

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2015

The regular December School Board meeting was called to order by Chair Jeff Chwialkowski at 8:00 p.m. on December 16th, 2015 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Jeff Chwialkowski, Cara Hendrickson, Steve McGlynn, Gail Yutrzenka, Betsy Jensen, Shawn Rominski and Tony Safranski. Others present at the meeting were Shawna Peterson, Kevin Kuznia, Ethan Marquis, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka 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 Betsy Jensen and seconded by Steve McGlynn to approve the November 18th 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 Cara Hendrickson 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 Tony Safranski 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:

- K-4 Music concert - 12/10
- Artist in Residence – Grades 3-6 12/8-11
- Book Fair – Mrs. Laudal & volunteers
 - \$5,093.73 of merchandise sold
 - Proceeds have bought 209 books for Elementary Library + \$1,000 in library resources
- 2 quarter Min-Term - 12/11
- Creatively Festival – January 6th
- 3rd Grade Blanket project
- 6th Grade Christmas Trees

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

- Past & Upcoming events
 - 12/1 TEAM-Up Leadership Seminar – 10 sophomores participated
 - 12/7 JH Choir/Band Concert – 5th & 6th Grade Band
 - 12/10 Elementary Concert
 - 12/15 National Recognition Co. delivers Class Rings & Memorabilia
 - 12/17 SH Choir will perform at Digi-Key (\$500 donation)
 - 12/21 SH Choir/Band Concert
- Senior Class Trip update

- Senior Class meal served 728 meals – 500 meals were served as take-out orders
- Financially the Senior class has raised \$57,395.53
- Chaperone Volunteers – Steve/Michelle Weberg, Kelley Nordine, and Jason/Jennifer Yutzenka – Volunteers will be accepted until January 18th.
- Al and Ryan Walseth – Bergan Travel are finalizing details of trip.
- Job Shadowing program update
- Student Recognition – National Honor Society, HOBY, MSHSL AAA
- December 22nd – Last day before holiday break/Student Council planning activities
- Activities Update
 - Wrestling @ Big Bear (Cass Lake) Tournament this weekend (37 Teams)
 - MSHSL 9 man football update
 - Boys BB – 5-3 record – Next Red Lake Co, WEM at REA Saturday, and KCC on Monday
 - Girls BB – 3-2 record – Red Lake @ NCTC, and vs. WEM at REA Saturday
 - New floor buffering unit – Booster contribution
 - Baseball/Softball cooperative update
 - 2016-17 Athletic schedules 90% completed
 - Creativity Festival – January 6th @ Bemidji State University

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

- SAC Network updates and Improvements
 - New Firewalls, Multiple switches installed, and additional updates completed
 - Student testing – ACT Aspire testing
 - Student Activities – Student Presidential campaigns: Digital art, video, audio, ect.
 - Artist in Residency – Digital Storytelling, videos, photos, finished products in January
 - Modern Day Media/Data exchange – Krossover, Google Drive and Data Management, Student Twitter 3rd Grade
- Upcoming Events
 - Christmas Break: Student machine updates and cleaning
 - Technology training in TRF in January
 - Data Back-ups
 - Artist in Residence returns

Truth in Taxation information was distributed for review.

After a review of the 2015 Pay 2016 levy was completed. A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the maximum for the 2015 Pay 2016 levy. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Tony Safranski to approve the amended budget as presented.

Revenue - \$4,794,533

Expenditure - \$4,851,560

Difference – (-\$51,027)

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 the purchase of science curriculum from Pearson as presented - \$26,500. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the purchase of floor scrubber cleaning unit – Argyle site \$9,300. 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 20th at 8:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office. This meeting will serve as the yearly reorganization meeting.

- A copy of the 2016 School Board meeting schedule was distributed and posted.

- A discussion was held in regards to investment focus for district funds. Funds are currently being invest in Ultima Bank of Minnesota at rate of .9%

- The Wells Fargo Lease Loan used in 2011 for building improvements will be in place through 2019.

- We have had some interest in volunteers to chaperone the Class of 2016. Decisions on Chaperones will be made in January 2016.

- A review of the Artist in Residence at the elementary was completed. In addition, a review of upcoming Artist in Residence at the high school was completed.

- A review of 2 grants for the Robotics program was completed. Year 2 grant from FIRST Robotics \$2,000 – Medtronics grant - \$3,000.

- We are currently collecting updated information capital projects in the two school buildings to create a 5-year plan for capital projects. We will be presenting a list of projects and expenses in February.

- The Minnesota School Board Association conference will be held January 13-15.

- A review of current MN State statue regarding Early Retirement Incentives and past procedures was completed.

- A Baby Grand Piano was donated to the school – A review of the piano and donation from Sports Boosters for the moving and delivery of the piano.

- A grant application has been submitted to Crystal Sugar for \$5,000 to support the Robotics to support the Robotics program.

- A review of a SWOT plan (Strength, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats) was distributed to the School Board. Each Board member will complete there SWOT analysis. The information will be summarized and used to help with the update of the School District Strategic Plan. Staff will also be asked to complete the SWOT analysis for data collection.

- The Higher Learning Commission has provide Colleges with the opportunity to apply for an extension on new rules for College in the High School Teachers. The extension will be through 2022 for all current teachers.

- Warren-Alvarado-Oslo will be making a contribution toward wrestling transportation.

- School pictures – We will be looking at other options for school and activity pictures.

- A review of alternative Speech/Language Instruction for the 2nd half of the school year was completed. We are currently working with the Minnesota Board of Teaching, Minnesota Department of Education, and Area of Special Education staff to assure a quality instructional transition.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the leave extending a holiday/vacation as presented for Kathy Borowicz and Lisa Larson. All School Board members present approved the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Yutrzenka
ISD #2856 Clerk