

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

March 18th, 2013

The regular March School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 6:31 a.m. on March 18th, 2013 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Betsy Jensen, Tony Safranski, Steve McGlynn, Gail Yutzenka, and Shawn Rominski. The School Board member absent was Cara Hendrickson. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Nevin Lubarski, Mark Kroulik and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn 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 Betsy Jensen and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the February 20th regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve the March bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Shawn Rominski 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:

- Read Across America – March 1st
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Fair – March 19th
- Elementary concert – 3/21
- Testing – MCA/NWEA

Mr. Kuznia provided an update on activities and athletics at SAC:

- Spring Activity Updates and Coaching assignments:
 - Golf – Mr. Paulson and Mr. Anton
 - Track – Mr. Kotts, Mrs. McGlynn, and Mr. Marquis
 - o 50-55 participants
 - Baseball – Mr. Hendrickson, Mr. Grabowska, and Mr. Wolff
 - o 36-38 participants (10-12 SAC participants)
 - Softball – Mr. Foslien and Mrs. Augustine
 - o 25-28 participants (5-6 SAC Participants)

- 2013-2014 Coaching Assignments
- Section Assignment review for activities from MSHSL
- Booster Club Update

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

- Pre-School computers
- SAC PC's computers updates – Microsoft Security Essentials
- Testing – MCA/NWEA
- STEM Fair
- Kramer – “Flipped Classroom”
- Summer Tech work plans
- Technology requisitions
- Spring Testing prep

Mr. Kroulik presented updates on SAC Secondary activities:

- Carl Perkins Grant
- Senior Class trip – Update
- Math competition – Miss Kramer and Mr. Paulson
- Young Author conference Northland Community and Technical College – 3/15 Mrs. McGlynn
- University of Minnesota Crookston Career Day – 3/19
- Sacred Sounds concert – 3/20 7:00 p.m.
- Vocal Solos and Ensembles at KCC – 3/26
- Instrumental and Ensembles at SAC – 4/3
- End of the 3rd Quarter – 3/22
- State BB Tournament – Policy Review
- Principal and Teacher Evaluation planning
- Student registration for 2013-2014 – Process and Student Surveys
- MCA Student testing

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the proposed Unrequested Leave of Absence for Mrs. Shawna Peterson, FACS/Health Instructor, effective – June 30th, 2013. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded Betsy Jensen to approve the proposed Unrequested Leave of Absence for Mrs. Janelle Swanson, Business Instructor, effective – June 30th, 2013. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Betsy Jensen to approve the proposed Unrequested Leave of Absence for Mrs. Deanna McFarland, School Nurse, effective – June 30th, 2013. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve Payroll-Region I proposal for 2013-2014 as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Gail Yutzenka to accept the resignation of Garry Kotts, Head Girls Basketball Coach, with appreciation for 29 years of coaching dedication to the players 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, April 15th at 6:30 a.m. in the Argyle Superintendent office.
- The 2013-2014 calendar has been established. Calendar options will be explored with staff to create additional flexibility in the calendar for students and staff.
- The budget reduction process for 2013-2014 continues as approved. Personnel reductions and other budget reductions are proceeding at this time. There will be estimated \$280,000 reduced from the 2013-2014 budget.
- The Minnesota Association of School Administrators Spring conference was held March 13-15.
- Community Education – The following offerings are being planned for spring and summer: 55 Alive, Community Theatre, and Self-defense.
- A review of the MN School Finance and budget outlook has change the school shift payments from 64% to 86%. This change has improve the school district cash flow, but does not provide additional revenue.
- MN Legislative update – The Governor and Legislature continue to work through the 2-year budget process. The current proposals invest little into K-12 Education. The proposal are being review through the committee process and a better picture should be available for the April regular School Board meeting.
- A review of the memo sent to all staff was completed. The memo clarified issues on staff leave-medical, school calendar, and impact of the Afford Care Act.
- Negotiations – A meeting will be requested with certified staff negotiators to review goals and language for the 2013-2015 contract.
- Job Openings for 2013-2014 – School Social Worker, 5th Grade Elementary, and Speech/Language. Positions will be posted locally and EdPost.
- A review of the Summer Arts Theatre production was completed. A grant will be submitted for 2013 to support expenses. In the future the Summer Arts Theatre production may become an every other year community education opportunity.
- Affordable Care Act Legislation – A review of the impact of this Federal Legislation on Health Insurance, current contract, and future budget impact.
- STAR reporting has been completed for 2013-2014.
- A crisis plan review ill be completed at the April regular School Board meeting.

A review of a request by Lynette Fay for incentive due to reduction of secretarial position was completed. The request was not approve due to a lack of a motion on the request.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 a.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk