

# Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

## Board Meeting Minutes

### February 20th, 2019

The regular February School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 6:30 a.m. on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Gail Yutrzenka, Steve McGlynn, Mason Sundby, Betsy Jensen, and Shawn Rominski. School Board members absent were Dustin Grabowska and Cara Hendrickson. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Nevin Lubarski, Shawna Peterson, Jill Adolphson, 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 Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve January 27th regular School Board minutes. 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 February bills as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Rick Kroll and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. Lubarski provided updates on the following activities at SAC Elementary:

- 100<sup>th</sup> Day/Valentine's Day activities – High School students involved with students
- Bingo BBQ – 154 students attended, approximately 250 attend community engagement activity sponsored by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Grant.
- Military Appreciation Game and Celebration of Veteran's
- Winter NWEA tests – Focus on growth – Test Prep for Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments in reading and math
- Reading series selection committee is continue to evaluate options
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century – morning, afternoon, and community activities
- Door Lock project/key distribution - \$50 deposit on keycards
- Upcoming Events: Artist in Residence K-6 Elwyn Ruud, Bus Driver Appreciation-2/27, Storm Pride Days, I Love to Read month – Kick off activities on 3/1, MCA Testing in April, and STEM Fair Challenges 5/9, and Deep Portage Grades 5 & 6 on 5/14-15

Mr. Kuznia provided updates on the following activities at SAC Secondary:

- Congratulations to Abbey Johnson and Jesse Clark for representing SAC at the Region 8 AAA (Arts, Academics, and Athletics) Banquet
- One Act Play represented SAC extremely well at the Section competition in Win-E-Mac
- Mr. Kotts will be traveling with Riverwatch students on 2/27
- Knowledge Bowl continues their season
- Mid-term reports are due on 2/22
- Thank you to everyone that made Military Appreciation Night the huge success – Excellent collaboration with the Stephen Lions, Storm Staff, and Junior Class.
- Robotics Regional competition is in early March at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, ND
- Young Author's Conference Grades 5 & 8 – 3/14 in TRF, MN
- Artist in Residency – Katrina Knutsen and Sara Hanson – 3/4 -8
- 19 students are registered for Trap Team this Spring
- Staff teaching load and flexibility to meet the needs of students is amazing – Thank you to SAC staff for being so student focused.
- Senior Class Trip – Itinerary, Parent meeting, passport update, Parent/Student/Student conferences, Music Ensembles
- Online College in the High School – Mrs. McGlynn continue to do a great job of tracking student progress

- Northern Division Principal's Update – Vaping major issue in schools/MSHSL letter addressing issue/Marshall County Sheriff providing a presentation on Vaping for School Board and staff in March.
- Girl's and Boy's Basketball schedule updates:
  - Girls – 2/28 @ UMC 6:00 p.m., 3/2 @ REA 3:30 p.m., 3/5 and 3/8 games are at REA
  - Boys – 3/4 @ Home, 3/7 @ UMC/NCTC 6:00 p.m., 3/9, 3/11, and 3/15 @ REA
- Spring Activities:
  - 3/11 Softball and Track & Field seasons begin
  - 3/18 Baseball and Golf seasons begin

Mr. Marquis provided updates on technology activities at SAC:

- Student Assessments: Elementary NWEA Testing is nearly completed for K-6 students – Thank you to Mr. Lubarski and staff for their work on completing the assessments. Reports will be downloaded and data reviews will begin with February early-out.
- Facilities & Equipment – Key FOB access at each site – Programing sequence complete, distribution underway
- Upcoming activities:
  - Mr. Kroulik's Baxter The Robot programing and activities
  - MCA/MTAS Testing Season approaching
  - Smart Board Panel repairs
  - Student computer use incentives

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Shawn Rominski to accept the donation of \$12,543.00 from Wikstrom Telephone Co., Inc. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve the membership with the Northwest Council of Collaboratives for the 2019-20 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Mason Sundby and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the purchase of a 2019 76-passenger gas Blue Bird bus as presented - \$91,503.74. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the recommendation to complete a mural at the Stephen site 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 Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office.

• Legislative Update – Information was distributed on current bills being review/proposed, as well as the state budget surplus and Gov. Waltz budget.

• Minnesota Rural Education Association Board meeting – 2/20-21

• Enrollment 134 K-6 155 7-12 26 Pre-School

• Summer School Planning – There will be a 3 week program offered through 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant program. We anticipate July 22<sup>nd</sup>-August 12th to be the dates of the program.

• School Board Appreciation week is February 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to the members of the SAC School Board for their time and commitment to our kids and communities.

• Minnesota Association of School Administrators Day at the Capital will be March 19<sup>th</sup>. This will give school leaders from the NW Region the opportunity to speak with MN Legislators about school needs in our area.

• Summer Employment – We are projecting having staff adults taking care of most of the summer cleaning positions. We may have 1-2 youth spots at each building.

• Social Worker – Stephanie Patnode has done an excellent job transitioning into the position this year. As we look forward to serving the needs of students and families, we continue to look at additional partnerships for resources.

- School calendar 2018-19 – At this time, we have used 2 storm days that were built into the calendar and we have 2 addition storm days. We will review and evaluate the calendar at the March regular School Board meeting.
- The Work Comp Insurance rate has changed to .74. This will dramatically impact our 2019-20 rates to the positive.
- Building access update – We have completed the lock project and we are currently accepting applications for key cards for gym and weight room access at both sites.
- Hvidsten Scholarship – The family of Ralph Hvidsten wants to establish a scholarship in his name. Mr. Kuznia and I will be working with the family on the criteria and funding for the scholarship.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve the 2019-20 school calendar as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Shawn Rominski to accept the intent to negotiate from Education Minnesota Stephen-Argyle (EMSA) for 2019-2021 contract. Accept request for Education Stephen-Argyle (EMSA) to have up to 3 representatives to be present at the initial opening of group insurance proposals – March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Tell me something GREAT about our school and/or communities:

The Argyle Lions hosted a 2 day elementary basketball tournament on February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. The tournament was held at SAC Elementary in Argyle. Special thanks to the Girl's basketball players for their work throughout the day, Junior Class students and parents for taking care of concessions, Mr. Malm for his incredible work over the two days, and all of the community volunteers that took part in the activities.

The Bingo activity held at SAC Elementary served as an incredible community engagement activity supported through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning grant. 155 students and 100 adults too part in the activities. Thank you to all of the staff that worked to make this activity happen.

Robotics – Excellent mentors and volunteers have brought a lot of excitement to the program.

The technology used for communication during the difficult weather conditions has been excellent.

Community support and enthusiasm supporting participants in activities has been excellent throughout the year. We appreciate the positive cheering for players.

Thank you to our positive support staff for all of their dedication to our students. Bus drivers attention to the safety of all our kids. Para professional and kitchen staff have been very involved in community engagement activities.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 a.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson  
ISD #2856 Clerk