

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

February 15th, 2017

The regular February School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Steve McGlynn at 8:00 p.m. on February 15th, 2017 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Steve McGlynn, Cara Hendrickson, Dustin Grabowska, Gail Yutrzenka, and Mason Sundby. School Board members absent were Betsy Jensen and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Melanie McGlynn, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson 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 Mason Sundby and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the January 19th 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 Cara Hendrickson to approve the February 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:

- NWEA Winter Testing – Grades K-6 in reading and math
- Principal Party – Grades 3-6 – Bowling in EGF
- Gymnastics Performance
- Parent/Teacher conferences – 2/14-15
- I Love to Read – Read Across America – March
- 100th Day of School – 2/13
- STEM Fair planning – 5/12

A written report of activities at the SAC Secondary was provided by Mr. Kuznia:

- Recent/Upcoming events:
 - Round 2 of NWEA Testing for grades 7-10
 - Job Shadowing in grand Forks 2/14-15
 - Knowledge Bowl w/Mr. Pietruszewski in TRF 2/15
 - Career Expo at NCTC for Juniors 2/15
 - No School – 2/17 & 2/20
 - Early-out for staff development 2/22 – Flipped Schedule
 - Robotics Competition – 3/1-4
 - Large Group Vocal Competition – 3/7
 - Student Council Summit at Oklee – 3/8
 - Young Author's Conference – 3/9
 - Artist in Residency – Photography/Theater & Science – April
- Senior Class Trip 2017 – Bergan Travel provided final itinerary with a few adjustments 2/15 – Parent meeting 2/15

- Isaac Mills & Deb Haugen represented SAC at the AAA (Arts, Academics, & Athletics) Banquet in Mahanomen on 2/8. Isaac Mills won the Boys AAA for Region 8.
- Student Pre-Registration for 2017-2018 school year begins 2/21
- Activities update:
 - GBB/BBB are currently competing for the #1 seed for play-offs
 - Track, Baseball, & Softball schedules are set.

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

- Staff Activity - Kayla Delzer Presentation – SeeSaw & Google sites
- SAC Facilities & Equipment – Computer rack upgrade & small equipment shuffle
- Student Assessments – NWEA Winter Testing K-10 students
- Student Activity – JMC activity, Elementary – SeeSaw App, JH/HS Google sites, 100th day of school, Media Arts/Posters
- Upcoming Activities:
 - Mid-year updates and repair per cart
 - Computer Storage improvements – Posters

A motion was made by Mason Sundby and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to accept the donation from Wikstrom Telephone, Co. Inc. - \$12543.00. 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 membership with the Northwest Council of Collaboratives for the 2017-2018 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Mason Sundby to accept the resignation/retirement of Jane Jensen, Elementary Teacher, with deep appreciation for her service to the students of Stephen and Stephen/Argyle Central. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent office.
- Legislative Update – There are three important parts to Gov. Dayton's budget that may have a positive direct impact on Stephen/Argyle Central if included in the final budget – Pre-K investment, 2% increase in general education funding each year, and Ag2School Tax credit on banding debt.
- A review of issues that are currently in place with the Argyle heating system was completed. There are several areas of piping that are leaking in the tunnels of the buildings causing inefficiencies in the heating and possible major issues in the future. Information is being collected on the replacement of the piping.
- The current K-12 enrollment is 290 students – There are 27 students currently participating in the Pre-School program,
- Information is currently being collected through the State purchasing program on the purchase of a bus for the 2017-2018 school year. A recommendation for purchase will be made at the March regular School Board meeting.
- Q-Comp/Staff Development program continues to meet monthly as a large group and twice each month as a small group.
- Bond Refinancing – At this time, we have been recommended to not pursue the refinancing of our current debt service bonds. The interest rates have increased and at this time there is very little benefit to refinancing the bonds.

- Minnesota School Board Association is recognizing School Members across the state February 20th-24 – Thank you for the time and commitment of our School Board members.
- Summer Theatre – We will be working with Safari Arts this summer again to provide a 1 week long performing arts residency July 24th-28th.
- Summer School – We are planning for a 2 week jump start program in early August based on teacher recommendations at the end of the school year.
- School Social Worker Partnership with NW Mental Health has been a strong collaboration. The financing of the School Social Worker position was reviewed.
- A copy of the MSBA Acronym list was provided for all School Board members.
- NWEA Testing has been completed for the Winter Testing session in reading and math.
- Parent Aware – The Learning Readiness/Pre-School program has earn a 4 Star rating by the Minnesota Department of Education. Congratulation to the program staff!

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve/accept the Notice of Desire to Negotiate with Education Minnesota Stephen-Argyle – 2017-2019 contract. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the Resolution Directing the Administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Mason Sundby and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk