

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

December 17th, 2018

The regular December School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 5:30 p.m. on December 17th, 2018 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Steve McGlynn, Betsy Jensen, Cara Hendrickson, Mason Sundby, Gail Yutrzenka, Dustin Grabowska, and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Shawna Peterson, Jill Adolphson, Rick Kroll, Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson 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 Shawn Rominski to approve November regular School Board minutes and the November 14th Special School Board meeting minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the December bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson 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. Kuznia presented the following information on activities as SAC JH/SH:

- Past and Upcoming Events: Holiday Music concerts, Holiday Cheer activities, Team-Up Leadership seminar for sophomores in TRF supervised by Mr. Robertson, Digi-Key performances by High School Choir, Student Council-Giving Tree, Candy Cane sales, donations of time and funds to Keller Family, Knowledge Bowl starting competitions after the first of the year, One Act Play practice begins and competition on 1/26 @ KCC, Online College in the HS program successful Fall – Thank you to Mrs. McGlynn for her work with this program

- Senior/Junior Class Trip Fundraising Update:

- Seniors: Chaperones letters of interest, finances, and the “final” plan of what they will do – Final fundraiser served just shy of 700 meals on December 9th.
- Juniors: Fruit order arriving, busy concession schedule, Congrats to Cade Chwialkowski on being the regional top sales person

- Student Recognition:

- MN Honor Society – New Members: Adam Dalager, Brooke Clausen, Cade Chwialkowski, Mikayla Bolduc, and Sydney St. Germain
- MSHSL: Abi McGlynn 1st Team All-State VB, Hunter Yutrzenka All-State Football
- MSHSL AAA representatives from Stephen/Argyle Central: Abby Johnson and Jesse Clark – February 6th Banquet at Mahanomen

- Stephen/Argyle Central Attendance policy – Good addition to handbook 2 years ago – Only has impacted a couple of students.

- Job Shadowing – Mrs. Adolphson has done a great job of setting up these opportunities – These opportunities count toward the 10 service hours required for graduation.

- Athletics report – Girls' Basketball - 12/18 H vs KCC, 12/20 @ WAO, 12/21 at UMC vs Fosston, 1/3 H vs NF, and 1/5 at RLCC

Boys' Basketball – 12/18 @ NCTC Cass Lake, 12/21 vs Fosston at UMC, and 1/4 @ Roseau

Information Shared – NCAA coach's advice to parents: “You need to let your kids fail” & MN Supreme Court ruling on student driving to events

Mr. Lubarski provided a report on activities at SAC Elementary:

- What's New: K-2 students singing at Tamarac, Kittson Memorial Healthcare, and Good Sam in Warren – Food shelf Collection 673 lbs of food collected – Pre-K/Kindergarten Pajama Drive 70 pairs collected – Coaches for Kellers – Elementary BB practices – Elementary Christmas programs – Gingerbread houses 3rd Grade – Waffle cone Christmas trees Kindergarten – Job Shadowing seniors in the classroom Savannah R. Abi M., and Isaac D. – Meals on Foot
- What's Coming Up – Continue Reading series review – Family Bingo Night February 12th – Winter NWEA Testing – Storm Pride Days

Mr. Marquis provide a review of technology activities at Stephen-Argyle Central:

- Facilities and Equipment – Argyle Lobby TV – Thank to Argyle Lions for the Donation and Jason Hoeper for the assistance in installation – L4U Upgrade library program – Stephen site network updates – Student computers schedules with the 9-12 students – HS Laptop Cart assignments and locations

- Student activities – Mr. Malm Student Christmas Cards
- Upcoming activities: Christmas break work – NWEA Winter Testing – Battery replacement MBP's return to use – Staff backup checks and maintenance, and BBB awards displays

A review of school district tax history, revenue and expenditure history, and proposed 2018 Pay 2019 levy was completed.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the 2018 Pay 2019 Levy as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Mason Rominski to approve the lock project with TRF Lock and Key as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the weight room and gym community use agreement as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A second review of the following policies was completed:

- 601 – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
- 604 – Instructional Curriculum
- 613 - Graduation Requirements
- 614 – School District Testing Plan and Procedure
- 615 – Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEP's, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students
- 618 – Assessment of Student Achievement
- 619 - Staff Development Standards
- 802 – Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Materials

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Gail Yutzenka to approve the contract for Chris Mills, Superintendent of Schools, 20018-2021 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 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Argyle Superintendent's office. This meeting will serve as the yearly reorganization meeting.

- An updated copy of the 2019 School Board regular meeting scheduled was provided.
- A review of class trip chaperones was completed: Jeff and Julie Bolduc, Brent and Jill Riopelle, James and Holly Parker, Melanie McGlynn, and Tami Hebert.

- Enrollment review – K-6 156 students 7-12 136 students Pre-School 28 students
- Minnesota School Board Association Winter conference – January 16-18
- A copy of the Minnesota Rural Education Association Accomplishments was provided for review. Excellent opportunity to look at Legislative Advocacy activities.

- A negotiations seminar will be held on Thursday, February 21st in Thief River Falls, MN – Sponsored by the Minnesota School Board Association.

- A grant of \$747 was received from the Minnesota High School League
- A review of the 21st Century Year 1 compliance reviews was completed – A response has been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education on the issues
- NW Minnesota Arts Council grant has been received to support our music program of \$3,000.
- Special Education – We are going through file reviews at this time with Area Special Education staff and Minnesota Department of Education.
- Ag program – A discussion was held regarding the opportunity to start a Ag program and share staff with another school district. At this time a posting will be made for an Ag Instructor to see if a licensed instructor may be available.

A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve Brent and Jill Riopelle, Melanie McGlynn, and Tami Hebert as class trip chaperones for the senior class trip. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the hiring of Lenore Pietruszewski, Long-term sub elementary, for maternity leave in January 2019. 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 the unpaid leave request of Melanie McGlynn as presented. 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 Memorandum of Understanding between Education Minnesota Stephen-Argyle and Stephen-Argyle Central ISD 2856 regarding payroll changes for 2018-2019. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Recognition and appreciation of Betsy Jensen for her 12 years of School Board service to the communities of Argyle and Stephen.

Tell Me Something Good:

- Gail Yutrzenka highlighted the experience and understanding of Dr. Mills on school finance and local taxes. Appreciate the work done with Marshall County to correct school district tax issues.
- Mason Sundby thanked students for Mrs. Evans 2nd grade class providing decorations for a tree at the Argyle Mall. In addition, he highlighted the Senior students that helped out with Santa Claus Day in Argyle and sang in the Argyle Mall.
- Cara Hendrickson highlighted the amazing support from our communities for the Keller Family. Donations, attendance to the basketball camp, and individual support for the family.
- Shawn Rominski identified the Certified Nursing Assistant Course that will be held this Spring in cooperation with the Tamarac Assisted Living Center and the 21st Century Grant program.
- Renee Jensen was identified for taking K-2 students to area nursing homes and assisted living facilities to sing for the residents.
- Steve McGlynn identified the terrific community support for the Class of 2019 supper held in December to raise funds for their Senior Class Trip. An estimated 700 meals were served during this fundraiser.
- Betsy Jensen expressed appreciation for the attendance of parents and families to elementary concerts. It is great to provide three concerts each year for everyone to participate and attend.
- Dustin Grabowska highlighted student involvement in community activities as well as school activities. Also, parent support for fund raising activities.

A motion was made by Betsy Jensen and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk

