

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431
May 16, 2016

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with four members present. Mr. Hoge, Mr. Welshons and Mr. Janzen were absent.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the agenda, moving item #19 (Approve Resolution 02-2016 – Support of S.F. 3582 – IRRRB Reorganization) to discussion item D. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Cora Fastner reported that the Senior High Student Council is accepting applications for council members for the 2016-2017 school year. Planning is underway for next fall's homecoming events. The homecoming game will be held on Friday, October 7, and the dance will be the following night.

Middle School Student Council Advisor Lindsey Kaiser reported that the 8th grade students won the recent penny wars. They opted to support an orphanage that has connections with an AHS graduate. The Middle School Student Council also held their end-of-the-year pizza party.

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 Work Session held on April 14 and of the Regular Meeting held on April 18.
- Office receipts for the month of April in the amount of \$1,197,376.80.
- Report of expenditures for April including \$376,892.89 for bills, and \$816,220.06 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare, and 403B.
- Insurance Account checks #13758 - 13779 in the amount of \$17,557.57.
- Collateral Report for May.
- Donations for April in the amount of \$12,547.68.
- Wire transfers for April in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.

- Approved Youth Service Grants:

Nancy Horner - Author Visit/Ryan Jacobson - \$350.00
Scott Miller - BPA National Leadership Conference - \$1,000.00

- Approved a lane change request:

Kristen Ratz – from the MA Lane to the MA+15 Lane

- Accepted resignations/nonrenewal of extracurricular contract:

Dale Davies - Jr. Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach resigning effective immediately
Kenna Grater - Prom Advisor resigning effective June 30, 2016
Coralie Wilson - H.S. Paraprofessional resigning effective June 3, 2016
Jordan Moss - Nonrenewal of contract for Boys' Head Basketball Coach

- Approved hirings/transfers:

Dawn Gross - H.S. Special Education Teacher effective August 29, 2016
Tate Watts - H.S. Special Education Teacher effective August 29, 2016
Amanda Ashton - Clerical, Aitkin Children's Center effective May 9, 2016
Thomas Bruss - Transportation Supervisor effective June 6, 2016
Julia Hendrickson - Transfer to Kdgn. Paraprofessional effective May 9, 2016
Cullan Huston – Cleaner at the high school effective April 25, 2016
Kristi Weston - Transfer to Rippleside Head Custodian effective April 22, 2016

2015-2016 School Year (ESY Program)

Maggie Moss - Summer School Para (ACC): June 6 - June 30 split with
Jennifer Rude - Summer School Para (ACC): July 5 - July 28

Julie Miller - consult time throughout June 6 - July 28 for a student on an IEP

Tracy Shimer -Special Education Teacher for Rippleside Elementary: June 20 - July 28, 2 days per week (W-TH), 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Shawna Hill - Speech Teacher for Rippleside Elementary: June 20 - July 28, 2 days per week (W-TH), 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Vacant (Paraprofessional) - June 20 - July 28, 1 day per week (W), 8:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Katie Kimman - Special Education Teacher for the High School: June 22 - July 28, 2 days per week (W-TH), 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

H.S. Special Education Program Aides:

Bobbi Jo Bourassa - June 22 - July 28, 2 days per week (W-TH), 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Nikki Fiske - June 22 - July 28, 1 day per week (W), 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Sue Skinner - June 22 - July 28, 2 days per week (W-TH), 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

- Placed certain noncertified staff on summer leave of absence, per the list.
- Approved extended employment contracts for June 2016 and the 2016-2017 school year, per the list.
- Approved continuing contracts for the following probationary staff (a (T) indicates tenure granted):

Kenna Grater (T)	Briana Tetrick	Kelly Bast
Sarah Emery (T)	Jennifer Burgos	Samantha Croatt
Melissa Pearson (T)	Tracy Shimer (T)	Shanen Weimer
Jennifer Johnson (T)	Jason Long	Jason Cline
Benjamin Schwarz (T)	Lisa DeMars (T)	Ashley Beck (ECFE) (T)
Nicholas Ganoe	Beth Lundgren (T)	Melissa VanPortfliet (ECFE)
Heather Anderson	Kristine Hamilton (T)	
Chance Goudge	Meredith Sander	

- Approved the Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of the Teaching Contract of Kristy Hoge, a Probationary Teacher.
- Approved the resolution granting 2016 Sweetman Scholarships.
 - Hannah Hyytinen - 60% of earned interest
 - Shellby Fisher - 40% of earned interest
- Approved the 2016-2017 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League. The “Why We Play” training video and the Code of Conduct Statement will be reviewed at a later meeting.
- Approved the Professional Service Agreement Between Aitkin Public Schools and Northern Pines Mental Health Center from July 1, 2016 through June 20, 2017.

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve a Salary Agreement with Thomas Bruss, the Transportation Supervisor, for the period June 2016 - June 30, 2017 and 2017-2018. The contract presented to the Board will be revised to include 403B and HCSP matches and discounted season passes. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Mr. Chute, to approve the Salary Agreement with the Aitkin Education Support Staff (A.E.S.S.) for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Burgstaler, to approve Resolution 02-2016 – Support of S.F. 3582 – IRRRB Reorganization. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Administrative reports:

Board members' reports:

Because Mr. Hoge (PAC Meeting) and Mr. Janzen (DPAC Meeting) were absent, no board member reports were given.

Committee reports:

Ms Hills reported on the Meet and Confer Committee Meeting held on April 19. The group discussed teachers' substituting during their prep time.

Because of absences, the Board did not hear updates from the Safety Committee or the Policy Committee.

Mrs. Gustin presented the recommendations presented by the Transportation Committee. The group met on May 11 and made the following recommendations:

- Lease a 34-passenger mid-bus
- Lease a 24+1 passenger mid-bus
- Lease a Type 3 Vehicle (Chevy Suburban)
- Purchase Mid-Bus 2 off the lease to replace Mid-Bus 4
- Purchase Van 6 (2014 Chevy Traverse) off the lease
- Purchase Van 2 (2012 Chevy Express Van) off the lease
- Purchase a 90-passenger diesel pusher bus, with a 2008 77-passenger as a trade-in
- Sell Pickup 2 (1999 Chevrolet)
- Sell Mid-Bus 4
- Sell Van 3 (2012 Chevy Traverse).

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the recommendations as presented. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's report:

In Mr. Novak's absence, Mr. Karelis confirmed that Mr. Hasskamp and Ms Hills will represent the Board on the stage at graduation on June 3, 2016. Seven students will be graduating from the Aitkin Alternative School.

Mrs. Gustin reported that an AASA article on transgender issues and an MREA publication on unfunded mandates had been placed at each board member's seat.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Peterson reported on the many activities and events that will be held between now and the end of the school year including concerts, field trips and 6th grade graduation.

Mr. Karelis presented the list of graduating seniors for 2016, along with the nontraditional students. A motion was made by Mr. Chute, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve the list as presented. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Mr. Karelis introduced Roy Smith from the IRRRB who spoke with the Board about the Applied Learning Institute, a program offered through the IRRRB that promotes technical education in high schools. Credits are awarded through the MnSCU system. A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Mr. Chute, to participate in the program. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

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

Comments from visitors:

Jeanette Smith voiced concerns over the denial of coverage for a former employee's physical therapy pertaining to a worker's compensation claim.

Brian Smith expressed continued concerns about the District's handling of a student issue.

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 8:23 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary