

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

February 24th, 2021

The regular February School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 6:30 a.m. on February 24th, 2021 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Steve McGlynn, Katie Adolphson, Dustin Grabowska, Cara Hendrickson, Gail Yutrzenka, Rick Kroll, and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Chrissy Nelson, Stephanie Patnode, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski 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 Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Katie Adolphson to approve the regular February 24th School Board minutes. 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 February 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.

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

2020-2021 – People, Purpose, Passion

- Midterms for 3rd Quarter are due Monday morning – 3/2
- Meeting with Ag Education instructor Maddie Stewart and Pine to Prairie Cooperative Tom Leuthner on February 12th went very well.
- Staff vaccinations have gone extremely well – Nurse Julie has communicated extremely well with staff.
- Bus Driver Appreciation – Very thankful to have the drivers we have in place.
- 2021-22 Master Schedule is ahead of schedule at this time.
- Student/Parent/Teacher conferences will be March 30th & April 1st

Extra-curricular updates

- Knowledge Bowl sub-regions are 2/24 – Good luck to Blue & Gold teams
- Congrats to One Act Play (2nd in sub-section, 4th in section)
- The Robotics Team competition will be April 16th
- Congrats to James Pederson on winning sub section 32 and Region 8 Triple AAA award
- Booster Club Bingo night in Halma - 2/24
- GBB upcoming games – 2/26 @ RLCC, 3/1 vs SH, 3/2 @ G/G, 3/4 @ RLF
- GBB Play-off dates – 3/16, 19, 20, 23, and REA March 26
- BBB upcoming dates – 2/26 @ KCC, 3/2 @ F/B, 3/4 vs BGMR, 3/5 vs RLC
- BBB Play-off dates – March 15, 18, 20, 23, and REA March 25

Storm Foundation update – We have received donations of over \$29,000. What a great investment our community is making in our future graduates.

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

- 2nd Quarter Awards program – Thank you to Mr. Marquis for streaming the program.
- Celebration of 100th day of school
- Knowledge Bowl zooming from Argyle site
- COVID Update – Thank you to Nurse Julie for all of her work.
- Activities in the 95 days – Toothpick Bridges, STEM Fair, Earth Day cleanup, Music performances, NWEA math and reading, MCA Testing, Track and Field Day
- Summer SACC program – 26 currently on list for childcare
- School age – completed Pre-School through 5th grade – Led by adults

- Activities taking shape – Possible options: Baseball, Softball, Swimming, Golf, Football, Volleyball, Basketball, Theatre, Band/Music, Piano Lessons, Gardening, Technology)
- Next up: Ordering equipment/materials, setting up schedules, hiring student workers
- Bus Driver Appreciation activities

Mr. Marquis provide updates on the following technology activities at SAC:

- Facilities & Equipment – Storm streaming of winter activities is busy, Firewall Failure(2.16-2.17 Stephen site) Third unit, second replacement, SAC Key Card access – 100 in use, new box of cards available, Monthly cleaning routine working well with student machines
- Student Assessments – NWEA Testing near complete at Stephen, 2020-21 MCA Testing opens March 8th
- Projects – Audio posting – Thank you to Barbara Spicer for 2020 FB & VB
- Upcoming activity – 35 Cisco Access points set to expire(End of support) Possible summer project would be the replacement of AP's Controllers, and Firewalls. Storm Stream review – continuation/staffing

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Leave request by Kelsey Anderson
- Leave request by Danika Sundby
- Leave request by Kallie Lubarski
- Acceptance of donation from Wikel Telephone Co. Inc. - \$11,230

All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to accept the resignation/retirement of Jill Adolphson, with deep appreciation for 29 years of service to the children of Stephen-Argyle Central. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to accept the resignation/retirement of Renee Jensen, with deep appreciation for 34 years of service to the children of Stephen-Argyle Central. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A review of the requests by Jill Adolphson and Renee Jensen for Early Retirement Incentives based on MN Statue 122A.48. The requests will be forward to the Board Negotiations committee for policy review and recommendation.

Superintendent Items:

• The next regular School Board meeting will be held on March 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office.

• Information was provided for review on current MN Legislative activities. The state budget forecast will be available on February 26th.

• The current K-12 enrollment is 293 students. There are currently 27 Pre-School students.

• Summer Planning is underway for the 21st Century Programs and Summer SACC.

• School Board Appreciation week is February 22nd-26th – Thank you to our School Board members for their time and commitment to the children of Stephen-Argyle Central.

• Bus Driver Appreciation week – Thank you for your work to keep our kids safe!

• Minnesota Association of School Administrators Day at the Capital will be March 17th – This will be a virtual activity with Legislators

• Summer Youth Employment applications will be made available the first week in March.

• The 2021-22 school calendar has been reviewed – It will be presented for approval at the regular March Board meeting.

• A mid-year meeting to review the grant activities with Minnesota Department of Education personnel will be held on 2/24.

• The Storm Foundation has currently raised \$29,100 for the Storm Scholarship Fund.

• We are reviewing information from the Northwest Minnesota Foundation regarding the establishment of the Storm Foundation and Storm Funds in the Northwest Minnesota Foundation. Representatives from NWF will be attending the regular March School Board meeting.

• Pathways II funding has been established for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023. This results in \$15,000 in funding for Early Childhood programs.

- Career & Tech Funding will be available through local levy to support the funding of the Ag Instructor position.

- The updated Work Comp Mod rate is .71

- A review of a Unemployment Hearing on a former employee was complete.

- We are accepting quotes on lighting upgrades for the Argyle and Stephen sites. Ottetail Electric is providing a 75% rebate to updating light to LED. We are working with the City of Stephen on a possible rebate to update lighting as well.

- A review of fiscal information for the 2021 Operating Referendum was completed. The information is to determine tax impact of new referendum and to set a per pupil number for the Fall election.

- Requests for quotes will be sent out in March for property, auto, and work comp insurance.

- There is a waterline break beneath the tunnels on the north side of the Stephen site. The water will be shut off on the end of the building and the repair will be completed in June.

- A review of 2021-22 staffing needs was completed. There will be a great deal of transition with staff in teaching and support positions.

- Emergency Management has come through to cover some of the damage from the July wind storm at the football field. The coverage will provide \$3,530.63. The funds will be used for additional repair and updates at the football field.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to accept intent to negotiate from Education Minnesota Stephen-Argyle (EMSA) for 2021-2023. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A review was completed on the senior class trip, prom, graduation, and awards day. We are planning for Midwest class trip in early April. Details are in process at this time. We are planning for Prom on April 24th. We are planning for limited guest, but other activities would be in place based on COVID numbers and mitigation activities in place. Awards Day is scheduled for May 7th at 9:00 a.m. There would be limited in-person guest, we would focus on parents and presenters as well as grades 9-12 attending. Graduation is scheduled for May 29th at 2:00 p.m. in Kimball Auditorium. The ceremony would be our normal ceremony with social distancing in place.

The meeting was closed to review personnel issue at 8:20 a.m.

The meeting was opened at 8:35 a.m.

Tell me something great: Celebrate our Bus Drivers! Thank you to all the staff for all of the extra things being done to make in-person school work and provide activities for students. Appreciate the positive attitudes of students and staff during COVID. Thank you for all of the great work Nurse Julie has done throughout the year. The Storm Foundation has surpassed the fund raising goal, great support from Storm Alumni, supporters and friends. Appreciation for Mrs. Adolphson and Mrs. Jensen - for their service to students and community. Appreciation for the work that our School Board members do for students and community. Elementary basketball volunteers working to provide opportunities for our kids.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 a.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk