

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
Aitkin High School Media Center
March 21, 2016

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with all members present, including Mr. Burgstaler and Ms Hills who were present via Skype.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Welshons, to approve the agenda, removing item #8A – 1 (PAC Committee Report by Mr. Hoge). All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Lindsey Kaiser gave a Middle School Student Council update. The successful Valentine's Day fundraiser had several male teachers wearing dresses to school for a day. The recent middle school dance had great attendance.

Old business:

A motion was made by Mr. Janzen, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to approve Policy #806 (Crisis Management Policy). All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

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 February 8 and of the Special Meeting held on February 17.
- Office receipts for the month of February in the amount of \$1,043,442.77.
- Report of expenditures for February including \$879,127.96 for bills, and \$587,860.42 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA and OASDI/Medicare and 403b.
- Insurance Account checks #13730 - 13745 in the amount of \$10,965.58.
- Collateral Report for March.
- Donations for February in the amount of \$11,143.68.
- Wire transfers for February in the amount of \$1,300,000.00.
- Approved a Youth Service Grant request:

Amanda Steffens – PAC-preschool - \$1,000.00

- Approved a lane change:

Dustin Richters - from the BA Lane to the BA+15 Lane

- Accepted a retirement/resignation:

Gary Ladehoff is retiring as the Transportation Supervisor effective August 19, 2016.
Todd Radke resigned as a bus driver effective February 19, 2016.

- Approved hirings:

Janelle Boyd - Cleaner effective March 14, 2016

Cindy Sutton - Paraprofessional at the high school effective March 15, 2016

Melanie Boyd - Long-term Substitute as Rippleside Title Teacher, effective March 21, 2016

- Approved Independent Contractor Agreements for the musical, *Grease*:

Nick Ganoë - Play tenor sax for the musical rehearsals and performances.

Lucy Swanson - Play lead piano and direct the combo band (along with organizing instrumental rehearsals) for the musical rehearsals and performances.

- Approved awarding Renee Irwin \$7,200 toward her retirement health coverage.
- Considered/approved hiring additional spring coaches due to high participation, one in junior high baseball and one in senior high softball.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Chute, with a second by Mr. Janzen, to approve a two-year leave of absence for Jacob Jaskowiak. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken. Mr. Chute, Mr. Janzen and Ms Hills voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Welshons, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Burgstaler, and Mr. Hasskamp voted against the motion. The motion failed.

Administrative reports:

Board members' reports:

No Board member reports were given.

Committee reports:

Mr. Chute reported that negotiations were going well with the custodians and drivers. Tentative agreements have been reached with both groups.

The Finance and Facilities Committee met on February 23. The group discussed upcoming summer projects and reviewed requests received from staff. The group will be meeting again to review project estimates for roofing and security cameras.

The Policy Committee met on February 24 and presented the following policies for a first reading:

Policy #409 Employee Publications, Instructional Materials, Inventions, and Creations

Policy #416 Drug and Alcohol Testing

Policy #417 Chemical Use and Abuse

Policy #715 Stock Epinephrine Policy and Procedure

Policy #716 ISD 1 – Remote Access VPN Acceptable Use Policy

The Transportation Committee met before the school board meeting. The group reviewed the fleet, discussed the parking lot and recent addition of a dirt berm, and spoke about the possible purchase of Transfinder software. More information on the software will be distributed to the Board for review and consideration at a future meeting.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak reported that members of the task force are preparing a presentation that the Board will hear at the Special Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 29.

Governor Dayton's budget includes grant opportunities for early childhood. More information will be available as the session progresses.

Mr. Novak reminded the Board and those in attendance that the high school musical will be presented beginning Wednesday, March 30. All are encouraged to come and watch the production; the students are working very hard, and it will be a great show.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Peterson reported on the recently held Family Fun Night. He also reported that KinderCamp had been discussed at the PTO meeting. He announced that a \$300 grant was received from the Wyant family to be used for Farm2School. Their generosity is appreciated.

Mr. Karelis reported that MCAs are quickly approaching. Credits are being monitored for this year's seniors, and scheduling for 2016-2017 is well underway. Tours of the high school, initiated by task force members, are going well. Spring activities are in full swing.

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

Comments from visitors:

Kathleen Christy and Jason Henke spoke regarding the denied request for a leave of absence for Jacob Jaskowiak. Both noted that his absence will be strongly felt and that he will be missed by students and staff.

Dan Borseth addressed the Board about a recent allergic reaction experienced by a student. He presented information to the Board on allergic reactions and requested that the Board consider banning peanut products from the school district and further educating people on the risks of peanut allergies.

Jennifer Klee supported Mr. Borseth's request and expressed concerns about the students within the District who have peanut allergies.

Amy Setzer asked the Board for a copy of recent indoor air quality, specifically mold, testing.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Janzen. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary