

# Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

## Board Meeting Minutes

### February 17th, 2016

The regular February School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 8:01 p.m. on February 17th, 2016 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Cara Hendrickson, Tony Safranski, Gail Yutrzenka, and Betsy Jensen. School Board members absent were Steve McGlynn and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Melanie McGlynn, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Betsy Jensen 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 Tony Safranski to approve the January 20th regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

A motion was made by Tony Safranski 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:

#### Activities/Events

- Honor Roll – 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 1/22
- Principal Party – EGF Bowling – 1/22
- One Act Play performance – 1/29
- “I Love to Read” - February
- Student Assistance meeting – 2/9
- Gymnastic Performance – 2/16

#### Upcoming Activities/Events

- Mid-term 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2/17
- Lockdown drill – 2/17
- Power Team presentation 2/18
- Nurse Training – Asthma 2/19
- Argyle Lions Elementary BB Tournament – 2/20
- Artist in Residence – Grade 3-6 Kelley Meister 2/23-26
- Artist in Residence – Grades K-2 Elywn Ruud 2/24
- Read Across America – 2/26
- Presentation – “Finding Faith in a Field” 3/23
- Elementary Concert – 3/31

Mr. Kuznia presented information on the following activities at SAC Secondary:

- Mid-term for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter due 2/27
- Home games BB – Mr. Malm & Juniors doing a great job!

- Region 8A – Academics, Arts, Athletics Banquet – Philomena Kazmierczak representative for SAC
- Knowledge Bowl – Kroulik/Bullock
- Career Expo @ NCTC 2/17 for several juniors
- Robotics Regional in Duluth – 2 weeks
- Three Artist in Residency: Media, Abstract, and Water Coloring Painting
- Power Team presentation – 2/18/16
- Senior Class Trip update – April 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>
  - Final Itinerary from Al and Ryan Walseth
  - Parent meeting completed
- Student Pre-Registration to begin next week for 16-17
  - Step 1: Students select class interest and potential numbers for classes are generated
  - Step 2: Develop a draft schedule that includes requirements, number of sections, state require courses for graduation
  - Step 3: Support our current College in the High School Courses, explore new online options - \*\*ITV Spanish update\*\*
  - Several drafts and modifications are made prior to looking at approval
- Upcoming events –
  - 2/23 TEAMS(JETS) competition at UND (Mr. Paulson), 2/23 & 24 Parent/Teacher conferences, 2/24 Sacred Sounds concert 7:00 p.m. (Mr. Jensen), 3/9 Large Group band/Choir, 3/15 Blood Drive and Riverwatch Forum, 3/17 Career Day at UMC, 3/18-20 School Musical “Beauty and the Beast”, 3/24 Teacher Workshop/No School for students, 3/25 End of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, 3/22 Instrumental Ensembles, 4/23 Prom, 5/28 Graduation
- Activity Update:
  - Wrestling – Individuals Section Meet @ Fergus Falls 2/19-20
  - BBB – probably the #3 seed vs Ada-Borup and Climax/Fisher winner 2/25 @UMC/NCTC (7:45 p.m.), 2/27 @ REA (1:45 p.m.), 2/29 @REA (6:00 p.m.)
  - GBB probably the #2 seed vs G/G and RLCC winner 3/3 @ UMC/NCTC (6:00 p.m.), 3/5 @ REA (1:45 p.m.), 3/8 @ REA (6:00 p.m.)
  - Track, Baseball, and Softball schedules tentatively set

Mr. Marquis provided an update on technology activities at SAC:

- SAC Artist in Residency – Digital Storytelling: Photos>Movie/Slide Show + Voiceover, Artist return to Elementary the week of 2/22
- NWEA Winter Testing – Smooth implementation, I-Pad option
- OLPA Testing – MCA Prep – Good preparation for students, staff, and tech prep
- Staff Backups – Google Drive
- Student Activities – 100 Days, Instructional videos: IPods, IMac, DVD
- Spring Testing – NWEA, MCA
- Complete Staff Back-ups
- Lego Robotics – Season II
- Security Camera – Checks and Updates

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve membership in Northwest Council of Collaboratives-2016-2017. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the donation of Wikstrom Telephone Company, Inc - \$12,543. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the acceptance of the grant from American Crystal Sugar - \$5,000 toward the First Robotics Program. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the District Title I Parent Involvement Plan as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutzenka to approve the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.

- An update was provided on the 2016 Legislative priorities and focus areas for K-12 and MREA schools.

- An update on the current impacts of the Affordable Care Act. Mrs. Marquis has been working on bringing the school district into compliance in the reporting aspect of the ACA law. There are several changes in process and the pending election will have significant impact on the ACA law.

- We had 40+ community members nominate Stephen/Argyle Central for a Monsanto Grant – America Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant – the grant has been written and submitted to the program.

- 2016 youth/summer employment applications will be made available in March.

- Enrollment Update – The current K-12 enrollment is 301 students/19 Pre-School students are enrolled in the SAC Learning Readiness program

- We continue to work through the process of identifying capital facility projects for the future at each school site. We have created a preliminary list of projects and are working through cost estimates and priorities.

- Q-Comp training was held on February 4<sup>th</sup> in TRF – This is program to support staff development and staff leadership activities. A collaborative application for the program will be developed in the next month for submission to the Department of Education.

- Minnesota School Board Recognition week is February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>.

- A Special Board/strategic planning meeting will be planned for late March to review SWOT data collected for staff and school board. The information will be used to establish goals and objectives for SAC Future.

- A discussion regarding the current summer theatre program was completed. At this time, the consensus is to continue to offer the program and work to recruit additional participants.

- A discussion was regarding the current summer school program was completed. A review of the number of participants, staff, and expenditures was completed. Additional information will be collected from staff regarding the program and the impact on students.

- Northwest Regional Development Board position was discussed – The district vote will be to support Krissy Potucek, WAO District 2176

- A review of a request by the City of Argyle to transfer ownership of a lot to develop addition city recreation opportunities. The request will be pursued for appropriate process and approval.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Tony Safranski to accept the resignation of Mary Gryskiewicz, Para-Professional, effective 2-19-16 with deep appreciation for her 12+ years of service to the students of Stephen/Argyle Central. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was closed ta 9:02 p.m. to review personnel issues.

The meeting was opened at 9:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka  
ISD #2856 Clerk