

# Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

## Board Meeting Minutes

### January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The regular January School Board meeting was called to order by Steve McGlynn at 7:00 p.m. on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Dustin Grabowska, Gail Yutrzenka, Cara Hendrickson, Steve McGlynn, Katie Adolphson, Rick Kroll, and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Ethan Marquis, Kevin Kuznia, Nevin Lubarski, Kari Rivard, Nicole Groven, Jill Adolphson and Superintendent Chris Mills.

All individuals in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve the agenda as presented. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

At this time Steve McGlynn called for nominations for School Board Chairperson.

Steve McGlynn was nominated for the position of Chairperson. All nominations ceased for School Board Chairperson. A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve Steve McGlynn as Chairperson. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

At this time Chairperson McGlynn called for nominations for School Board Vice-Chairperson.

Gail Yutrzenka was nominated for the position of Vice-Chairperson. All nominations ceased for School Board Vice-Chairperson. A motion was by Steve McGlynn and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve Gail Yutrzenka as Vice-Chairperson. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Cara Hendrickson was nominated for the position of Clerk. All nominations ceased for School Board Clerk. A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve Cara Hendrickson as Clerk. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Dustin Grabowska was nominated for the position of Treasurer. All nominations ceased for School Board Treasurer. A motion was by Rick Kroll and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve Dustin Grabowska as Treasurer. 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 December 18<sup>th</sup> regular School Board minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

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

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

Mr. Kuznia presented information on the following activities at SAC Secondary:

- 20-21 ... People, Purpose, Passion:
  - We continue to hear how lucky we are to be in person, can't imagine not
  - Finals Week wraps up tomorrow, with make up tests Friday. We enter the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and thankfully the weather cooperated thus far.
  - We welcome Ms. Callie Tescher to SAC as a student teacher in English. Spending time in both Mrs. McGlynn and Mrs. Adolphson.
  - A thank you from the staff for the continued support for the early-outs scheduled on Fridays. The additional planning and staff development time has been well spent and needed.
  - Staff are anxiously awaiting their turns for the vaccine.
  - Para-professional week is January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> – We are so blessed with the amazing group that invest their time in what's best for their students.
  - All 2020 graduates who submitted their required information have received scholarship funds for their spring semester.
  - Class of 2021 senior trip – What can we do?
  - 2021-22 Master Schedule will begin its process of being built ...certainly some changes on the horizon
- Extra/Co-Curricular Updates
  - Knowledge Bowl has had an awesome start to the year (2 teams)
  - One act Play will finalize their taped performance on Friday (Zoom Practice)
  - The Robotics Team has begun its journey of building the robot.

- Mr. Malm and the juniors have enjoyed opening up the concession stand, only about half of the schools are offering during basketball games
- Upcoming Academic, Arts, and Athletic Banquet in February
- Compliments to our coaches. The “extra” to deal with in terms of transportation to and from games and what that entails, mask policing, locker room usage, and many other tasks are in addition to previous years.
- Thank you to Mr. Marquis for not only live streaming our event, but also finding the link for away games and putting on the Storm website
- Booster Club funding was at a pause and is finally back up and running
- GBB upcoming games: 1/21 vs RLCC, 1/26 @ Sacred Heart, 1/28 WAO
- BBB upcoming games: 1/22 vs KCC, 1/29 vs Sacred Heart, 2/2 @ WAO
- Play-off Schedule TBD
- Storm Foundation Updates
  - We have received donations of over \$7,000 already with many just receiving the letter this week. Thank you to the community for contributing to a long-term scholarship project that goes directly to the students.

Mr. Lubarski provide an update on activities at SAC Elementary:

- COVID update – Fantastic trend at school – We currently have no student on quarantine or Zooming due to COVID. Limited spread seating at this time.
- Holiday music was a wonderful solution for programs. Music staff working on recording Pep Band for games at this time. We have lots of creative ideas that bring solutions at this time rather than allow barriers to slow us down.
- Elementary basketball is off an running for grades 3-6 – girls and boys are practicing at both sites. We are limiting the participation tournaments until mid February.
- NWEA Testing is being completed in classrooms with 1:1 technology.
- Activity room being used for SACC and 21<sup>st</sup> century programs.
- Summer SACC program is in the planning process. We will be actively recruiting staff and looking for activity ideas for the summer program.

Mr. Marquis covered technology updates at SAC:

- Facilities and Equipment
  - **Distance Learning Adjustments**
  - Nearly complete in reasonable charge racks + short notice home supplies
  - Elementary site charge arrangement adjustment adjusted – Every class (K-6) now independent for take home cords
  - **Storm Streams – Basketball**
  - Access is good – Quality is limited
  - Planning for student workers & proper locations
  - **Repairs**
  - Drone repair complete – New controller needed
  - Repairable iPads delivered to iCare of Fargo – Repairs completed
  - Apple ID issue has been resolved – Thank you to Mr. Lubarski!
  - **Upcoming Activity** – Key cards – almost out 100 distributed next box is on the way.
  - Winter NWEA season has been good so far – Thank you to Mr. Lubarski and staff.

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

- School Board committees for 2021
- Northwest Minnesota Council of Collaboratives – 2021 Membership
- Sanford Employee Assistance Program collaboration
- Leave request for Angie Mills 2/8-11

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

A first review of the 2021-2022 School Calendar was completed. The calendar will be distributed for review and be brought back for action at the regular March School Board meeting.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Rick Kroll to approve the hiring of Maddie

Stewart, Agriculture Program Instructor, effective for the 2021-2022 school year. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Gail Yutrzenka and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions and reasons therefore. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent items:

• The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 a.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.

• Enrollment update – The current K-12 enrollment is 292 and the Pre-School enrollment is 28

• The current 5 year enrollment projections are as follows:

- 2020-21            292 K-12 students
- 2021-22            290 K-12 students
- 2022-23            292 K-12 students
- 2023-24            282 K-12 students
- 2024-25            287 K-12 students

• The State of the School article for Stephen-Argyle Central was published in the Messenger. Lots of positive things to reflective upon and many great things to build upon as we look forward to 2021.

• Minnesota School Board Association is hold it's winter conference virtual this year January 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>.

• Para Professional Celebration week is January 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

• An update on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning center programs was provided. There will be a mid-year meeting with program superintendents on February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

• Health Insurance bid process is going forward at this time – The RFP will be released on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Bid will be accepted for 6 weeks and reviewed in mid March.

• Storm Foundation continue to make progress towards the goal of raising \$25,000 of matching scholarship funds. At this time, over \$7,000 has been raised toward the goal.

• Current scholarship funds that that SAC manages are the Jim Burlum Scholarship Fund, Tiger Fund, and the Andi Olsonaski Scholarship Fund.

• A review of information from the NW Foundation was also completed. Decision making on the use of the NW Foundation will be made in the coming months.

• We have received the funding for the NW MN Arts Equipment grant – The grant is a matching grant for \$3,000 and is used to purchased equipment to support the streaming of athletic and arts activities and events at SAC.

• The State of Minnesota continues to update the "Safe Learning Plan" on a weekly basis for schools.

We continue to make adjustments in transportation, food services, classroom delivery and management, ect to stay in state compliance and maintain a safe and secure setting for students and staff.

• Parent/Student/Teacher conferences will be held 3/31 and 4/1 – We will be working to offer in-person and distance conferences as it works for staff, students, and parents.

• CAREAS Funding should be available by the January or early February to public schools. SAC should receive about \$104,000 in federal funding.

• CHS Grant has been submitted for Agriculture program development/Ag Partnerships have been started with Markit and Simplot

• Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program – Information was sent out on the current state statue that is in place and how this could in-pact staffing.

• An update was provided on the State of MN pilot COVID-19 vaccine distribution program – SAC has been allotted 6 shots for the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>.

• We have currently planned for early-out for February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup>. If the county COVID-19 numbers continue to trend as they are currently we would move away from early-outs in March.

• The final projects have been completed related to the wind/tornado damage in July. Final insurance payments have been made totaling \$48,000 related to replacement of the bleachers, removal of bleachers, repair of the concession stand, cleanup and repair of the football field, and repair of fencing.

• ONEOK grant has been submitted to support the Ag program start-up in the Fall of 2021. Thank you to David Gunderson for his support.

The First review of MSBA/SAC policy 808 COVID-19 Face Covering policy was completed.

A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to approve the leave of absence request by Betsy Sorenson for the 2021-22 school year as presented. All school board present voted in favor of the motion.

Tell me something Great:

- New Agriculture Program – Enthusiasm in community and partnerships with businesses
- Agriculture program fits well in our communities
- Winter activities up and running is good for kids and communities mental health
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Snowman projects is a great example of some normal activities and classroom creativity
- Providing concessions at winter activities is a step toward normal
- Teachers – No one on Zoom at this time due to COVID-19 related issues
- Things happening the Storm Way – Appreciate Mr. Marquis work on the streaming of activities – Really involves the Storm community in activities

A motion was made by Gail Yutzenka and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m. All School Board members present approved the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson  
ISD #2856 Clerk