

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

December 15th, 2021

The regular December School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 7:00 p.m. on December 15th, 2021 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Katie Adolphson, Steve McGlynn, Shawn Rominski, Rick Kroll, Cara Hendrickson, and Dustin Grabowska. School board member absent were Gail Yutrzenka. Others present at the meeting were Kevin Kuznia, Nevin Lubarski, Maddie Stewart, Shawna Peterson, Ethan Marquis, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

The Pledge of Allegiance was completed to open meeting.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Dustin Grabowska 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 November 19th School Board minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

A motion was made by Rick Kroll 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 provided updates on the following activities at SAC Secondary:

- 2021-2022 activities – Staff have been completing in-house peer observations and out of district observations as part of Q-Comp program goals, Attendance letters have been sent out to 4 students that are not meeting the district and state expectations, Congratulations to the new Minnesota Honor Society members: Aiden Anderson, Claire McGlynn, Tessa Durand, and Will McGlynn, and Student Council planning dress-up days and activities for final days before the holiday break.
- Extra/Co-Curricular updates: Knowledge Bowl (Mr. Risky) practice in full swing, Mrs. Dalager has been on an unreal run (Musical, Christmas concerts, new prep to host the One Act Play), Mr. Paulson has his TEAMS competition groups are set up, FFA and Ms. Stewart has been extremely active, Reminder that last year BB practices started 1/4.
- Storm Hall of Fame updates – Hall of Fame committee (Merle Adolphson, Brent Halfmann, Shirley Hendrickson, David McGlynn, Gayle Stoltman, Gail Yutrzenka, Chris Mills, and Kevin Kuznia) has started the selection process for the Class of 2022. The banquet will be held on Friday, February 4th – February 5th GBB vs Langdon and Argyle Lions Elementary Tournament that weekend.

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

- Musical performance – Thank you for the opportunity to have Grades 4-6 attend the performance. Seizure training for Grades K-12 and all staff. Christmas program for K-4 was outstanding and performed to a packed house in the Argyle Old Gym. Ag program activities being shared with elementary students, Thank you to all of the subs that have supported school this year as teachers and support staff positions, High School students have been job shadowing and helping with classroom activities, and grade level collaborations for student activities.
- From the Classroom – Student absences are a concern due to a number of issues, follow-up with families is key. Working through expectations for homework and return to school. Testing schedule for NWEA will be in mid-January.
- Staffing – New para schedule has been created to cover Pre-School due to a staff change. We are currently maxed out with our para time, if we have students that are identified as needing additional direct service time there will be a need for additional personnel.
- Home testing for COVID and 22-23 Intervention focus were discussed as issues of discussion.

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

- Facilities & Equipment – NFHS system issues with games, working with tech support to resolve issues. NFHS payment to school district, Final iPads/cases have arrived, Student computers: 1 MBA spare at elementary at this time. Christmas collection of machines and general checks.

- FCC Emergency Connectivity funding update – Approved – Verified- No News at this point on final funding
- Upcoming activities – Site network firewalls, Wikel – Offsite NVR access, Firewall – Winter NWEA Assessments

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

- Leave request of Mary Chwialkowski – 2/22-23/22
- Leave request of Maddie Stewart – 2/17/22
- Leave request of Angie Mills – 12/20-23/21

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

A review of for Truth and Taxation, as well as the 2021 Pay 2022 Levy certification was completed. A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the 2021 Pay 2022 Levy at \$974,899.39. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A review of the current support salary and compensation was completed. During the review a recommendation was made to raise the starting salary to \$14 hourly starting with January hours worked and raise all existing support staff by \$1 hourly starting with January hours worked. A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the support staff compensation recommendation 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 2020-21 audit prepared by Brady, Martz as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Katie Adolphson to approve the Stephen Freezer project as presented - \$32,500. All School Board members voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve the hiring of Brianne Patterson – Para professional. 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 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The meeting will serve as the yearly reorganization meeting for the School Board.
- Enrollment update – Pre-School '22-31, '23-17, '24-31, '25-13, '26-26, '27-6
 - o 21-22 – 298 K-12 students
 - o 22-23 – 300 K-12 students
 - o 23-24 – 298 K-12 students
 - o 24-25 – 304 K-12 students
 - o 25-26 – 295 K-12 students
 - o 26-27 – 299 K-12 students
- Storm Foundation – \$340,100 endowed scholarship funds - \$55,100 spendable funds
- Connie & Mercee Champions Club Fund - \$164,000 – Additional \$40 has been committed for December contribution
- Recommendations for Senior Class Trip Chaperones will be made in January
- An updated regular School Board meeting schedule was presented for 2022
- Gail Yutzenka will be recognized at the Minnesota School Board Association Winter conference in January 2022 for participating in over 300 hours of training in her 22 year career on the School Board.
- Excellence in Epilepsy recognizes SAC through training held for all students and staff
- An update was provided on year end activities in the NW Council of Collaboratives – In addition, a review of current grants and the 2022 budget was provided.
- Wellness activities for staff are in progress – Water Challenge in November and Gratitude Challenge in December. We will be planning monthly activities through the school year.
- Article for the Messenger was provided for review – “Welcome a New Year with Gratitude!”
- Minnesota High School League has approved the use of shot clocks in basketball for all schools in 2023-24. We will be purchasing and installing shot clocks for the 22-23 seasons.
- Work Comp audit was completed and SAC received \$3,500 rebate.
- NW MN Arts Council has awarded SAC with a grant for \$2,100 to purchase new sound system at each site.

- We will be posting our School Social Worker position in January for the 2022-23 school year.
- The lighting project with Ottertail Electric was completed – The rebate returned to the school district was \$44,500 on \$56,000 work of updates. Thank you to Tony Safranski - City of Argyle for the assistance with this project.

Tell me something Great: Mrs. Dalager has done a tremendous job with school musical and concerts, Christmas concert community attendance has been tremendous, HOPE Bake sale, Argyle New Gym floor project is an excellent facility upgrade, G.I.V.E (Gratitude, Initiative, Vision, Energy) mentality has been a very positive theme for students and staff, and Thank you to our staff for their continued work – Great activities: MN Honor Society, FFA activities, concessions, concerts, and daily focus on students!

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Katie Adolphson to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk