

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

March 23rd, 2016

The regular March School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 8:53 p.m. on March 23rd, 2016 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Cara Hendrickson, Tony Safranski, Gail Yutrzenka, Steve McGlynn, and Betsy Jensen. School Board members absent were Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Mary Chwialkowski, Heidi Carlson, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the agenda as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve the February 17th regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the March bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the Treasurers report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative reports:

Mr. Mills provided information on the following activities at SAC Elementary:

- Elementary Testing Calendar
- "I Love to Read" month activities/Read Across America 2/26
- Parent/Teacher conferences – 2/23&24
- Artist in Residency
 - Kelley Meister – Digital Storytelling Grades 3-6 2/23-26
 - Elwyn Ruud – K-2 2/25
- PowerTeam – 2/18 – Excellent message regarding life choices, drugs/alcohol, setting positive examples
- School Musical – Elementary performance 3/16
- Spring Pictures – LifeTouch 3/21
- End of the 3rd Quarter – 3/23
- Teacher Workshop – 3/24/16
 - Seizure Smart Training – Epilepsy Foundation/Nurse Julie
 - Curriculum Training – New Science series
- Elementary concert – "Let Eat" 3/29-4/1
- Staff training – Nurse Julie
- Learning Fair – 4/14
- Music concerts – 3/31

Mr. Kuznia presented information on the following activities at SAC JH/SH:

- Past and Upcoming events
 - Robotics – competition in Duluth/Open House 3/23
 - Career Expo @ UMC – 3/17

- Instrumental Ensembles at Indus – 3/22
- Speaker Ben Hylden “Finding faith in the Field” – 3/23
- Staff In-service – 3/24
- Student Council Summit in Bemidji – 3/30
- Career Expo at NCTC EGF – 4/13
- Prom and After Prom party – 4/23
- Awards Day – 5/13
- Graduation – 5/28 2 p.m.
- Testing calendar reviewed
- Senior Class trip itinerary, General Kroulik and Dalager presenting Gettysburg, Schindler’s list, and class finances in order. As of today all seniors meet the requirements to travel.
- Spring Parent/Teacher conferences – 97 of 144 students had parent come to conferences.
- Spring Extra-Curricular activities:
 - Beauty and the Beast – School Musical completed performances last weekend – Colleen Radeke and Amy Dalager Advisors
 - Softball (7 participants) Angie Peterson and Heidi Hanson – coaches
 - Baseball (12 participants) Mark Hendrickson, Dustin Grabowska, and Kyle Hestekind - coaches
 - Track & Field (56 participants) Garry Kotts, Melanie McGlynn, and Ethan Marquis - coaches
 - Golf (21 signed up so far)
 - Clay Target Trap Shooting (Over 20 participants)

Mr. Marquis provide information on technology activities at SAC:

- SAC Artists in Residency – Digital Storytelling continued: Photos, Movie/Slide

Show+Voiceover

- Argyle Wireless system – Frequent loss of function over night, Tech Check working on service interruptions, onsite service on 3/25
- Upgrades – SSD Replacements Drives – Security Upgrades
- Student Activities – Media Arts, Robotics Live
- Upcoming Events – Spring Testing season, Lego Robots Season II, STEM Fair, &

Summer Prep

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutzenka to approve the 2016-2017 calendar as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jeff Chwialkowski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve Caufield Photo for student picture vendor – 2016-2017. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve the Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 a.m. in the Stephen Superintendent’s office.

- An updated copy of the School Board meeting calendar is included in the packet and has been posted at each site.

- We are continuing to work with the City of Argyle on a transfer of property. The process will take some time to complete.

- An update was provided the work to complete a Q-Comp application. The Q-Comp application is the process/program through the State of Minnesota to access additional funding for staff development.

- A Legislative update was provided from MREA Lobbyist. The focus areas of Governor Dayton continue to be Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten, Teacher Workforce/Teacher Shortage, Teacher Development and Evaluation, Full Service Schools, PBIS Implementation, and Technology Infrastructure State-wide.

- 55 Alive course will be offered at the Stephen Senior Center on Tuesday, March 29th 8 a.m. to Noon.

- A review of the projected 2016-17 Support Staff wage and benefits was completed. An additional review will take place once health insurance premiums have been established for 2016-17.

- A draft 2016-17 budget was presented for review. The budget will continue to be developed for approval in June. The budget is based on 290 K-12 students.

- A 5-Year enrollment projection was provided for review – The following are the current projections:

2015-16 – 300 K-12 students

2016-17 – 294 K-12 students

2017-18 – 302 K-12 students

2018-19 – 293 K-12 students

2019-20 – 285 K-12 students

- Information collected from the School Board and Staff on school district strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats was distributed. The information will be used as part of a process of identifying goals and objectives for the future.

- The Pathways II Early Learning Scholarship grants for 2016-17 has been completed and submitted. The grant has the opportunity to generate an additional \$15,000 for the Learning Readiness program.

- A review of gymnastics program information submitted through a parent survey was completed. The information will be used for program improvement in the future.

- A Draft Transportation purchasing plan for 2016-2020 was distributed for review.

- A review of the current Speech/Language services and future planning for services was completed.

- A review of Workman's Compensation Insurance mod rate was completed. The mod rate impacts the premiums paid for coverage. The mod rate indicates that premiums will increase in 2016-17.

- A review of payment for property damage from the Fall was completed.

- Meet and Confer meeting was held between representatives from the School Board and Teachers groups on Tuesday, March 22nd. A review of the meeting was completed.

- A change in programing will occur in 2016-17. The partnership with MCC and KCC schools in Spanish program will be dissolved. On-line classes will be available for those students that want to pursue foreign language classes.

- A reminder of the Special School Board meeting on Tuesday, March 29th. The meeting will be a strategic planning meeting.

- A review of Spring Cooperative was completed. At this time, the administration will be recommending at the regular April School Board meeting to dissolve the current cooperative with Tri-County and MCC for baseball and softball. A new cooperative will be established with WAO Schools for baseball and softball.

- A request to consider a hockey cooperative in the future has been brought forward for consideration. The request will be reviewed at the regular April School Board meeting.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Tony Safranski to amend the 2015-16 school calendar. As a result of not using schedule snow days during the school year, SAC staff and students will not have school on 4/15 & 4/25. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the leave request of Renee Jensen, 3/24 as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk