

Minutes of the
New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School District No. 2
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Eric Myhre, John McKnight, Alyson Myhre, and Roger Duda. Absent: Todd Duchscherer, Mary Kay Price, and John Grann (arrived at 4:18 pm). Student representative present: Sam Fite. Others present: Jill Louters, Superintendent; Natalie Becker, Elementary Principal; Avolt Baumbach, Secondary Principal; and Janet Heskin, Business Manager.

President Eric Myhre called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by Duda to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Alyson Myhre to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda consists of the minutes from the November 9, 2015 regular meeting, business manager report, the bills for the general fund of \$179,791.64, the building fund of \$30,999.68, the food service fund of \$12,920.56 and the activity fund of \$15,061.37.

Board General Comments

Alyson Myhre reported that the building committee met with Duda, Duchscherer, and Alyson Myhre attending to review work on the weight building and electrical bids. The students supervised by Mr. Belquist are doing a good job on the building.

The evaluation committee consisting of Eric Myhre and Duchscherer met with Mrs. Louters to revise the business manager policy.

Eric Myhre stated that Rocket, the school puppy, has increased school spirit. He feels that school is heading in a positive direction, and a good time was had by all at the staff Christmas party.

Principals' Reports

Principal Becker and Baumbach reported that all staff mid-year formative evaluations have been completed, deficiencies and midterm progress reports were mailed last week, student Christmas parties will be held on the afternoon of December 22nd, Christmas break begins December 23rd and school resumes on January 4th with the semester ending on January 8th, and Faronics, a classroom management tool for computers is being tested in two classes in the high school.

John Grann arrived at the meeting at this time.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Louters reported she has been working on personnel issues, AdvancED, and the OCR resolution. She also reported that the playground committee met recently.

Teacher Report

Alaina Yri, Lynnae Lies, and Tara Seward, representatives from the playground committee, were present and reported that they met last week and are getting ideas for the new playground equipment. The initial cost projection is between \$122,000 and \$167,000. The committee is planning on raising the funds needed over a two year period. The Lions Club is planning a fundraising supper and silent auction on February 28, 2016 for the playground renovation. The committee is pursuing grants, and also planning to do a major fundraiser in the future.

Student Report

Sam Fite, Student Board Member, reported that the Student Council is planning a Winterfest in January or February and is sponsoring an ugly sweater contest on Tuesday, December 22, 2015. .

Central Dakota Distance Learning Consortium

Kathy McCracken, CDDLC director, was present to review the schedules and costs for the classes taught through ITV. There has been a merger of NCACTE and CDDLC. The annual membership fee is \$3500 which covers repairs and upgrades to equipment, and salary for Kathy McCracken. Tuition for each student per semester class is \$600 and if the school teaches an outgoing class over ITV, the school receives \$6000.00.

Second Reading of Policy BA

It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by Grann to approve the second reading of the new Policy BA School Board Pledge of Ethics as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Second Reading of Policy BAA

It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by Duda to approve the second reading of new Policy BAA Board Conflict of Interest as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Rescind Policy DJE Business Manager

It was moved by Grann and seconded by Alyson Myhre to rescind Policy DJE Business Manager Job Description. Motion carried unanimously.

First Reading of Replacement Policy DJE Business Manager Job Description

It was moved by Grann and seconded by Alyson Myhre to approve the first reading of replacement Policy DJE Business Manager Job Description as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Electrical Bid for Weight Room

Two bids were received for the electrical for the weight room. **It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by McKnight to approve the bid from Viking Electric for the electrical for the weight room in the amount of \$20,300.00 with coordination with Elliott Belquist to set a completion date. Motion carried unanimously.**

Wall/Window Replacement

Discussion was held on window replacement for the teacher's lounge and two offices on the South side of the building. **It was moved by Eric Myhre and seconded by Grann to approve the bid of \$12,500.04 for the windows and materials and up to \$1400.00 for installation.**

OCR Complaint

Mrs. Louters reported that the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) ruled that the school district did not deny the student a free and appropriate education based on a parental complaint from February of 2015. The resolution agreement included nine items: 1, Hire consultant; 2. Provide notice to all parents/guardians of rights; 3. Revision of policies regarding 504 plans; 4. Review and revise grievance procedure; 5. Revise and review evaluation process of students with disabilities; 6. Provide all staff training on 504 plans; 7. FAPE favorable finding, 8. Truancy reporting, 9. Offer to meet individually with students and families on 504 plans currently in place.

AdvancEd Survey Results

Mrs. Louters reviewed results of the survey taken by parents, staff, and students as part of the AdvancED process.

School Board Self Evaluation

Copies of the school board self-evaluation form were distributed to board members for completion and will be reviewed at a board retreat on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 3:00 pm.

Announcements

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 4:00 pm.

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Adjournment

The public meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Janet Heskin
Business Manager

Eric Myhre
President