

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

December 21st, 2016

The regular December School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 8:01 p.m. on December 21st, 2016 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Gail Yutrzenka, Tony Safranski, Shawn Rominski, Steve McGlynn, Cara Hendrickson, and Betsy Jensen. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Tyler Malm, Nevin Lubarski, Mason Sundby, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

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

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the November 23rd 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 December bills 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 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:

- 3rd Grade Chili Cook-off – activity raised \$1,035 to be used toward the purchase of “Buddy Benches” for the playground.

- Elementary Holiday concert – 12/15 K-4 students
- “Food for Friends” – collection for the Argyle Area Food Shelf – 1,000+ items
- Pre-School facilitated “Pajama Collection Drive” – 84 sets of pajamas and 40 books donated

- Elementary Music performances on the road:

- Kindergarten @ Good Sam in Warren 12/14
- 1st Grade @ Tamarac in Stephen 12/19
- 2nd Grade @ Nursing Home in Hallock 12/20

- K-6 coloring contest – Lunch with Mr. Mills for grade level winners

- Gymnastics Performances will be 1/27 & 2/2

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

- Past & Upcoming Events:

- 12/12: Junior High Band/Choir concert, 5th & 6th Grade Band
- 12/13: TEAM-UP Leadership Seminar for 10 sophomore students
- 12/19: Senior High Band/Choir concert
- 12/22: Senior High Choir concert
- 1/20: 2nd Quarter/1st Semester ends

- Senior Class trip update

- Senior Class meal served over 700 meals, approximately 400 meals were take out orders.
- Financially the class has generated over \$50,000

- Chaperones requests will be accepted and action will be taken at regular January School Board meeting
- Al and Ryan Walseth at Bergan Travel are working on final details of trip – Draft plan has been generated for review
- Job Shadowing – Mrs. Adolphson has been working with regional schools and business to set up opportunities for our students.
- Student Recognition –
 - New Members of Minnesota Honor Society: Tom Gryskiewicz, Wyatt Hamre, Abbey Johnson, Kayle Kuznia, Isaac Mills, Carson Pagnac, & Autumn Thompson
 - Minnesota State High School League Arts, Academics & Athletics Award – Debroah Haugen & Isaac Mills
- Activities Update – MSHSL review 9 man football, BBB 5-2 record (@ KCC 12/22, @ WAO 1/3), GBB 6-0 record (H vs NF 12/23, 1/7 @ RLCC), Fusion baseball and softball schedules are complete for 2017 season, 1/5 6th and 7th grade students will travel to Bemidji for Creativity Festival, and 1/26 One Act Play “Speed Dating Nightmare” performed at EGF
- Mr. Lubarski provided an update on Online College in the High School courses being taken by SAC students.
- Update on attendance policy
- Final review of Honors program at regular January School Board meeting – recommended change for class of 2020 – students would be recognized at Honors and High Honors rather than Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

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

- Student Assessments – PersonAccess OLPA Tests
- Student Activities – Instructional IMovies: Photo + Music + Movie Design, Sphero Activity, Media Arts Poster Printer replacement
- JMC access grows – Lunch notification activated
- Upcoming activities – Secure door entrance system completed, NWEA Winter Testing mid/late January, and Technology expert presentation

A Truth in Taxation presentation was completed by Dr. Mills reviewing the school district taxable impacts and history – Overall school taxes will decrease by 7.06% for FY 2017.

A motion was made by Jeff Chwialkowski and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the 2016 Pay 2017 Levy as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Betsy Jensen to approve the amended 2016-17 budget as presented below based on K-12 enrollment of 290 students:

Revenue - \$\$4,806,017

Expenditure - \$4,751,779

Overall – (-\$123,601)

All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Tony Safranski to accept the resignation of Jackie Chwialkowski, Elementary Teacher, effective 6/1/2017. The resignation/retirement is accepted with deep appreciation for the 29 years of service to the

students and families of Stephen/Argyle Central and Argyle. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at 8:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office. This meeting will serve as the yearly reorganization meeting.

- A projected 2017 School Board meeting calendar is included in the packet.

- A grant was accept from Medtronics of \$5,000 to cover registration expenses for the FIRST Robotics program.

- Senior Class Trip Chaperones will be accept until mid January – Recommendations will be made at the regular January School Board meeting

- The Minnesota School Board Association Winter conference will be held on January 11-13 at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

- Pine to Prairie Director – Mr. Murray Turner will be retiring in June 2017. He currently serves 29 schools in our region in the areas of Carl Perkins, Career and Technology, and Online College in the High Schools. A 6 member committee of regional superintendents are working on hiring his successor, Dr. Mills is serving on the committee.

- Dolly Parton Library – Support Marshall County Early Childhood Initiative 1 month of expense for books

- Minnesota School Board Association will be sponsoring a Negotiations Seminar February 1st in Thief River Falls.

- A review of the approved decision on College in the High School credentials – The current system will be in place until 2022. All staff teaching CHIS course must meet the new standards by the 2022-2023 school year.

- The open part-time para-professional position in the Pre-School program will be filled with long-term subs till the end of the school year.

- A school lunch program review was completed on December 13th-14th. The overall review was very successful. Thank you to all of the staff in making the review successful.

- The bleacher installation in Argyle New Gym has been completed. The overall expense for the project is \$60,000. The Storm Sports Boosters have contributed \$20,500 towards the project.

- A review of capital projects completed in the last year was done, the following projects have been completed:

- Security Camera Systems upgrade/School Safety project - \$46,000
- Argyle 1905 Building window and roof updates - \$80,000
- Stephen New Gym updates - \$35,000
- Flooring projects at both sites - \$40,000
- Electrical updates both sites - \$20,000
- Argyle New Gym Bleacher project - \$60,000

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

