

Stephen/Argyle Central #2856

Board Meeting Minutes

December 19th, 2022

The regular December School Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve McGlynn at 7:00 p.m. on December 19th, 2022 in the Stephen Superintendent's office. The School Board members present for the meeting were Katie Adolphson, Gail Yutrzenka, Rick Kroll, Steve McGlynn, Dustin Grabowska, Cara Hendrickson, and Shawn Rominski. Others present at the meeting were Hannah Yutrzenka, Maddie Stewart, Kari Rivard, Sara Kazmierczak, Dan Lindgren, Kevin Kuznia, and Superintendent Chris Mills.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 Rick Kroll and seconded by Katie Adolphson to approve the regular November 21st regular School Board minutes. 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 December bills 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 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:

• Recent and Upcoming Events

- NWSC Training for staff 11/23, TEAM-Up leadership seminar for 7 - 10th grade students @ REA in TRF, Winter activity pictures 12/1, Senior volunteers visiting 3rd grade to participate in building Gingerbread houses 12/2, FFA Ag Day at UMC 12/2, Food Collection 12/5-9 365 items collected, Mentor/Mentee meetings 12/6, Junior high Christmas concert 12/12, Senior High Christmas concert 12/19, Senior High dress up days and activities 12/19-23
- End of the 1st Semester – Attendance is a major concern, Semester Finals 1/16-19, No school for students 1/20, Online College in the High School students waiting on Final test results, but overall doing very well in courses, Appreciate the flexibility and positive attitudes of everyone dealing with postponements and cancellations.
- Extra and Co-Curricular Schedules:
 - o Awesome job with Elementary and Junior High Christmas concerts by the music department – Special thanks to Leslie Widner for her time as accompanist.
 - o Congrats to local AAA winners Claire McGlynn and William McGlynn
 - o GBB have played 4 games and play KCC this week
 - o BBB have played 3 games and have 2 games rescheduled due to weather
 - o Knowledge Bowl: practicing every Tuesday and Thursday
 - o Robotics: Biggest list of participants since program started
 - o One Act Play: will begin after the holiday break
 - o Booster Club: Once again have covered the \$4,000 NFHS access for this year. This will be the last year the Boosters will cover this expense.

Mr. Lindgren provided updates on activities at SAC Elementary:

- Food Drive – Elementary collected 825 items and the SALT team delivered the items to the Argyle Area Food Shelf.
- StormTrooper BBB game is Thursday, December 22nd at 10:00 a.m. – Staff and students K-12 will be wearing StormTrooper shirts provided by the Storm Sports Boosters. Students will have hotdogs and chips for lunch. Popcorn, water, and treat will be provided for student during the game.
- High School students volunteering – 6 students in the classroom each week on Tuesday and Thursday in grades K-3.

- Elementary students volunteering – 3 6th grade student visiting local senior citizens, under the supervision of Penni Korynta. SALT Team members working with the Argyle Area Food Shelf.
- Book Fair – December 5-9 / Raised over \$6,500 / Thank you to Mrs. Adolphson and staff for their time and efforts to make this a successful event.
- December 21st – Elementary students signing at the Argyle Mall (Grades 5-6 12:30 to 1:15, K-2 1:30-2:15, and 3-4 2:30-3:15)
- Project 11 – Mental Health curriculum delivered – Implementation will begin after holiday break

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

- Approve updated 2022-23 budget as presented
- Approve 1 hour overload assignment for Ethan Marquis – 22-23 school year

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

A review of the Truth in Taxation for Stephen-Argyle Central. Information for the review was provided by PMA Securities.

A review of the 2022 pay 2023 Levy was completed. It was determined to under levy the current levy authority and set the levy at approximately \$1,080,000. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

A review of current Class of 2023 Trip volunteers was completed. A decision on volunteers will be made at the regular January School Board meeting.

Superintendent Items:

- The next regular School Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Argyle Superintendent's office. This will serve as the yearly reorganization meeting.

- Enrollment update – Current enrollment – 130 7-12 students and 154 K-6 students

Pre-School – 19 students 22-23, 27 students 23-24, 24 students 24-25

2022-23 K-12 enrollment 284 students

2023-24 K-12 enrollment 283 students

2024-25 K-12 enrollment 286 students

2025-26 K-12 enrollment 287 students

2026-27 K-12 enrollment 288 students

2027-28 K-12 enrollment 288 students

- Storm Foundation – The Storm Foundation is currently working on Bi-annual fundraising for the fund. The goal of the fund is to raise \$40,000 during the fundraising effort. Currently, the Storm Foundation Fund has \$384,000 in endowed and spendable funds for scholarship and projects that support the mission/vision of Stephen-Argyle Central.

- A copy of the proposed regular School Board meeting schedule for 2023 was included for review.

- 21st Century Community Learning programs are progressing very well at SAC and in our partner school districts. We will be meeting in January to review budgets and projected program plans for 2023. We will also be checking on the new 21st Century program grant application.

- Wellness activities – Thank you to the committee (Betsy Sorenson, Hannah Yutrzenka, Janelle Swanson, Brittany Swanson, and) for their work on activities for the staff.

- Current grants – NW Arts has been funded for \$6,000 for music equipment and artist in residence activities, Hydration Station funding has been approved for \$2,500, and a grant for equipment and program resources has been submitted to the Minnesota department of Education.

- We will completing the required Health Insurance bid process in early 2023. We will be working with the Northwest Service Cooperative and North Risk Partners.

- Legislative Advocacy – Copies of the legislative agendas for Minnesota School Board Association and Minnesota Rural Education Association have been distributed for review. Advocacy will be very important during this session as the MN Budget surplus will be a target of many groups across the state.

- Community Partners meeting was held on December 7th in Warren. Representatives from Marshall County Social Services, Marshall County Sheriff's office, Public Health, and the 4 schools in Marshall County met to discuss issues such as truancy, mental health for students and families, abuse of drugs by students and adults in our county. We will be working on improving communication and program support in near future. The next meeting of this group will be March 1st.

• Cooperative activity meeting was held between representatives of SAC and WAO school districts. Discussions were held regarding facilities, coaching, transportation, and participation numbers in activities. We will be meeting to follow-up on the discussions in mid-March.

• A review of Policy 534 School Meals was completed.

Tell me something GREAT!

- Flexibility and planning for student activities and games – Great work pulling things together.
- Thank you to Gail Yutrzenka 23 years of service and Cara Hendrickson 16 years of service to the students and families of Stephen-Argyle Central.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dalager have done a wonderful job with holiday concerts – Thank you.
- Mentor/Mentee program at the high school is a very positive program for students.
- Volunteer activities for students throughout the district – Great to see students interacting with senior citizens in our communities.
- Sports Boosters – Great to have support for programs and activities for our students.
- Appreciation to Gail and Cara for their leadership on the School Board.

A motion was made by Dustin Grabowska and seconded by Gail Yutrzenka to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 p.m. All School Board members present voted in favor of the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cara Hendrickson
ISD #2856 Clerk