

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

March 21st, 2022

The regular March School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 7:00 p.m. on March 21st, 2022 in the Argyle 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, Mary Chwialkowski, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 Katie Adolphson to approve the regular February 23rd School Board minutes. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A motion was made by Rick Kroll and seconded by Dustin Grabowska to approve the February bills as presented. 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 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:

4 days remain in the 3rd academic quarter of the school year

- March 4th speaker (Anton Treuer) at Grygla High School was very well done.
- March 9th Young Author Conference – NCTC
- March 11th – First eLearning Day, very positive overall feedback on the day.
- Senior Class Trip: Bags here Friday, flight leaves next Thursday afternoon – 19 seniors traveling.
- March 21st Polaris Industries sent a representative to visit with a host of students about potential careers with their global company
- Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment testing is just around the corner in mid April
- ACT Testing for juniors is April 5th
- Master course schedule for 2022-23 is in progress
- Storm PPP Fund continue to grow through the generous community donations

Co-curricular/Extra-curricular activities:

- Robotics competition this week/weekend in Grand Forks
- FFA Small Animals Team to UMC – March 23rd
- March 30th – Sacred Sounds concert
- Track & Field kick off Spring sports season this Thursday, March 24th at Bemidji State University
- Golf team is practicing indoors – (12 boys and 5 girls)
- Softball: 20 SAC Girls participating and 1 manager
- Baseball: 22 SAC Boys participating
- Summer projects at the high school – Gym floor, shot clocks

Artist in Residence – Sarah Hanson (metal sculpting) and Heidi Jeub (abstract painting, journaling)

Technology usage – issues continue with appropriate uses of technology and communication between students

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

- Online safety a.k.a. "Digital Citizenship" – Mrs. Swanson providing guidance on course development
- Teaching staff preparing summer curriculum proposals – Focus on Digital Citizenship and Cultural Awareness
- 21st Century activities – Bingo BBQ 4/28, Summer SACC – Childcare 43 full time, Adult workers hired – 8, Student workers in the process of hiring

- Upcoming meetings: Rachel Weberg – summer pool usage and Tamara Benitt – summer programming
- 2022-23 Staffing planning is underway – projected enrollments Pre-K-21-23, Kindergarten 21-25, 1st Grade 25-27, Schedules, Interventions, and Elementary sports
- Building updates – doors, bathrooms, window walls
- Themes – Food drive over 1000 items collected, Cerebral Palsy awareness celebrated, and Down Syndrome Awareness celebrated with “Crazy Socks”

Mr. Marquis provided updates on technology items at SAC:

- FCC Technology Funding has been processed - \$10,000
- Facilities & Equipment – Firewall replacement and Equipment/Supply shortages continue to be issues
- Student Assessments – High School NWEA’s completed and Spring MCA window is open
- Upcoming Activities: Site camera repair – Record storage, Offsite NVR access, MN MCA Prep – Devices and Scheduling, and 2022 orders – Early orders to ensure timely delivery of supplies and equipment

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

- Accept the donation of \$2,500 from the Argyle Lions for the purpose of purchase and installation of shot clocks

- Accept donation of \$10,032 from Wikel for the purpose of support Stephen-Argyle Central

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 leave absence request for 2022-23 school year for Chrissy Nelson. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30 a.m. in the Stephen Superintendent’s office.
- Legislative Update – MASA Day at the Capital is March 30th. We continue to work with Legislators on specific priorities: school funding, school lunch program, and special education cross subsidy are major topics.
- Enrollment update – The current enrollment is 137 7-12 students, 163 K-6 students, and 31 Pre-School students
- A review of current capital projects was completed – Projects that are planned for the summer: Argyle roof project, carpet projects at both sites, gym floor at the Stephen site, Freezer replacement at the Stephen site
- There was no Meet and Confer meeting at this time due to a lack of discussion items.
- 55 Alive course should return in mid-April. We will be working with the instructor to offer course when permission is given.
- 2022-23 Health insurance renewal information was reviewed – The average increase within the school district plans will be 3.9%
- 21st Century Grant activities are in full swing including planning for summer enrichment program, community bingo in April, and after-school support programs. Great work by staff supporting programs and Mr. Lubarski with pre-planning of activities.
- Storm Foundation update:

- Storm Foundation Scholarship Fund - \$287322.11 Endowed Funds \$55,194.75 Spendable Funds Total - \$352,327.18
- Connie and Merece Lubarski Champions Fund - \$190,859.90 Endowed Funds \$27,959.25 Spendable Funds Total - \$218,819.15

- A grant has been submitted to the National School Lunch Equipment program to support the Stephen Freezer project.

The meeting was closed at 7:56 p.m. to discuss personnel

The meeting was opened at 8:10 p.m.

Tell me something GREAT!

- Senior Class trip provides great opportunities for our students.
- Thank you to the Argyle Lions and Wikel for their generous donation.

- Great to have the Artist in Residence program continue in our school. Thank you to the Northwest MN Arts Council for the financial support for these activities.

- Appreciate the ability to continuously update our facilities in Argyle and Stephen. Great to work through projects on a yearly basis.

- Robotics program – Regional competition will be held March 23-27 in Grand Forks. Thank you to all of the volunteer coaches for their efforts to support the program and the donations for equipment.

- Storm Foundation – Great to see how the community has supported the funds now and into the future.

- Thank you to Mr. Marquis and all of the staff for the extra efforts to step in and sub, develop eLearning program, work extra-curricular programs such as 21st Century, Robotics, One-Act Play, athletics, ect. Thank you for supporting student programs.

A motion was made by Shawn Rominski and seconded by Cara Hendrickson to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk