

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1  
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431  
June 15, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with all members present.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Burgstaler, to approve the agenda with the following changes: Adding consent agenda items #15 (Approve the Health and Safety Service Contracts with the Northeast Service Cooperative), #16 (Approve head winter coaches), #17 (Approve coaches/advisors for the 2015-2016 school year), and item C (Approve head spring coaches). All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Central Lakes College (CLC) President Larry Lundblad presented the Board with information about CLC's programs offered through Aitkin High School including College in the Schools, Bridges Careers Academies, and Postsecondary Enrollment Options.

Jennifer Maleitzke, a representative from Enbridge Energy Company, Inc., spoke with the Board about the company's background, operations, and possible pipeline projects that could fall within the district's boundaries.

Old business:

After presenting preliminary information at the Board's work session on May 27, Aitkin Police Chief Tim Catlin was present at the meeting to discuss final numbers pertaining to the pursuit of grant dollars to partially fund a resource officer to be shared by the City of Aitkin and the school district. The \$125,000 grant would cover a majority of the cost of the officer for the first three years; the remainder of cost would be shared by the school (75%) and the city (25%). The city proposal included a 50/50 cost share for the fourth year. A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Ms Hills, to provide a letter of support for the grant. Six members voted in favor of the motion; Mr. Chute voted no. The motion carried.

The consensus of the Board was to have Foster, James and Jacobs present a proposal to the Finance and Facilities Committee on the timeline and process needed to bring a vote back to the public. Information would be brought back to the Board at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Burgstaler, with a second by Mr. Janzen, to name the football field Veterans Field. All members in favor, and the motion carried.

New business:

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 18 and of the Work Session on May 27.
- Office receipts for the month of May in the amount of \$1,822,137.69.
- Report of expenditures for May including \$471,758.76 for bills and \$787,616.07 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403B.
- Insurance Account checks #13513-13536 in the amount of \$8,949.93.
- Collateral Report for June.
- Donations for May in the amount of \$14,851.25.
- Wire transfers for May in the amount of \$800,000.00.
- Approved a Youth Service Grant:
  - Renee Kostick - Last Chance Wrestling Camp - \$500
- Approved a lane change:
  - Julie Miller - from BA to the BA+15 Lane
- Accepted resignation:
  - Jennifer Henke - H.S. Para, effective immediately
- Approved hirings:
  - Sue Buhlmann - H.S. Special Education Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year
  - Paul Karelis - High School Principal, effective July 1, 2015
  - Beth Lundgren - 1st Grade Teacher at Rippleside for the 2015-2016 school year
- Approved the 2015-2016 Contract with Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium (ARCC) for \$51,790.11 for the year.
- Approved the Health/Safety Budget and Health and Safety Policy #807.
- Approved the use of Woock Field for the July fireworks.
- Approved the Health and Safety Service Contracts with the Northeast Service Cooperative.
- Approved the following head winter coaches:
  - Rob Williams – Girls’ Basketball Coach
  - Jordan Moss – Boys’ Basketball Coach
  - Larry Liljenquist – Wrestling Coach
  - Lisa Roth – Competition Dance Coach

- Approved the following coach/advisors for the 2015-2016 school year:

Kenna Grater – Co-Chair High School Student Council  
 Kathleen Christy – Assistant Volleyball Coach (C Squad)  
 Nicole Fiske – One Act Play Advisor

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of designating an official Gobbler logo. Activities Director Jason Cline stated that members of the Aitkin Quarterbacks Club would like the Board to consider the logo recently designed by Shirts Plus. The Board asked Mr. Cline to gather information regarding possible usage of the logo by other vendors (such as on uniforms). No Board action was taken; further discussion will be held at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Chute, to approve the following head spring coaches:

Jeremy Janzen – Head Baseball Coach  
 Jason Henke – Head Softball Coach  
 Adam Carlson – Head Boys’ Track Coach  
 Ava Carlson – Head Girls’ Track Coach  
 Jennifer Waldorf – Head Boys’ Tennis Coach

All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

Administrative reports:

Board members’ reports: None

Committee Reports:

Ms Gustin reported that the Finance and Facilities Committee met on June 10 to discuss the revised 2014-2015 budget, as well as the 2015-2016 preliminary budget. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Welshons, with a second by Mr. Janzen, to approve the budgets as follows:

<b>FY15 Revised Budget</b>		<b>Fund</b>	<b>FY16 Preliminary Budget</b>	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>		<b>Revenues</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
-\$11,941,118	\$11,895,760	01 – General	-\$10,564,895	\$10,899,851
-\$642,220	\$739,298	02 – Food Service	-\$650,690	\$723,192
-\$1,069,359	\$1,138,852	03 - Transportation	-\$1,067,873	\$1,070,033
-\$308,542	\$325,023	04 – Comm Services	-\$293,574	\$313,239
-\$346,686	\$436,868	05 – Operating Capital	-\$332,898	\$625,613
\$0	\$0	06 – Building Construction	\$0	\$0
-\$122,144	\$117,578	07 – Debt Service	-\$121,648	\$117,105
-\$10,816	\$10,600	08 – Trust	-\$8,441	\$8,400
-\$117,177	\$128,424	20 – Insurance	-\$113,998	\$133,496
-\$41,166	\$223,700	45 – OPEB	-\$37,274	\$190,814
<b>-\$14,599,228</b>	<b>\$15,016,103</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>-\$13,191,291</b>	<b>\$14,081,743</b>

All members voted in favor and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Ms Hills, to approve a resolution for a transfer of \$40,000 from the Early Childhood Family Education fund to the School Readiness fund. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak summarized the actions taken by the legislature that affect education. Mr. Novak and Ms. Gustin will be attending a meeting on June 19 where more details will be given.

Mr. Novak reported that research is being done on putting WiFi on some school buses.

He also reported that legislation now allows for school to start before Labor Day. The consensus of the Board was to leave the 2015-2016 school calendar (with a September 8 start date) unchanged.

He also reminded the Board that action will need to be taken in August on whether or not to apply local optional revenue to the levy.

Principal's report:

Mr. Peterson reported that school has started! The summer targeted services program (Summer ASK) began today. The ventilation project on the south end of the building has started as well.

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

Comments from visitors:

Mark Mehr, High School Math Teacher, clarified an earlier question regarding high school students who transfer credits to postsecondary institutions.

Cassie Sandberg reported that the College in the Schools program was a great asset to her, and she highly recommends that juniors and seniors consider taking advantage of the program.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms Hills, with a second by Mr. Janzen. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin  
Secretary