

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

March 18th, 2015

The regular March School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 6:30 a.m. on March 18th, 2015 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Cara Hendrickson, Tony Safranski, Gail Yutrzenka, Betsy Jensen, and Steve McGlynn. School Board member absent were Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Mary Chwialkowski, and Jackie Chwialkowski, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Tony Safranski 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 Jeff Chwialkowski to approve the February 23rd regular School Board meeting minutes as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the March bills 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 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:

- Girl's Basketball State send off from the Elementary
- Read the Most – 663 Accelerated Reading tests taken in 1 day!!
- STEM Fair – 4/2 1 p.m.
- Learning Readiness program – 4 star rated!!
- Young Writers Conference – 3/13 Grades 5 & 6 students
- Musical Matinee – All elementary students will attend on 3/15 at 12:30 in Stephen
- STEM/Animal program – Bemidji Science Museum 3/27
- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll program 3/30 – 10:30 a.m.
- Elementary concerts – 4/16 Grades 3-6, 4/30 Grades K-2 & 5-6 Band
- Little Wonders program – 4/14 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Pre-School Graduation – 5/7 7 p.m.
- Spring Pictures – 4/15
- MCA Testing – Science 4/21, Reading 4/28-5/1, Math 5/5-5-8
- Deep Portage – 5/11-12
- Minnesota Food Shelf month is March – SAC Food Shelf collection 3/23-27
- End of the Quarter – 3/19

Mr. Kuznia provided information in the following activities at SAC:

- Congratulations to Coach Lindgren and the 2015 Section 8A Girls' Champion Basketball team – Itinerary, Seeding process, and bid/cost information.
- Congratulations to Coach Bullock and his Knowledge Bowl team. The qualified and competed at Regions – All-Conference participants Aaron Hapka and Peyton Mills
- Senior Class Trip leaves April 5th – Itinerary has been completed. Chaperone meeting on 3/25 at 3 p.m. at the Stephen site.

- Junior Class sold 2,100 pizzas during fundraiser.
- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment and ACT testing will begin after Easter break
- School Musical – “Mary Poppins” – March 3/27-29
- Artist in Residence – two projects starting in April – Thank you to Elwyn Ruud for her work in securing the artists and grants.

• Mr. Kroulik and Mr. Dalager hosted the Battle of Gettysburg for our Seniors. Mrs. Adolphson has also secured a Holocaust survivor from Ada to speak to our Seniors. Thank you to these staff for their work on preparing our Seniors for the class trip experiences.

- Student registration for 2015-16 will begin with Juniors next week.
- Summer Science/Robotics camp will be facilitate by SAC Alumni Ryan Rynda in June
- 11 participants for baseball and 9 participants for softball
- PROM is April 18th

Mr. Marquis provided a update on technology activities at SAC:

- Student Projects/Entertainment
 - Media Arts – Claymation, PEP Fest presentation
 - Elementary iMovies
 - Posters
 - Robotics Live!
- March Madness – Website connections and activity
- Keeping up with updates – Apple remote desktop
- Storm Sports – Film exchange options
- Upcoming Events – Testing, Elementary activities, and summer prep

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Betsy Jensen to accept the donation of the Ministerial Association of \$242.50 in recognition of the Sacred Sounds concert. The donation will go to the SAC Junior class. 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 leave request of Melanie McGlynn as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the grant from the NW Minnesota Arts Council for Summer Theatre 2015. 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 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent’s office.

• A review of the legislative action proposed at the 2015 session was completed. Items of interest for E-12 schools are flexible calendar and learning year, foundation/formula funding, teacher evaluation/leave changes, health insurance requirements HITA, and teacher recruitment.

• A phone conference was completed as part of the food service audit on March 5th. A site visit will be completed on March 30th and 31st.

• The Learning Readiness program has completed the renewal process with the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The program has been identified as a 4-Star program under the Parent Aware program. This is the highest rating available.

- A legislative change has provided free lunch for those students and families that qualify for reduced lunches. This change will require reimbursement to some families that have paid for reduced lunches during the 2014-15 school year.

- A review of NW Links bandwidth costs for the 2015-16 school year was completed. Additional reimbursement from the federal e-Rate program will reduce costs for 2015-16.

- A request for quotes for auto, property, and workman's comp insurance for 2015-2018 has been posted. At this time 4 regional agency's have requested information to submit a quote. We expect to receive all information by April 15th and recommend a vendor at the regular April School Board meeting.

- District Health Insurance sealed bid information was open on March 10th with representative of SAEM. Three bids were received from Public Employees Insurance Program, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and the Northwest Service Cooperative. The information will be reviewed and a vendor will be selected by April 1st for the 2015-2017 renewal period.

- A review of support staff wages and benefits was completed. In the 2015-16 work year staff will recognize a \$.50 increase in hourly wages and \$3000 contribution toward district health insurance. The contribution must be used toward a district health insurance option.

- A meeting with certified staff representatives to discuss negotiation of the 2015-2017 Master agreement will take place in April.

- A draft budget for the 2015-2016 school year was presented.

- A grant was awarded by the NW Minnesota Arts council for Summer Theatre productions of \$2,500.

- Audit quotes have been request for 2015-2017. Brady, Martz & Associates and Eide, Baily have provided proposals.

- The School Board meeting schedule was updated to reflect meeting changes in April and May. April 20th at 8:00 p.m. and May 18th at 8:00 p.m.

- Phase III training is available for School Board members in Bemidji on April 10th.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Tony Safranski to accept the resignation of Dawn Haugtvedt, Head Cook, Argyle site, effective March 27th, 2015. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Gail Yutzenka approve the leave request of Scott and Nichole Groven as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

The meeting was closed at 7:37 a.m. to discuss student data issues.

The meeting was opened at 7:53 a.m.

A motion was made by Tony Safranski and seconded by Gail Yutzenka to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 a.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk