

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

November 17th, 2021

The regular November School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 7:00 p.m. on November 17th, 2021 in the Argyle Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Katie Adolphson, Steve McGlynn, Shawn Rominski, Gail Yutrzenka, Cara Hendrickson, and Dustin Grabowska. School board member absent were Rick Kroll. Others present at the meeting were Kevin Kuznia, Nevin Lubarski, Zach Risky, Ethan Marquis, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

A motion was made by Cara Hendrickson 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 Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Katie Adolphson to approve the regular October 20th School Board minutes and the November 9th Special 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 October bills as presented. 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 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:

- High School activities since last meeting: 11/11 Veteran's Day program, 11/15-19 American Education Week, 11/17 School Musical performance for students, 11/19 Early-out/Seizure Safety Training for staff and students, 11/20 GBB Jamboree in Grygla, 11/23 Intro to Ag class visits Porter's Deer Farm, 11/30 TEAM-UP Leadership seminar for 7 sophomores @ REA TRF, 12/1 Senior Volunteers visiting 3rd Grade (Ginger Bread Houses), and 12/3 First Home GBB on updated court in Argyle.
- End of 1st Quarter notes – A few more incomplete this year due to state volleyball attendance, deer hunting, ect – We had 30 students not meet their AR Goal for the quarter, Compliments to Mrs. Swanson scheduling of college recruiters, job shadowing, ASVAB testing, tracking volunteer hours, video for referendum – Great stuff!
- Student/Parent/Teacher conferences – A few left to get to 100%, thank you to parents for your support.
- Extra curricular and Co-curricular schedules – Instrumental and band solos 11/17 in Hallock, School Musical; "She Loves Me" to be preformed 11/19th-21st, GBB practice underway 22 participants 9-12 and 14 7th&8th, BBB basketball practice starts next week, One Act Play begins in December (Mrs. Dalager)
- Senior Class Trip proposed itinerary was review – At this time the trip is planned for Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Notre Dame, and sites TBD

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

- American Education Week, ABC Fashion show in Kindergarten, 6th grade students assisting with Pre-School physical education classes, Student/Parent/Teacher conferences – Great work by Katie in scheduling, excellent attendance, Health care cards sent by students to area workers, and 1st Quarter Awards program.
- Activities – Veteran's Day program, School Musical grades 4-6 attending, Gym Floor restoration, Morning planning for students, Gym usage calendar online
- Summer enrichment and childcare programs – 5 adults hired for 2022 program
- Staffing – recruitment and retention of staff key issue at this time
- Connie and Merece Lubarski Champions Fund – Over \$200,000
- Winter season – Clean up after games & referees

Mr. Marquis reported the following information on technology activities at SAC:

- Facilities & Equipment
 - o Student/Staff operating systems (NWEA), Chrome, Notebook
 - o iPad shipment notification, Misconfigured AP repaired by Wiktel
 - o NFHS Storm BB season ahead, -2 damage for screen repair, Print overage

- Student computer checks/cleans – about 3 weeks
- FCC Emergency Connectivity Fund funding approved – Next steps – 3rd round coming
- Projects – Storm recordings (Thank you to Barbara Spicer & Angie Mills)
- Upcoming Activity – Power Supply requests

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Katie Adolphson to approve the consent agenda items as presented:

- 2020-21 World's Best Work Force
- 2020-21 Community Education Report
- Leave request of Karen Evans – 11/23-24
- Leave request of Mark Hendrickson – 11/24
- Accept the generous donation of a Grand Piano from the Stephen Arts Council
- Approve the Resolution of Governing Board Supporting Form A Application to Minnesota State High School League.

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

A final review and approve of the policies updated by the 2021 MN Legislature and Minnesota School Board Association:

- Policy 102 Equal Educational Opportunity
- Policy 406 Public and Private Data
- Policy 413 Harassment and Violence
- Policy 425 Staff Development
- Policy 501 School Weapon Policy
- Policy 503 Student Attendance
- Policy 507 Corporal Punishment
- Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- Policy 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy
- Policy 534 Unpaid Meal Charges

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

A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Shawn Rominski to approve the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for Multiple Precincts and Designated Hours During Which the Polling Places will Remain Open for Voting for School District Elections not held on the day of Statewide Election.

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

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the Stephen Superintendent's office.
- Truth in Taxation meeting will be held as part of the regular December School Board meeting.
- The updated K-12 enrollment is 294 students 31 Pre-School students
- The Veteran's Day program was held in cooperation with the Argyle American Legion. The in-person event was very well attended by community members. Thank you to Commander John Labine for his work to support this in-person event.
- Student/Parent/Teacher conferences were held on 11/9-11/22. Terrific attendance, we hope to finalize the data collection and be close to 100% attendance.
- Meet & Confer meeting scheduled has been post phoned at this time.
- The fall musical will be held on 11/18-20/21
- The Minnesota School Board Association Winter conference will be held on 1/12-14/22
- We are currently posting for para professionals at the high school and pre-school. This is becoming an extremely important issue as we are seeing a lack of candidates at this time.

- A review of support staff compensation was started to determine if current compensation salary and benefits are competitive regionally. Additional information from regional schools will be collected to be reviewed at the December meeting.

- The 21st Century programming continues at both sites in the before and after school programming. In addition, we are starting the planning for summer programming. There will be a presentation at the Minnesota Rural Education Association conference on the four school collaboration.

- The 2020-21 final audit will be completed in December. Part of the process this year is a single federal audit due to the district receiving over \$500,000 in federal funds.

- An update was provided on new Federal and State requirements regarding OSHA for employees dealing with vaccination and COVID-19 testing. The requirements at this time deal with employers with 100 employees or more. At this time, SAC falls under the 100 employee threshold.

- A grant was written on behalf of the Stephen Pool by SAC to Embridge – The grant was funded for \$7,500. The funds will be used for locker room upgrades.

- A letter will be sent to all households by the Commissioner of Education dealing with COVID-19 recommendations. An email will be sent to all families providing an update on the letter.

A review of an early retirement incentive request by Tammi Anderson was completed. The request will be brought back for action in December.

Tell me something GREAT!

- Thank you to our administration, teachers, and staff for all they do for kids and community. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people in our school system.
- Sports Boosters – Thank you for the investment in our facilities. The Argyle Gym Floor and Stephen Locker room are terrific examples of our focus on the future.
- Operating Referendum – Great community support!
- Terrific to have the 4th-6th Grade students attend the Musical!
- Great participation numbers in the musical and ag program.
- Thank you to the Board and Administration for the work on the referendum.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk