

Minutes of the
New Rockford-Sheyenne Public School District No. 2
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Eric Myhre, John McKnight, Alyson Myhre, Mary Kay Price, Todd Duchscherer, Roger Duda, and John Grann. Others present: Jill Louters, Superintendent; Avolt Baumbach, Secondary Principal; Natalie Becker, Elementary 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 Price to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Duchscherer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. The consent agenda consists of the minutes from the February 12, 2016 regular meeting, the business manager report, the bills for the general fund of \$162,565.46, the building fund of \$1,158.77, the food service fund of \$13,241.27, and the activity fund of \$10,684.57. Updates on the financials for the weight room project and fundraising for the playground project were presented.

Comments from the Public

Davonne Allmaras, Eddy County Superintendent of Schools, commented that she enjoyed being involved with the Eddy County Spelling Bee.

Playground Committee Report

Chloe Heinz, Kayahna Hopfauf, and Cassie Longnecker presented their FCCLA project on the playground project for which they qualified for state competition.

Board General Comments

Alyson Myhre reported that the basket provided by the board for the silent auction raised \$350.00 at the fundraiser sponsored by the Lion's Club for the playground renovation.

A number of board members attended the Lead Local training sponsored by the Eddy County Extension Service. The negotiating committee met regarding the Athletic Director position.

The evaluation committee met on March 14th to evaluate the superintendent and the business manager.

Mary Kay Price reported that she attended the technology committee meeting held recently.

The sick bank committee met to approve a request for the use of sick bank days.

The building committee met with Alyson and Roger in attendance. The FACS group presented their playground project that qualified for state competition. The committee reviewed the loft project completed by the janitorial staff and the weight room project which is being constructed by the tech and engineering students. The committee discussed the presentation given by the CTS Group on Energy and Facility Analysis and recommended that the CTS Group present to the entire board at a future board meeting.

Principals' Reports

Principal Becker reported that the teacher evaluations have been completed; the 3rd quarter ended March 11th with report cards to be mailed on March 16th; the Eddy County Spelling Bee was held on February 17th; money was raised by the PreK-6 grades students for the leukemia and lymphoma society; North Dakota State Assessment will take place beginning April 4th; NWEA/STARS/DIBELS spring testing will begin May 2nd; and elementary academic challenge teams will compete in Harvey on April 7th and host a meet here at the end of April.

Principal Baumbach reported that spring break will be March 23-29; ACT testing will be held on March 15th; the prom will be held on April 2nd; Mr. Foss and the US history class held a mock presidential election; Academic Olympics consisting of six team members from grades 11 and 12 will participate in a meet on March 31st in Northwood and attend the State meet on April 18th in Bismarck; he and Mrs. Anderson attended a conference on child hood anxiety and provided a PowerPoint presentation to the board; and he will be attending and presenting at the NDASSP conference in Bismarck on March 22-24th.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Louters reported that she was part of the AdvancED External Team for Tappen/Steele and also prepared for our own external review; completed evaluations for administration, technology, counseling, maintenance, food service, office manager and input on the evaluation for the business manager; worked on budget preparation for 2016-17; worked on completion of the E-Rate application; completed recommendations for student scholarships; and researched options and candidates for the athletic director position.

Teacher Report

Tasha Skogen, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, presented information on the importance of of Pre-Kindergarten and the skills taught to help prepare a child for kindergarten.

2016-2017 Calendar

Eric Myhre and Mrs. Louters reviewed the proposed calendar with the adjustments that were recommended at the last board meeting. **It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by Duchscherer to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

2016-2017 Preliminary Budget

Mrs. Louters presented preliminary planning parameters for the 2016-17 school year.

Mr. Baumbach reported that a new math curriculum and physical curriculum are planned to be purchased for the high school; and ITV and ND Distance Education will both be utilized; the

Learning Lab with Mrs. Soderholm has been very effective and is planned to continue; and stated the need for a social worker to expand the counseling needs for students

Mrs. Becker reported that there are no major curricular needs for next year. The 5th and 6th grade team is contemplating a middle school model with plans to continue the current elementary staffing pattern; have identified a need for expanded social work time; exploring a character education program in alignment with the RTI program; and will be pursuing a grant for the Artist in Residence program.

Mrs. Louters reported that Debra Burgad has submitted her resignation for the Athletic Director position and asked for direction on filling the position. The three options are an external person, an administrative assignment, or an on staff teacher with one period dedicated to the AD position. The recommendation of the board was to pursue an on staff teacher filling the position.

The board reviewed the projected revenue for the 2016-17 budget which included scenarios of different miscellaneous mill levy options. Projected itemized expenditures will be presented at the April board meeting.

Central Distance Learning Consortium

Mrs. Louters recommended that the district renew membership with the Central Distance Learning Consortium. **It was moved by Duchscherer and seconded by Grann to renew membership with the Central Distance Learning Consortium. Motion carried unanimously.**

Preschool Programming

It was moved by Duchscherer and seconded by Gran to approve the continuation of preschool for the 2016-17 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Alyson Myhre and seconded by McKnight to discontinue annual approval of the budget and to include the costs in our budget each year. Roll call vote was taken: Alyson Myhre-yes; Price-yes; Duda-yes; Eric Myhre-yes; Duchscherer-no; McKnight-yes; Grann-no. Motion carried with five yes votes and two no votes.

AdvancED Discussion

Mrs. Louters presented the schedule for the AdvancED visit to be held on March 17 March 18, 2016.

Formal Evaluation of Mrs. Louters

The evaluation committee met with Jill to review her formal evaluation. **It was moved by Grann and seconded by Alyson Myhre to approve the evaluation as satisfactory in all areas. Motion carried unanimously.**

Business Manager Evaluation

The evaluation team along with Mrs. Louters met with Mrs. Heskin to review her annual evaluation. **It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Duchscherer to approve the evaluation as satisfactory. Motion carried unanimously.**

First Reading of Board Orientation Policy

Discussion was held on the proposed board orientation policy. **It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Duchscherer to approve the Board Orientation policy as a board regulation BBBA-R. Motion carried unanimously.**

NESC Commitment of Services for 2016-17

It was moved by McKnight and seconded by Alyson Myhre to renew the NESC Commitment of Services for 2016-17 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Open Enrollment Applications

It was moved by Duchscherer and seconded by Duda to approve the open enrollment applications for Stephen and Jacob Sogge. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

The public meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Janet Heskin
Business Manager

Eric Myhre
President