

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
Aitkin High School Media Center
April 18, 2016

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with six members present. Mr. Burgstaler was absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Welshons, to approve the agenda, moving item #8 (Approve Youth Service Grant requests) to item E. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Taylor Courier updated the Board on the activities of the Senior High Student Council. Elections to select the council members for next year are coming soon. The group will also be conducting a Teachers' Appreciation event.

Old business:

A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Janzen, to approve the second reading of the following policies:

- 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

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

New business:

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 21 and of the Special Meeting held on March 29.
- Office receipts for the month of March in the amount of \$1,467,394.87.
- Report of expenditures for March including \$344,461.91 for bills, and \$855,515.21 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare, and 403B.
- Insurance Account checks #13746-13757 in the amount of \$4,739.89.
- Collateral Report for April.

- Donations for March in the amount of \$13,129.41.
- Wire transfers for March in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.
- Approved a lane change:
 - Renee Voller - from MA+30 to the MA+45 Lane
- Accepted resignations/retirements:
 - Susan L. Buhlmann - H.S. Special Ed. Teacher is resigning effective June 3, 2016
 - Melissa Domben - Rippleside 2nd Gr. Teacher is resigning effective June 3, 2016
 - Marie Gordon - H.S. Special Ed. Teacher is resigning effective June 3, 2016
 - Jacob Jaskowiak - H.S. English Teacher is resigning effective June 3, 2016
 - Brielle Bredsten – Community Ed. Youth Director is resigning April 20, 2016
 - Bryce Gross - Football Coach is resigning effective immediately
 - Tanya Hoss - Rippleside Paraprofessional resigned effective March 31, 2016
 - Nicholas Joerg - Rippleside Head Custodian is retiring effective April 29, 2016
 - Michael E. May - Bus Driver is retiring effective May 27, 2016
- Approved a request for a leave of absence:
 - Samantha Croatt – School Counselor, is requesting maternity leave for nine weeks from the start of the 2016-2017 school year through October 28, 2016
- Approved the following extracurricular assignments:
 - Jr. High Baseball Coach - Scott Miller
 - C Squad Softball Coach - Chance Goudge
 - Asst. Varsity Football Coach - Tom Smith
 - C Squad Football Coach - Peter Yunker
 - Gr. 7-8 Football Coach - 2 positions - Rob Williams and Walt Sauerbrei
- Approved hiring:
 - Kimberly Meirose - H.S. Art Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year
- Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement:
 - Kelli Foster Warder - Choreography for the musical, *Grease*.
- Approved the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Teresa Larson, a Probationary Teacher.
- Approved Managing Peanut Allergies in Aitkin Public Schools Guidelines.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Chute, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the recommended requests for Youth Service Grants, as follows:

Heather Fontaine - Capitol Trip - \$1,000
Kelly Blake - AHS Concert Choir Trip - \$820
Chris Halvorson - Jazz Band Festival - \$1,000
Katie Dotzler – Artist Residency - \$1,000

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

A motion was made by Mr. Chute, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to approve a “one to one” device initiative for grades 7-12, accepted a lease proposal from Apple for MacBook Airs, not to exceed \$175,914. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Janzen, to approve the “Resolution Relating to Authorizing the Issuance of School Building Bonds, and Calling a Special Election Thereon” in the amount of \$68,500,000. Upon a roll call vote, Mr. Janzen, Ms Hills, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Welshons and Mr. Hasskamp voted in favor. Mr. Chute voted against the motion. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the purchase of local foods for one day’s lunches per month at Rippleside for the Farm2School Program for the 2016-2017 school year. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Administrative reports:

Board members’ reports:

Ms Hills reported on the Special Education Coop Board of Director’s meeting held on April 8, 2016. The group discussed staffing shortages, especially in critical areas.

Committee reports:

The Finance and Facilities Committee met on March 29. Mr. Hoge reported that the group developed a list of summer projects. Mr. Welshons made a motion, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to approve the project list as presented. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The Policy Committee met on March 31. Mr. Hoge reported that the committee discussed the peanut-aware guidelines and the use of epinephrine pens.

At its meeting on April 14, the Personnel Committee discussed the Transportation Supervisor position. The position is currently posted.

Superintendent’s report:

Mr. Novak reported on spending bills coming from the Governor, as well as the House and Senate.

He also reported that IEA is coming on Friday to review specific areas with regard to mold concerns; an EIP meeting is scheduled for Wednesday in Chisholm; and that the concurrent enrollment licensing requirements have been extended out to 2022.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Peterson reported on ongoing MCA testing and the upcoming Summer ASK program. The kids have been very excited to spend some time playing outside during recess.

Mr. Karelis reported on 2016-2017 registration, various spring events, and upcoming ACTs for juniors.

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

Comments from visitors:

Pat Williams, Bob Harworth, George Carlberg, Terry Nies and Kory O'Neil expressed concerns about various aspects of the special election relating to a possible building project.

Jacob Redepenning and Beth Borseth addressed the Board about concerns about students who have peanut allergies, urging the District to take further action.

Brian Smith, who had appeared before the Board at prior meetings, expressed continued frustration with how a student situation was being handled.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Janzen. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary