at Rippleside, effective 10/15/14
- Terminated employment of the following:
 - Megan Larson - effective immediately
 - Carol Priglmeier - effective immediately
- Approved extracurricular assignments:
 - All year assignment:
 - Gloria Curtiss - co-advisor for Student Council
 - Winter activities list:
 - Jason Henke - Head Softball Coach
 - Kristi Hoge - Assistant Softball Coach
 - Sean Smith - Assistant Baseball Coach
- Approved the 2014-2015 Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination.
- Approved the Resolution in Support of a MSHSL Foundation Grant for the 2014-2015 School Year.
- Approved the 2014-2015 Agreement with Calvary Westside Church for gym use.
- Approved the job description of the Community Education Director/Elementary Dean of Students.
- Approved hiring – Brittney Burton – H.S. Food Service Worker I, effective 10/21/14.
- Approved the Region Facilities Use Agreement.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Welshons, to approve hiring Kraus-Anderson to serve as the construction management firm for the proposed building project. All members voting in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, with a second by Mr. Welshons, to approve the Resolution Relating to Authorizing the Issuance of School Building Bonds and Calling a Special Election Thereon with a revised date of January 6, 2015. On a roll call vote, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Hasskamp, Mr. Burman, Mr. Welshons, and Mr. Orłowski voted in the favor of the motion; Mr. Chute voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Administrative reports:

Board members' reports:

Mr. Burman reported that he attended a Minnesota State High School League Region meeting. Aitkin will play three football games prior to the start of school next year, and the baseball team will be in Class 2A starting next year. Mr. Burman will be representing District 28 on the AAA Awards Committee.

Mr. Burman also attended the MSBA Fall Meeting. Senator David Tomassoni was at the meeting where it was also noted that Aitkin's presence is appreciated at the IRRRB meetings.

Mr. Hoge reported on a Rippleside PTO meeting held earlier in the evening. The committee discussed fundraising activities, plans for upcoming conferences, awarded three grants, and discussed updates to their web site. The Parent Advisory Council is working on plans for next week's Family Fun Night (Gobble Up Science).

Committee reports:

Mr. Hoge, Mr. Welshons, and Mr. Orłowski reported on the Facilities Committee Meeting held on September 16, 2014, where the group discussed recommendations for the building project.

Mr. Novak reported on the Safety Committee meeting held on September 23. The group reviewed safety concerns with the upcoming winter season and recommended replacing the gate at the opening of the garden at Rippleside.

The Policy Committee met on September 24. Mr. Hoge and Mr. Welshons informed the Board that the following policies were being brought forward to the Board for the first reading:

Policy 527	Student Vehicles
Policy 530	Immunizations

Policy 203.7 (Board Reimbursement) will be discussed by the committee and brought back to a future meeting.

Mr. Burman reported on the Meet and Confer Committee meeting that was held on September 24. The committee discussed Infinite Campus Instant Messenger testing procedures, the transition to Google email, and expense reimbursement recommendations that will be sent to the Policy Committee.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak reported on the free and reduced lunch program percentages as of October 20, 2014. Districtwide, 40.66% of our students are involved in the program.

Mr. Novak reported to the Board that he, Jesse Peterson, Shari Nordean and Kathy Hakes-Fastner met with Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner of Education, regarding Rippleside being designated as a Focus School. Staff will be meeting with the Center for Excellence to develop strategies to improve scores.

The superintendent evaluation form was given to each of the Board members for completion. Mr. Orłowski asked that they be completed before the next Board meeting.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Pederson reported that 99 parents signed in for conferences, which is much higher than normal. Postcards were mailed out and 7th grade parents received invitations. American Peat Technology, LLC is interested in donating toward PBIS, career exploration, and other initiative programs. Several other accomplishments and upcoming events were shared.

Mr. Peterson reported on next week's Family Fun Night (Gobble Up Science). Gary Ladehoff has commended students on their behavior during bus travel and various training sessions. Rippleside staff have also reported improvements in manners, behaviors, helpfulness, and kindness shown by students.

Mr. Hoge asked Mr. Peterson to look into the newly installed motion sensors for classroom lights as some of the sensors are partially covered.

The upcoming meeting schedule was reviewed, as listed in the agenda.

Comments from visitors:

No comments were made by visitors.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Burman. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary