

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

March 17th, 2021

Representatives from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation provided a presentation at 6:30 p.m. regarding establishing Storm Foundation Scholarship Fund. The presentations also included a question and answer session on how the foundation works, investment information, and how the scholarship system works.

The regular March School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 7:00 p.m. on March 17th, 2021 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Steve McGlynn, Katie Adolphson, Rick Kroll, Gail Yutrzenka, Dustin Grabowska, Cara Hendrickson, and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Jill Adolphson, Shawna Peterson, Erin VanCamp, Nathan Dalager, 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 Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve the regular February 22nd School Board minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Katie Adolphson to approve the March bills 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 the Treasurer's report as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Erin VanCamp presented information on concerns related to her children in the school district.

The meeting was closed at 7:20 p.m.

The meeting was opened at 7:42 p.m. The information presented by Mrs. VanCamp was reviewed and a response will be provided by Superintendent Mills and Mr. McGlynn.

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

- People, Purpose, and Passion – 2020-2021
 - Mentor/Mentee Meeting at high school too place on 3/17
 - Staff Development Day – 3/26
 - Student/Parent/Teacher conferences – 3/30-31
 - MCA Testing of reading, science, and math dates tentatively set
 - ACT Testing for juniors offered in April
 - Seniors continue to wrap up community service hours, scholarship applications, and college applications
- Extra/C0-Curricular updates
 - Knowledge Bowl finished off one of the most successful season we had
 - School Musical continues to prepare “Charlie Brown” with April 16-18 performance dates
 - The Robotics Team continues to build, program, make modifications, ect
 - Booster Club report – Bingo!
 - GBB dates 3/19 vs Northern Freeze (H), 3/20 vs WAO/F/B winner (H), 3/23 (H), 3/26 REA
 - BBB dates 3/18 vs WAO (H), 3/20 vs BGMR/SH winner, 3/23, 3/25 REA
- Storm Foundation updates – Donations of over \$32,000 have been received at this time.
- Prom, Performance, Award's Day, Graduation, Class Trip
 - 4/24 Promo, 5/13 Spring concert, Awards Day, 5/29 Graduation 2:00 p.m. Kimball Auditorium
 - Review Class Trip Itinerary 4/5-10

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

- Knowledge Bowl/TEAMS virtual edition from the elementary site
- Mr. Malm concessions & North Star conference logo
- MCA Testing – reading & math grades 3-6, science grade 5, 1:1 devices are terrific
- Elementary upcoming dates: 3/26 No school staff development & end of quarter, 3/30 & /31 Parent/Student/Teacher conferences, No School 4/2 & 4/5, 4/16 River Cinema for K-6, Week of 4/19 MCA

reading, Week of 4/26 MCA Math, 4/30 Early-out staff development, 5/4 MCA Science, 5/6 Last day of Pre-School, 5/7 Pre-School Graduation, 5/28 Last day of school, 5/29 Graduation

- Flag FB and Elementary VB planning for April and May
- 21st Century after-school program planning for April and May
- Summer SACC – baseball, softball, piano, golf, pool, garden are confirmed activities – Working on volleyball, football, and basketball activities
- Staff jigsaw puzzle for 21-22 in progress – Recruiting staff, students and bus drivers!
- Summer work proposals

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

- Facilities & Equipment – Stephen site firewall, Intercampus phone system, Storm livestreams: winding down, BB play-offs + special events, Music error, NFHS system discussion, SAC Keycards

- Student assessments: NWEA adjustments completed, 2020-2021 MCA Assessments: Mid April

Upcoming Activities: Possible network updates – Wikel has provided a very early quote on replacing wireless network hubs. Review KCC system in Hallock. 2021-2022 Student computer & policy, Equipment move: desktops & Ipads

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

2021-2022 School Calendar

Class of 2021 chaperones for the class trip – Betsy Jensen and Jodi Kasprovicz

Hiring of Hannah Rynning, Elementary Instructor 2021-2022

3 year agreement with Brady, Martz & Associates P.C. for auditing services

All School Board members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the request of Renee Jensen and Jill Adolphson for Early Retirement Incentive per the current policy. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Rick Kroll and seconded by Katie Adolphson to accept the retirement/resignation of Kathy Labine, effective June 4th, 2021 – with deep appreciation for her 16 years of service to the students and families of Stephen-Argyle Central. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

After review, a motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the resolution establishing the Storm Foundation Scholarship Fund with the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 21st at 6:30 a.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.
- A Legislative update was provided by Superintendent Mills – A copy of Ewald Consulting information was also provided on current legislative activities.
- Enrollment update – We currently have 294 K-12 students enrolled in the district / There are 27 Pre-School students.
- A review of the listed capital projects was completed. These projects are focus projects for the summer of 2021. Update lighting in Argyle, Concession stand updates, Waterline at Stephen site, Tiling of football field, and Installation of Early Childhood playground.
- Meet & Confer meeting will be held on Monday, March 22nd at 7:00 a.m. in the Stephen Supt. Office
- 55 Alive classes will begin in September. We are working on scheduling 2 classes with the instructor Mike Douglas.
- Health Insurance quotes are currently being received – The quotes will be opened on 3/23 at 3:15 p.m. with staff representation.
- A review of the draft budget for 2021-22 was completed. The budget is very early in development as we wait to see what the State of Minnesota does during Legislative session and final allocations are being determined of the federal stimulus funds.
- American Crystal grant has been funded and check has been received for Ag program start-up supplies.

- Gene Haas Foundation grant has been approved for 2021 – The funds will be split into \$2,500 for supplies and \$2,500 for scholarships for a student pursuing post-secondary in technical fields.
- 21st Century program continues to progress and planning for summer programing is well underway. I will present at a Career Pathways conference on March 31st highlighting the Certified Nursing Assistant program facilitated by Nurse Julie Dahlman through the 21st Century program.
- Federal stimulus funds are not available until July 1st
- Storm Foundation has raised over \$32,000 that will be endowed into the Northwest Minnesota Foundation into the Storm Scholarship Fund.
- A review of Social Studies standards and the Legislative recommendation to place Civics into the 11th Grade curriculum was completed.
- Notice of intent to participate in PIEP was provided by representatives of EMSA
- Notice of representation of EMSA at the opening of the Health Insurance quotes on 3/23 was received

The meeting was closed at 8:58 p.m. to review personnel

The meeting was opened at 9:17 p.m.

Tell me something great: Class Trip 2021 – Great to have a plan in place for the seniors to participate in class trip. Letter of Appreciation from the Kurowski Family for work on scholarship in memory of their brother Dale. Young people moving back into the community – Pre-School enrollment projections. Stuff on the calendar for kids shows a return to normal – basketball tournaments, flag football, elementary volleyball, baseball, softball, music concerts, ect. Concessions for events – Thank you to Mr. Malm and Juniors. Argyle Lions Elementary BB Tournament – Great work by volunteers.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk