BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 22, 2021 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President, Denise McBride. Present: Denise McBride, Tom Gross, Ron Neyer, Erin Ludwig, Curt Gottschalk, Rod Cole and Bob Pasch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Erin Ludwig read the Board Belief Statement.

Kelli VanBlargan and Brooke Bowlby’s second graders sang a couple Thanksgiving themed songs and read a poem about Thanksgiving.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the agenda with no additions or deletions. Motion carried 7/0.

Denise McBride welcomed Tracy Kauppi, Veena Cole, Griffin Bohannon, Bree Moeggenberg and Stacie Pratt.

Veena Cole gave a presentation on Lego League. Bree Moeggenberg thanked the Board, the staff and administrators for welcoming her daughter and their family to our district.

Max Siler from Yeo & Yeo presented the 2020-2021 Audit.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: a thank you card and educational magazines, Ad Staff Agenda and minutes, the November Aggie Express, a letter from the Township regarding the sewer project, Lionheart information, a School Equity Caucus newsletter and awarded information on the Tribal Grants.

Erin Ludwig reported for the DSIT. They were given a quick budget update. They discussed the SSIT meeting items. ESIT did not meet this month. They talked briefly about Title 1. They were told that there are 4 students enrolled in the Early Middle College Program. Dr. Norma Bailey, a retired CMU director of middle level education, spoke to the staff during a recent Professional Development day regarding student engagement and reducing negative behaviors. She has returned for one of three coaching days where she observes the staff and gives them input.

Ben Eggenberger reported that he has purchased an interactive display board from Newline. He has asked Tracy Kauppi to evaluate it and if it works the way Ben hopes, he will be able to purchase these as a whiteboard replacement at a lower price than the Clevertouch Boards. Ben found out that the Newline Boards can be purchased with ESSER III money.

Jason McDonald reported that the 2 new buses have arrived. Due to the length of time it took us to get these buses he is asking to order 2 more for the 2022-2023 year. Jason gave an update on the maintenance of the football field.

Bill Chilman thanked Clare and Mt. Pleasant for allowing us to use their fields the last couple of years for football playoff games.

Dan Boyer reported that he and Jason Johnston are taking some English Language Arts training. He spoke about the Veterans Day Assembly that went really well. He reported that the football team has made it to the state finals at Ford Field. The players, cheerleaders and band will all be able to perform on the field.

Jason Johnston reported that he has hired two para-pros. He also reported how important this football playoff run has been. He thanked Tracy Kauppi for all the work she and the staff have done with Blue the Therapy Dog. Blue has been at the school getting acclimated and is now visiting classrooms. The students and staff love him.

Rod Freeze reported that he has been working on the financial reports that he submits to the Board each month. He gave an update on ESSER III money. He also gave an update on the accounting and payroll software.

Bill Chilman reported that everything was in his update and he had nothing more to report.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the October 2021 payments of the bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $665,428.76, Payroll Account payments of $1,882.76, Hot Lunch payments $23,208.44, Student Activity Account payments of $28,238.29, Custodial Fund payments of $765.00, Athletic Fund payments of $3,765.35, Arbiter Sports payments of $2,991.15, Debt Fund 2012 payments of $7,762.50, Debt 2017 payments of $8,412.50, Capital Projects payments of $10,333.00 and Capital Projects 2021 Checking of $363,623.88. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill Chilman gave an update on the two additions for Phase 2 of the Bond Project. He also updated the Board on the parking lot.

Denise McBride reported that they made approximately $4,000.00 at the Halloween Bash and they had a good turnout at the Trunk or Treat.

Bill Chilman was very happy with the feedback they received for the Strategic Plan. He will plan on meeting with the Admin. Team and Erin to create a draft for the December/January meeting.

Kristen Roberson and Elissa Shaner have been hired through PCMI as elementary para-pros.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the adult meal price increase as mandated by the USDA as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the following coaching recommendation: Trey Small - Voluntary Assistant Boys Basketball. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the purchase of the Transfinder Transportation Software as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the 2020-2021 Audit as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Rod Cole to approve the new bus bond purchases for 2022-2023 as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

The December regular Board Meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. There will not be a DSIT meeting prior to the Board Meeting.

They will discuss plans for School Board Recognition Month during the December Board Meeting.

The following meetings are scheduled in January as follows:

DSIT January 17, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

Organizational Meeting January 17, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting January 17, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Ron Neyer, seconded by Rod Cole to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Roll call. Motion carried 7/0.

Recording Secretary

Carrie Bleise

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary