

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Aitkin Independent School District No. 1  
Aitkin, Minnesota 56431  
May 27, 2015

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the High School Media Center by Chairman Dennis Hasskamp with four members present; David Burgstaler attended via Skype. John Chute and Jeremy Janzen were absent.

Stacy Westerlund, President of the Aitkin Football Association, presented information to the Board regarding a proposal to name the district's football field "Veterans Field." If approved by the Board, the AFA would pursue banners and signage for the field. A dedication would be held at the home game on September 11. The Board will consider the proposal at a future meeting.

Aitkin City Police Chief Tim Catlin, along with City Council Members Trevor Betley and Amanda MacDonald, presented information to the Board about the possibility of having a police officer (resource officer) assigned to the school. The officer would spend time at both buildings during the school year and work with the district to develop policies and procedures regarding law enforcement matters. Grant funds would be sought to cover a majority of the cost for the first three years. Mr. Chute arrived at the meeting during this discussion, approximately 5:30 p.m.

Jeff Schiltz and Dave Bergeron of Foster, Jacobs, and Johnson, Inc. went through an exercise with the Board relating to facilities needs. They are interested in working with the Board on future referendum and project planning. A proposal will be submitted for consideration at a future meeting.

The Board discussed the results of the facilities survey. The results can be used by the community task force that will be used to determine future projects.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hoge, with a second by Mr. Chute. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Tiffany Gustin  
Secretary