

Minutes of the  
New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School District No. 2  
Regular School Board Meeting  
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Eric Myhre, John McKnight, Alyson Myhre, Mary Kay Price, and Roger Duda. Absent: John Grann and Todd Duchscherer. Student representatives present were, Lauren Roscoe, Sam Fite, and Hannah Heinz. Others present: Jill Louters, Superintendent; Natalie Becker, Principal; Avolt Baumbach, Principal; and Janet Heskin, Business Manager.

President Myhre called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

**It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Alyson Myhre to approve the agenda with the addition of the recommendation to hire Jackie Engels. Motion carried unanimously.**

Approval of the Consent Agenda

**It was moved by Price and seconded by McKnight to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.** The consent agenda consists of the minutes from the September 21, 2015 regular meeting, the October 2, 2015 special meeting minutes, the business manager report, the bills for the general fund of \$100,634.36, the food service fund of \$15,016.30 and the activity fund of \$27,938.83.

Teacher Report

Elliott Belquist, Technical and Engineering Instructor, reported on the progress of the concrete pour for the weight room building that his class will be constructing. He commented on the wonderful volunteers that have helped with the concrete.

Board General Comments

John McKnight reported that the Lions Club sponsored a peace poster contest for grades 6-8 and commented on the quality of the posters.

Eric Myhre commended the staff and administration for a great start to the school year. He also reported that Lynn Rekkedal, a 23 year employee of the school districts, is currently battling cancer.

Principals' Reports

Principal Becker reported that NWEA testing is nearing completion; the after school program started last week with 16 students; grades PK-3 toured the fire hall last week for Fire Prevention Week; Steve Dunn writing curriculum training is continuing this week; there is a Rock the Belt poster contest sponsored by SADD on seat belt awareness due this Friday; Donna Anderson, NDSU Extension, will present the National Science Experiment on October 20<sup>th</sup>; and Red Ribbon Week is October 26-30<sup>th</sup> coordinated by SADD. She also reported on the playground renovation project. She and Mrs. Demester met with Playcraft from Fargo on ideas for the playground. The elementary is selling concessions and 50/50 tickets at volleyball games and grant writing and an alumni mailing are being explored to raise money for the project.

Principal Baumbach reported that homecoming and the pep rally were a huge success with Katie Demester volunteering to coordinate the activities along with the Student Council; Heather Tollefson, Sam Fite, and Hannah Heinz have been chosen as student representatives to the school board; there will be a football playoff game on Saturday at 1:30 in Lamoure; the NDSA, the state science test, will be taken on October 20<sup>th</sup>; there will be no school on October 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> due to teacher convention; door alarms are being installed on most of the exterior doors to encourage everyone to use the front door for the safety of our students; the NHS induction ceremony will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am; and the first quarter ends on October 30<sup>th</sup> with parent/teacher conferences to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Louters reported that a power point presentation on AdvancED comprised the professional development for staff at the early dismissal; the district will be contracting with Melinda Almond as an ELL(English Language Learners) consultant; two bus bids were received; FFA members attended the district contest and Sandra Larson qualified for the State contest for Creed; a committee is in place to review the district's 504 plans; she assisted the City of New Rockford with demographic information for a grant to offset the cost of the water project; she interviewed Jackie Engels for the physical education position; and a team of volunteers have been working on the 2014-15 yearbook and hope to have it completed by the end of October. Mr. Huber is the yearbook advisor for this year.

#### Certificate of Compliance

**It was moved by Alyson Myhre, and seconded by Price to approve the Certificate of Compliance as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Second Reading of Revision to Policy ACDA

**It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by McKnight to approve the second reading of the revision to Policy ACDA Acceptable Use. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Second Reading of Request for Release of Contract Policy DKBB

**It was moved by Duda and seconded by Duchscherer to approve the second reading of the Request for Release of Contract Policy DKBB as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Bus Bids

Two bus bids were received for the 1989 Bluebird(yellow) bus: one from Dustin Duda in the amount of \$1,428.89 and one from John Abramson in the amount of \$1,650.00. Roger Duda stated that he had a conflict of interest and abstained from the discussion and the vote. **It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Alyson Myhre to accept the bid from John Abramson in the amount of \$1,650.00 for the 1989 Bluebird bus. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### Recommendation to Hire Mark Huber

Mrs. Louters made a recommendation to hire Mark Huber for the science position as he has passed the Praxis test in science and will receive an endorsement to teach science and will be highly qualified. **It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Price to hire Mark Huber for the science position. Motion carried unanimously.**

No Charge Tuition Agreement

**It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Duda to approve a No Charge Tuition Agreement for Kyah Lura to attend school in the Carrington School District for the 2015-16 school year. Motion carried unanimously.**

Recommendation to Hire Jackie Engels

Mrs. Louters made a recommendation to hire Jackie Engels for the physical education position. She has obtained a 40 day provisional teaching license and will be required to pass a background check, have an official transcript review, and have a plan of study prior to receiving a teaching license. **It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Alyson Myhre to approve the recommendation to hire Jackie Engels for the open physical education position. Motion carried unanimously.** Mrs. Louters wished to thank Jim Fleming for subbing in the position. His attempt to obtain a teaching license was denied by ESPB.

AdvancEd Overview

Mrs. Louters reported that AdvancED will be performing an external accreditation review on March 17 and 18, 2016. A power point presentation was shown to the board along with handouts reviewing the standards on which the school district will be evaluated. A leadership team has been chosen and the upcoming early dismissals will be devoted to reviewing the standards. All staff will be involved in the process. The leadership team will develop a self assessment for the internal review which is due February 17, 2015. This accreditation process is repeated every five years.

Announcements

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

The NDSBA Annual Convention will be held October 29-30, 2015.

The School Board will host a staff Christmas party on December 11, 2015.

Adjournment

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Janet Heskin  
Business Manager

Eric Myhre  
President