

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

September 16th, 2013

The regular September School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 8:02 p.m. on September 16th, 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 Yutrzenka, Cara Hendrickson, and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Garry Kotts, Kevin Kuznia, Mark Kroulik, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the agenda 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 August 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 Tony Safranski to approve the September bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the Treasurers report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Administrative report

Mr. Mills provided information on activities at SAC Elementary:

- Bus Safety
- Fire Drills
- ECFE Kick-off 9/19
- Open House Activities 8/28
- Leadership Committee

Mr. Kroulik presented information on activities at SAC Secondary:

- Secondary enrollment – 163 students 7-12
- ITV Spanish report
- MCA Testing Information
- Homecoming Activities begin – 9/23
- Senior Class Trip Update
- College in the High 12-13
 - 562 credits earned by SAC students – Estimated \$374,600 saved by students and parents through program

Mr. Kuznia provided information regarding SAC activities and athletics:

- Upcoming events schedules for Cross Country, Football, and Volleyball
- Community Education
 - Flag Football – 35 participants grades 3-6
 - Elementary Volleyball – 34 participants grades 3-6
- Booster Club update

Mr. Marquis presented an update on technology at SAC:

- New school year projects:
 - Student machines
 - Online JMC
 - SAC Apps: Gmail, Drive
 - Testing Season – NWEA
- Upcoming Projects:
 - Final general set-up
 - JMC: Online, Grade Book
 - Technology Promotion – equipment and program usage

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve the hiring of Lisa Larson, JH/HS Para-Professional, effective 2013-2014 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve Bethany Westman, Elementary Para-Professional effective 2013-2014 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A final review was completed of the following policies update by the Minnesota Legislature and Minnesota School Board Association:

- 610 Field Trips
- 709 Student Transportation Safety Policies
- 710 Extracurricular Transportation

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

A second review of the following policies updated by the Minnesota Legislature and Minnesota School Board Association:

- 601 School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- 604 Instructional Curriculum
- 613 Graduation Requirements
- 616 School District System Accountability
- 618 Assessment of Student Achievement
- Policy with Non-Substantive Changes**
- 603 Curriculum Development
- 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure

A review of the proposed 2013 Pay 2014 levy was complete. At this time, the 2013 Pay 2014 Levy is project to result in a reduction of 29%. A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the maximum proposed 2013 Pay 2014. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the request for additional leave, per SAEA Master Agreement 2013-2015, by the following individuals:

- Tammi Anderson
- Renee Jensen
- Kevin Kuznia
- Jane Jensen
- Melaine McGlynn

All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Monday, October 21st at 8:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office.
- A review of the draft audit results was completed. The final results will be reviewed at the regular October School Board meeting.
- Meet and Confer meetings are schedule for – 9/17, 11/26, 2/13, & 5/28
- Operating Referendum activities:
 - Citizens for Storm Schools
 - Community Meetings
 - Community Forum – 10/29 7 p.m. Argyle Old Gym
10/30 7 p.m. Stephen Old Gym
- Back to School Enrollments – 322 K-12 students (23 Pre-School)
- MREA Area meetings – 9/11
- MREA Fall conference – 11/18-19
- 2013-14 Seniority was presented for review – The list will be distributed to the staff for review and presented for School Board action in October.
- Principal and Teacher Evaluation Plans were discussed – Principal goals will be presented for review at the October School Board meeting.
- Special School Board meeting will be held on 11/12 at 7 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office for the purpose of canvassing the Referendum Election.
- 55 Alive Course will be held on Wednesday, October 16th – 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Stephen Community Center
- NW Arts Council – Capital Grant \$3,000
- A discussion was held regarding the Pre-School program. The enrollment has grown to 23 students and 2 students are being evaluated for special services. Three options for the program were presented.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Tony Safranski to split the Pre-School class into two sections based on administrative and teaching staff plan. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

• A review of the Stephen Playground was completed. Several pieces of the playground have been removed due to safety issues. Planning will continue to take place for alternatives to replacing the playground.

- A payment was made by Peterson Construction \$3,500 due to overbilling
- A review of the current property, workman's compensation, and auto insurance programs was completed. Included in the review was a \$9,200 rebate from the workman's compensation program.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Shawn Rominski to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk

