

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

May 18th, 2015

The regular May School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 8:02 p.m. on May 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, Shawn Rominski, and Steve McGlynn. Others present at the meeting were Tim Skaperud, Tammi Anderson, Jane Jensen, Robert Clausen, Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the agenda 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 April 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 May 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 reports:

Mr. Mills provided information on the following activities at SAC Elementary:

April 30th - Elementary concert K-2/5-6 band

NWEA Testing - According to most recent schedule

April 28th-May 1st MCA Reading Testing=

April 30th - Staff meeting - 7:30 a.m. - Computer Lab

May 4th-8th - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4th Jump Rope for Heart

May 5th-8th MCA Math Testing

May 8th - Pre-School Graduation

May 11th-12th - Deep Portage Grades 5-6

May 13th - Minnesota Department of Education Special Ed audit and review. MDE will have a person on-site.

May 14th - DARE Graduation 2 p.m. Old Gym - Kindergarten Square Dancing 2 p.m. Warren

May 15th - Field day WAO – Staff meeting 7:30 a.m.

May 18th - School Board meeting 8 p.m. in Argyle - 6th Grade Visit Warren Court House 130-

3:15 - First Grade Square Dancing 2:00 p.m. Stephen Tamarac - Fire Drill 9:00 a.m.

May 19th - 2nd Grade Square Dancing in Hallock 1:45 p.m. – Fire Drill 2 p.m.

May 20th - Fire Drill 11:00 a.m. - Tooth Pick Bridges - 1 p.m. - Baccalaureate 7 p.m. Our Savior's - Cancer Awareness Walk 10:30 a.m.

May 21st - Grades 3-6 Waterpark - Grades K-2 Park-Picnic-Movie

May 22nd - Awards Day 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Kuznia provide information on the following activities at SAC Secondary:

Final week of school activities:

- May 18th Orientation for next year's 7th grade students
- May 20th Self-defense training and Graduation set-up, Baccalaureate @ Our Saviors Lutheran Church
- May 22nd Graduation Practice 10:30 a.m. – Seniors/Parents Lunch, Last Day of School
- May 23rd Graduation
- May 26th & 27th Teacher In-service

Extra-Curricular Activities

- May 19th Baseball @ Roseau, Softball 8AA Play-offs, JH Track Warroad, Golf Sub-Sections Roseau
- May 21st Baseball @ Erskine, Varsity Track @ EGF Sub-Section 31 meet
- May 26th Baseball 8AA Play-offs
- May 27th Golf Sections – Bemidji
- May 30th Section Track – Ada

Class of 2015 participation in ceremony requirements

2015 MCA Testing – Technology and Results

Class Trip 2015 – Expenses \$53,989.10 – Planning and fund raising for 2016 trip in-progress

Mr. Marquis provide updates on technology activities at SAC:

Recent Activities:

Spring Testing – busy testing season

Technology projects

Summer work preparations

Upcoming Activities:

Staff polling – Technology committee meeting

Summer work schedule

- General cleaning, staff needs, student machines. Purchases, Server updates, Network repairs, and website upgrades and improvements
- Summer workshops – Google Summit, NWSC classes

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded Shawn Rominski to approve the following vendors for insurance:

- Workman's Compensation – Argyle Insurance
- Property, Liability, & Auto – Vaaler Insurance

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

the hiring of Sarah Marquis, office support staff, effective June 2015. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Gail Yutzenka to approve the 2015-16 elementary and secondary requisitions as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve NWSC Cooperative bread purchasing – Bimbo Bakeries. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

The first review of Administration of medication policy as updated was completed.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the hiring of Carissa Heater, Assistant Cook, effective for the 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, June 24th at 8:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.

Legislative update – The MN House and Senate have approved a good budget bill for E-12 education during their conference committees. The budget will be vetoed by Governor Dayton because he believes the budget lacks enough investment in E-12 Education and lacks a focus on his Universal Pre-School program.

The projected Pre-School enrollment for 2015-16 is 20 students – We are projecting a single section program at this time.

The School District Health Insurance renewal has been identified as a 25.9% increase for the 2015-16 school year. Representatives of Thune Insurance will be in the school district on Tuesday, May 26th to review plans and renewals, review Affordable Care Act requirements, and answer questions of staff.

Negotiations update – representative from the EMSA and School Board have met to develop a Master Agreement to cover the 2015-2017 contract cycle. At this time an agreement has been developed. The agreement will be presented to the full EMSA membership and School Board for formal approval.

Para-professional staffing – We anticipate a reduction in Special Education students for the 2015-16 school year. At this time 3 of the 14-15 positions will not be filled until Fall enrollments are confirmed.

Staff Workshop – May 26th & 27th

Donations – A donation from the Sports Boosters will be recognized at the June regular meeting.

Meet & Confer will be held on May 26th at 7:00 a.m. at the Stephen Superintendent's office.

A copy of the projected budget for 2015-16 school year was provided for review. The budget will be adjusted based on the completion of the 2015 Legislative session. A budget will be approved at the June regular meeting.

Graduation ceremonies will be held on Saturday, May 23rd at 2 p.m. in Kimball Auditorium

Baccalaureate Service will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. in the Our Saviors Lutheran Church

A review of the Minnesota Department of Education Special Education site visit was completed. A written review should be available to schools within 6 weeks.

CD renewals are due at the end of May

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the resignation/retirement of Robert Clausen with deep appreciation for his 45 years of service to the students and families of Stephen/Argyle Central Schools and Stephen Public Schools. All School Board members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. All School board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk