

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

December 18th, 2013

The regular December School Board meeting was called to order by School Board Vice-Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 8:30 p.m. on December 18th, 2013 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Tony Safranski, Gail Yutrzenka, Cara Hendrickson, Steve McGlynn, Shawn Rominski, and Betsy Jensen. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Mark Kroulik, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

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

Truth in Taxation hearing information was presented. A power point presentation was provided by the Minnesota Rural Education Association to review state and local tax impacts and the factors that impact taxes.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the November 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 Betsy Jensen to approve the December bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Shawn Rominski 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:

- Elementary Book Fair – generated \$4,578.19 in sales.
 - 288 books purchased for elementary library
 - equipment purchase with Scholastic Bucks
 - Thank You to Mrs. Laudal and Book Fair committee volunteers
- Elementary concert – K-4
 - Thank You to K-4 staff, Mr. Dalager, and Mrs. Jensen
- K-2 Community singing performances – Mrs. Jensen
 - 2nd Grade Hallock Nursing Home
 - 1st Grade Stephen Tamarac
 - K to Warren Good Sam

- Food Shelf collection for Argyle Area Food Shelf
- Jean Fund contributions - \$300 to local families in need
- 3rd Grade Blanket project
- Professional Learning communities meetings – Topics (Technology, Poverty, Homework)

Mr. Kroulik provided information on the following activities at SAC Secondary:

- Class Trip 2014
 - Financial Balance, trip bid information, agenda for trip, and volunteer chaperone list
- Class Trip 2015
 - Parent/Student meeting 12/17
- “World’s Greatest Workforce” information
- Job Shadowing – 14 seniors so far this year
- Team-Up Student Leadership workshop in TRF 12/12 – 13 sophomores
- Choir trip: Digi-Key 12/19/13
- Class Rings – National Recognition Products
- Student Recognition Items:
 - HOBY: Alexandra Swanson – 10th
 - Minnesota Milestones student leadership seminar: Crysta Krantz – 10th
 - MSHSL Triple A nominees: Emma St. Germain and Brady Swanson
- James Burlum Scholarships to 2013 Grads have been mailed to their colleges – 12 students = \$8500
- Staff In-service – 12/20

Mr. Kuznia provided information on SAC activities/athletics:

- Upcoming events:
 - Girl’s BB – 12/19 (KCC)
 - Boy’s BB – 12/21 (RLC), 12/28 (Cavalier)
 - Wrestling – 12/20-21 (Big Bear – Cass Lake), 1/4 (Fertile-Beltrami), 1/6 (TRF)
 - Soccer – scholarship Gabby Kekke (UMC)
- Booster Club - Audit Report, Purchases
- Community Education – Elementary BB
- 2014-2015
 - Scheduling for Winter activities – 1/8
 - 2014 Fall activities schedules are complete
 - 2015 Football schedules are awaiting MSHSL decision on play-offs

Mr. Marquis provided information on technology at SAC:

- Recent activities
 - Student software updates – iLife, iDVD, iMovie, and iPhoto

- All Lab machines, Elementary I-Pads, and Laptops
- Upcoming activities
 - Christmas break work – cleaning/organizing, student machine updates, Stephen Internet content filter
 - Infocon January meeting – St. Bernards Tour and Best Practices workshop planning for technology training in Fall 2014
 - Winter NWEA
 - TRF Educational Technology conference – 75 sessions for Pre K-12 1/20/14

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve the maximum 2013 Pay 2014 Levy as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A review of the amend 2013-2014 budget was presented. The revenue is currently budget at \$4,497,045 and the expenditure budget at \$4,612,820. The project at a negative difference of (\$115,775). A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the amended budget as presented. 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 purchase of a 2012 65-passenger bus. The final pricing will be \$68,441. 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 2014 Pay Equity report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 22nd at 8:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office. This meeting will serve as the yearly reorganizational meeting.

- A copy of the update 2014 School Board meeting schedule was distributed.
- A review of the TIES Technology conference was completed.
- 2 CD's of \$250,000 each were renewed at United Valley Bank
- The current K-12 enrollment is 310 students
- The list of 2014 Senior Class trip chaperones was presented
- Carol White PEP grant is progressing through Year 2 – The grant is focused on developing curriculum in physical education to support students and staff wellness
- City of Stephen has committed \$20,000 towards the purchase and construction of a new playground at the Stephen site.
- An update on Affordable Care Act regulations was provided – At this time all requirements must be met by July 1st, 2014 or penalties may be imposed.

- SAC Teacher Evaluation committee has been working on a plan to meet the new State of MN requirements. Committee members attended a workshop in TRF on 12/17. A plan will presented to staff and School Board in January for approval.

- A review of the current Jim Burlum Scholarship program and the background materials were provided.

- The Crisis Plan at the Elementary and Secondary sites have been reviewed with staff and updated during 2013.

- The State of MN indicated in November that there is an expected 2 billion surplus for 2014. This may allow the State of MN to finish paying pay schools for the shift in funding. The projections will be reviewed in February.

- A review of teacher early retirement incentive was completed. Any request by certified staff will be review upon written notice.

- We are currently working on updating technology inventory and projected purchasing needs. Recommendations will be in January.

- Planning documents for the Future of SAC were presented – These documents included an updated 5-year projection of enrollment, revenue, and expenditures. In addition, a copy of the updated district strategic plan and “World’s Best Work Force” plan were included in the documents.

- SAC is currently soliciting bid information for school/athletic/activity pictures.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the leave requests of Jane Jensen, Scott Groven, and Nichole Groven as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Shawn Rominski to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk