

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Aitkin Independent School District No. 1

Aitkin, Minnesota 56431

November 17, 2014

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Brian Orłowski with five members present. Mr. Burman and Mr. Chute were absent.

The following agenda changes were presented to the Board: Revise consent agenda item #10 (Approve hirings) to add Brittany Metsa – Paraprofessional; add item #21, Appoint the Aitkin County Auditor’s Office to administer absentee ballot voting (M.S. 203B05. Subd. 2); and remove Cathy Hughes’ resignation from item #9 (Accept resignations). A motion was made by Mr. Hasskamp, with a second by Mr. Welshons, to approve the agenda as amended. All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Scheduled presentations:

Student Council Representatives Erik Sanbeck and Jeremy Paulbeck reported that the student council is busy planning for upcoming events, a Thanksgiving food drive and the 12 Days of Giving.

The following new staff members introduced themselves to the Board: Nicholas Ganoë (Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher) and Cara Samuelson (Elementary Teacher – Grade 6).

Old business:

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

- Policy 527, Student Use and Parking of Motor Vehicles
- Policy 530, Immunizations

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

New business:

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

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 20 and of the Special Meeting held on November 12.
- Office receipts for the month of October in the amount of \$2,004,774.26.
- Report of expenditures for October including \$463,573.61 for bills and \$769,570.95 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Insurance Account checks #13320-13356 in the amount of \$19,308.38.

- Collateral Report for October.
- Donations for October in the amount of \$3,779.00.
- Wire transfers for October in the amount of \$1,200,000.00.
- Approved a Youth Service Grant:
 - Heidi Olesen - Parent/Child Cooking Class - \$500.00
- Accepted resignations:
 - Carrie Kruger - Computer Technician effective Nov. 4, 2014
 - Thomas Plagman - Bus Driver effective Nov. 12, 2014
 - Carol Priglmeier - Rippleside Personal Care Assistant effective Oct. 6, 2014
 - rescinded termination action of October 20, 2014
- Approved hirings:
 - Amanda Byrnes - Rippleside Assistant Elementary Secretary effective on or about 11/24/14
 - Ben Gingery - transfer from 9-month custodian to 12-month custodian effective 10/27/14
 - Sheri Siegford - Food Service Worker I effective 12/1/14
 - Brittany Metsa - Paraprofessional effective 10/30/14
- Considered/approved a request for a leave of absence:
 - Kayla Host - Maternity leave, from April 2, 2015 - October 30, 2015
- Approved Extracurricular Assignments:
 - Middle School Student Council Tri-advisors: Tashana Husom, Lindsey Kaiser and
Melissa Pearson
- Approved the 2014 Teacher Seniority List.
- Approved the 2014 ECFE Seniority List.
- Approved the 2014 AESS Seniority List.
- Approved the 2014 Driver Competency List.
- Approved the 2014 Bus Driver Seniority List.
- Approved the 2014 Custodian Seniority List.
- Approved Resolution Appointing Election Judges for the January 6, 2015 School District Special Election.

- Reviewed and approved Continuation of the Clinical Learning Experience Agreement with The College of St. Scholastica.
- Appointed the Aitkin County Auditor's Office to administer absentee ballot voting (M.S. 203B05. Subd. 2).

All members voted in favor, and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hughes, with a second by Mr. Hoge, to allow the City of Palisade to move the playground equipment located at Palisade Elementary School to city-owned property. All members voted in favor of the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Orłowski stated that the Board held a closed meeting (according to MN Statute 13D.05, Subd. 3c3) to discuss an offer received for the Palisade Elementary School property. A counter-offer will be made.

Administrative reports:

Board members' reports:

Mr. Chute was still attending the MREA Conference, so he was not available to give a report.

Mr. Hoge reported on a Parent Advisory Council meeting he attended earlier in the evening where the group discussed a successful Veterans' Day program, upcoming events, and a well-attended Family Fun Night (Gobble Up Science).

Committee reports:

Mr. Hoge, Mr. Welshons, and Mr. Orłowski reported on Facilities Committee Meetings held on October 30 and November 5. The group met with Kraus-Anderson and Scott Sosalla to develop a calendar pertaining to the upcoming referendum, reviewed an informational brochure that will be mailed to all households, along with a bid for needed repairs and upgrades at Woock Field.

Superintendent's report:

Mr. Novak reported on the meeting format of upcoming referendum informational meetings. He encouraged the Board to ride along and attend one or both days of the upcoming MSBA Conference (January 15-16, 2015). He also reminded the Board that the January and February meetings will be held on the second Tuesday due to the holidays.

Principals' reports:

Mr. Peterson reported on the Veterans' Day program, the schedule for upcoming Christmas concerts, conference attendance (88%), and a Family Fun Night on wellness tentatively scheduled for next May. He relayed several positive happenings as reported by the sixth grade teachers.

Mr. Pederson reported the success of students who traveled to a recent math competition. He also reported on recent conferences, the Veterans' Day program, workshop activities, and

ongoing discussions with American Peat Technologies that could provide great opportunities for students related to science, both on and off-site.

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. Hasskamp, with a second by Mr. Welshons. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin
Secretary