

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

October 16th, 2006

The regular October School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dziengel at 8:00 p.m. on October 16th, 2006 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Chris Urbaniak, Gail Yutrzenka, Jeff Chwialkowski, Cara Hendrickson, Jim Klitzke, Shaun Beauclair, and Larry Dziengel. Others present at the meeting were Kevin Kuznia, Mark Kroulik, Jackie Chwialkowski, and Chris Mills.

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

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Jim Klitzke to approve the September 18th, 2006 regular meeting minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made Jim Klitzke and seconded by Jeff Chwialkowski to approve the September bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shaun Beauclair and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mills presented information on the following elementary topics: NWEA Testing, Fire Prevention activities, bus safety, Technology curriculum, evacuation drills, building lock down drills, fire drills, principal's party, and school web-site. A discussion was also held regarding current school enrollment and class sizes.

Mr. Kroulik provided information on student activities to include sophomores have ordered class rings, junior magazine sales, homecoming week, student council district convention, senior high retreat, and junior high retreat.

Riverwatch student activities have been busy with staff from NDSU, students from WAO, and preparing for the upcoming science fair at the Minnesota Rural Education fall conference.

NWEA testing for 7th and 8th grade students has concluded and mid-term reports have been mailed out for students and parents.

Mr. Kroulik also report on school safety drills including 3 fire drills, 1 evacuation drill, and one lock down drill.

Mr. Kuznia reported on student activities including a list of play-off dates for volleyball and football. Other items of interest were Flag Football "Under the Lights", Volleyball Parents Night, and a preview of winter activities.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.
- A special School Board meeting will be held on Thursday , November 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office
- The NWEA fall testing has been completed for grades 3-6 students.
- The Fall Minnesota Rural Education Association conference – 10/25-27/06
- The Winter Minnesota School Board Association conference – 1/10-12/07
- We are continuing to work with custodial personnel regarding expectations, job

responsibilities, and a positive work environment.

- Planning for a School Board in-service is in progress. A list of topics will be generated to provide a focus for training. A date and time for the in-service will be set at the November regular School Board meeting.
- Our enrollment has taken a decline since the beginning of the year. The school district has lost 20 students and 25.68 pupil units since the opening day enrollment. This amounts to a loss of over \$200,000 in projected revenue.
- The transition to an extended SAC Elementary school day has been very successful. The extended time has provided extended learning opportunities as well as a more efficient use of learning time for students and staff.

A motion was made by Chris Urbaniak and seconded by Shaun Beauclair to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk