

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2008

The regular November 17h School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Larry Dziengel at 8:00 p.m. on November 17th, 2008 in the Stephen 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 Roy Lunde, Mark Kroulik, and Chris Mills.

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

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the October 20th, 2008 regular meeting minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Jeff Chwialkowski to approve the November 5th, 2008 special meeting minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

A motion was made by Jeff Chwialkowski and seconded by Betsy Jensen to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Roy Lunde of Brady, Martz presented information on the 2007-2008 audit report. Mr. Lunde highlighted positive change in the fund balance of \$157,099, proactive planning for the future in facility planning, declining enrollment and state budgets as areas that could impact local finances. He also reviewed information on grants that have been hosted by the school district, district financial oversight, and invest strategies and history.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Mills provided the following information on elementary activities:

- Math & Science Standards meeting – Standards mapping
- Leadership Team – SAC Elementary Mission
 - “Educational Excellence, Technology Exploration, and Global Understanding for Tomorrow’s World Today”
- Project “Playground”
- Veteran’s Day Program – 11/11 at 11:00 a.m.
- Honor Roll – 1st Quarter
- STEM & Global Fair
- Climb Theater
- Math Curriculum review
 - Every Day math
 - Envision Math
- Student Assistance Team
- Implementation of Dibles/K-2 assessment system

Mr. Kroulik present information on the following JH/SH activities:

- NWEA Testing

- Study Island – Remediation program
- MCA II Grad Test – Retakes
- Attendance
- Accelerated Reading – Grade 9-12
- MCA II Grad math Testing update
- Parent/Teacher conferences
- Honor Roll achievement
- Climb Theater – Theme “Respect”
- Senior Class Trip update
- STORM Football: Champions Gathering 7:00 p.m. 11/23
 - Team Academic All-State Award
 - Individual Academic All-State Football Award – Taylor Swanson & Erik Aakre

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the 2007-2008 audit. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A second review of the following updated policies was completed:

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

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve Policy 709 – Student Transportation Safety policy as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Jeff Chwialkowski and seconded by Betsy Jensen to approve the resolution of membership with the Area Special Education Cooperative for 2008/2009 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A first review of the following policies was completed:

- Policy 203.5 School Board Meeting Agenda
 - Policy 204 School Board Meeting Minutes
 - Policy 206 Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
 - Policy 210 Conflict of Interest
 - Policy 212 School Board Member Development
 - Policy 531 The Pledge of Allegiance
 - Policy 533 Wellness
 - Policy 705 Investments
 - Policy 720 Vending Machines
 - Policy 802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material
 - Policy 904 Distribution of Materials on School District Property by Non-school Persons
 - Policy 906 Community Notification of Predatory Offenders
- Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 15th in the Argyle Superintendent’s office at 8:00 p.m.
- A special School Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 15th in the Argyle Superintendent’s office at 7:00 p.m.
- The Minnesota Rural Education Association conference featured Governor

Pawlenty speaking about the issues Minnesota faces in the future economic projections. He indicated that schools should not project any increases in funding from the State.

- TIES will be hosting a state-wide technology conference December 5-8.
- SAC has received a 50% matching grant to upgrade the elementary school playground. The grant is focused the purchase of new equipment. We will be working with individuals and community organizations to raise fund, secure volunteers for installation, and design the playground.
- A School Board workshop will be held on Monday, November 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office.
- The Minnesota School Board Association conference will be held on January 14-16 in Minneapolis.
- A review of current technology implementation was completed by reviewing recent installation of technology tools, current curriculum, and identifying goals.
- Notice for bus bids for purchase in 2009-2010 will begin in December. A 59 passenger bus will be purchased.
- The enrollment as 342 students K-12 as of 11/10/08
- A report of expenditures and request for funds was completed on the Infocon grant and the Phy-Ed grant.

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to accept playground equipment grant from Minnesota/Wisconsin Playground. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Chris Urbaniak and seconded by Jeff Chwialkowski to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk