

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

January 21st, 2015

The regular January School Board meeting was called to order by Jeff Chwialkowski at 6:34 a.m. on January 21st, 2015 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Gail Yutrzenka, Cara Hendrickson, Betsy Jensen, Tony Safranski, and Shawn Rominski. School Board member absent was Steve McGlynn. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Jackie Chwialkowski, Nathan Dalager, 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.

At this time the following School Board members accept the Oath of Office:

Cara Hendrickson

Betsy Jensen

Shawn Rominski

Gail Yutrzenka

At this time Jeff Chwialkowski called for nominations for School Board Officers.

Jeff Chwialkowski was nominated for the position of Chairperson.

Steve McGlynn was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson.

Gail Yutrzenka was nominated for the position of Clerk

Betsy Jensen was nominated for the position of Treasurer.

All nominations ceased for School Board Officers. A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the nomination of School Board officers as nominated. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve December 17th regular school board minutes. 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 January bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Mills provide an update on the following activities at SAC Elementary:

- December Food Shelf collection – 586 lbs. of food collected by students and staff
- Artist in Residence – Elwyn Ruud/NW Arts Council
- Spelling Bee – 1st Brittney Hamre, 2nd Tyler Tonkin, and 3rd Brayden Nordling
 - Thank you to Mrs. McGlynn and the other volunteers that make this activity.
- Reading Buddies – Volunteer program that supports reading in Grades K & 1
- 2nd Quarter Honor Roll – 10:30 - 1/23
- Para-Professional week recognition – 1/26-30
 - Outstanding crew of support staff that focus on kids!

- Principal Party – bowling in EGF - 1/30
- Parent/Teacher conferences – 2/10-11
- STEM Fair – 4/2
- “I Love to Read” – March
- Nutrition program – Grades 3-6 (Carol Matz)

Mr. Kuznia provided a written report outlining activities at SAC High School:

- Activities
 - Spelling Bee – Mrs. McGlynn
 - One Act Play – Mrs. Jensen (14 participants)
 - Robotics – Mr. Paulson
 - Riverwatch – Mr. Kotts
 - Para-Professional week – 1/26-30
 - Hoops for a Cure – 2/12 @ Freeze
 - Academics, Arts, Athletics Banquet – Nick Yutrzenka and Shania Feuillieriat
- Senior Class Trip update – Trip agenda, chaperone meeting
- Junior Class Trip update – Fundraising updates
- World’s Best Workforce update
- Activities Update:
 - Girls basketball: 1/22 RLF, 1/23 @ LOW, 1/26 KCC, 1/29 Warroad, 1/31 @ FL/PR
 - Boys basketball: 1/22 @ Warroad, 1/23 @ LOW, 1/27 @ SH, 1/30 KCC,
 - Wrestling: 1/27 @ RLCC, 1/29 Home, 1/31 @ Fertile
- E-mail for Sacred Heart GBB Coach thanking STORM Fans for their support of 1000 point scorer. Tremendous sportsmanship displayed by Storm Fans!
- Weebly site of Math resources created by Mr. Parker. Great job of developing on-line resources for students and parents.

Mr. Marquis present information on technology activities as SAC:

- Holiday break activities
- Education Technology workshop 1/19 in TRF
- Student projects
- 2nd quarter grades/JMC
- Hardware updates
- Upcoming events:
 - Winter testing – NWEA, OLPA
 - Technology workshop request

A review of a proposed school calendar for 2015-16 was reviewed. The calendar presented is dependent on legislation allowing public schools to start before Labor day in 2015. The calendar will be reviewed for possible approval at the regular February School Board meeting.

The School Board committees were reviewed for 2016. A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the 2016 School Board committees as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A review and discussion was completed regarding requests for the School Board to offer Early Retirement Incentives to certified staff. A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to offer an early retirement incentive of \$100 per sick leave day earned/accumulated up to 130 days as per state statute allows. A roll call vote was taken

Chwialkowski – no, Jensen – no, Rominski – no, Yutrzenka – no, and Safranski – no. The motion failed 4-1.

A second review of the following policies updated by the Minnesota School Board Association was completed:

- 205-Open Meetings and Closed Meetings
- 206-Public Participation in School Board Meetings/Complaints about Persons at School Board Meetings and Data Privacy Considerations
- 208-Development, Adoption, and Implementation of Policies
- 406-Public and Private Data
- 410-Family and Medical Leave Policy
- 413-Harassment and Violence
- 419-Tobacco-Free Environment
- **421-Gifts to Employees and School Board Members**
- 425-Staff Development
- 501-School Weapons Policy
- 506-Student Discipline
- **509-Enrollment of Non Resident Students**
- 524-Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- 526 Hazing Prohibitions
- 601-School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- 603-Curriculum Development
- 604-Instructional Curriculum
- 613-Graduation Requirements
- 618-Assessment of Student Achievement
- 619-Staff Development for Standards
- **709-Student Transportation Policy**
- 805-Waste Reduction and Recycling
- **806-Crisis Management Policy**
- 807-Health and Safety Policy

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve leave request per district policy for the following individuals:

- Jackie Chwialkowski
- Melanie McGlynn
- Scott Groven
- Nichole Groven
- Linda Laudal

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

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve a Resolution Authorizing a Flexible Learning Year for 2015-16 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th at 8:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.
- Enrollment at SAC Elementary is 160 K-6 students, 25 Pre-School students. Enrollment at SAC Secondary is 156 students 7-12.

- A copy of the State of the School article was provide by review. The article will be publish in the Official Newspaper – Messenger.
 - A review of staff development activities on 1/19 was completed.
 - Minnesota School Board Association will be providing a training opportunity for School Board regarding negotiating basics on February 11th in Thief River Falls.
 - Para-Professional recognition week will be held January 26th-30th.
 - Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on February 10th and 11th. February 10th conferences will be scheduled for 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and February 11th there will be an Early-out at 1:00 p.m. to allow conferences from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
 - The Northwest Service Cooperative is working with schools on Wellness Incentives for employees. This will be the fourth year of the program in Stephen/Argyle Central.
 - A review of an insurance settlement regarding bus repairs was completed.
 - Minnesota School Board Association will be offering Officer training for School Board members on February 20th in Bemidji.
 - Northwest Regional Development Commission is seeking a School Board member to serve as a representative. Gail Yutzenka has agreed to submit her name for Board consideration.
 - A review of Koda Bank securities was completed.
 - Hoops for a Cure will take place at Newfolden, February 12th during the Storm vs. Freeze Boys Basketball game.
 - The School Musical will be held on March 19th-22nd.
 - The Business Instructor position will be posted in the next week for 2015-16.
- A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Tony Safranski to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 a.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk