

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

October 20th, 2008

The regular October 20th School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dziengel at 6:30 a.m. on October 20th, 2008 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Gail Yutrzenka, Cara Hendrickson, Chris Urbaniak, Betsy Jensen, Jeff Chwialkowski, and Larry Dziengel. The School Board members absent were Jim Klitzke. Others present at the meeting were Mark Kroulik, Kevin Kuznia, and 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 Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the September 15th, 2008 regular meeting minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Betsy Jensen 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 activities:

- Math and Science curriculum meetings
- Evaluation – 3 minutes “Walk Through”
- Science committee – site visit Thief River Falls
- Student Assistance Team
- Leadership committee – weekly meetings
- Field Trips
- Drill Schedule – Fire/Lockdown/Evacuation
- Bus Safety
- Deer presentation – Steve Porter
- Fire Safety week – October 6th-10th
 - Special thanks to Garry Kotts and all of the volunteers from Argyle and Stephen Emergency Services that made the Friday activities so successful.
- Safety committee
- Flag FB/Elementary Volleyball
- Staff Development – Technology Integration, Math, Science, Literacy
- Website – Elementary pages
- NWEA Testing

Mr. Kroulik presented information on the following Junior and Senior activities:

- Basic Skills Testing
- NAEP Testing – 8th and 12th grade students
- Drug Dog visitations
- Bomb Threat workshop in TRF
- Study Island implementation – grades 7-11 students that need remediation support based on MCA

and BST testing

Mr. Kuznia presented information on school district activities and athletics:

- Volleyball and Football section play-off dates
- Music Ensemble competition @ Stephen 11/3
- Girls Basketball will begin 11/17
- Boys Basketball will begin 11/24
- Sports Boosters will be purchasing scoreboards for the Argyle gym in cooperation with the Argyle and Stephen Lions donations.
- Report on Elementary Volleyball and Flag Football

A review was completed on the 2008-2009 seniority list. A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the 2008-2009 seniority list as presented. All School Board members presented voted in favor of the motion.

A first review of the following policies was completed:

- Policy 205 Open Meeting & Closed Meeting
- Policy 404 Employment Background Checks

A second review of the following policy was completed:

- Policy 709 Student Transportation Safety

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Jeff Chwialkowski to approve the amended resolution relating to the election of School Board members and calling the school district election. 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 the Assurance and Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 17th at 8:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.
- A Special School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office to canvas the School Board election.
- A review of the calendar change for 10/31/2008 and 11/7/2008 was completed. 10/31/08 will be a staff development day. 11/7/2008 will be a student day.
- Goals for the 2008-2009 school year are being updated by the District Leadership team. The goal are very specific and identify direction for professional development activities. The following are the focus areas:
 - Staff Development
 - Curriculum Development
 - Math
 - Science
 - Technology
 - Technology Integration
 - Behavior Management of Students
 - Career Exploration
 - Communication/Public Engagement

- Education Foundation

- School District website is continually being updated by staff and students. The website www.sac.k12.mn.us is a major communication tool for the school district.
- A review of the Fall MASA conference was completed.
- The Minnesota Rural Education Association conference will be held on October 23&24.
- A School Board workshop will be held in November to update the strategic plan.
- The 2008-2009 budget has been published on the school district website.
- The annual meeting of the Northwest Minnesota Council of Collaboratives will be held on November 21st at University of Minnesota – Crookston.
- A Meet & Confer meeting will be held between committee members on 10/31 at 7:30 a.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.
- A pick-up will be purchased for custodial use. The Argyle pick-up is no longer in usable capacity.
- Minnesota School Board Association conference will be held on January 14-16, 2009.

The approval of the 2008-2009 audit will be tabled until the regular November meeting. A copy of the draft audit findings was reviewed. The final copy will be presented in at the regular November School Board meeting.

A motion was made by Chris Urbaniak and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 a.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk