BOARD OF EDUCATION

VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, May 18, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said

Bill Chilman read the District Mission Statement.

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

Julie Christensen was present on Zoom.

There was no scheduled Student Staff Spotlight.

There was no Board Business Presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2020 and the Special Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2020 as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill presented the following correspondence to the Board: the letter that was sent to staff on behalf of the School Board for Staff Appreciation Week, Bill reminded the Board of the barbeque that is planned on June 2nd for the staff, the School Equity Caucus Newsletters, some documents/letters on the COVID-19 issue and some magazines that we have for the Board.

Denise McBride reported that they discussed the new website during the Technology Committee Meeting.

Bill reported for the Personnel Committee Meeting. They discussed the Probationary Teacher recommendations for 2020-2021. They also discussed some financial issues.

Bill will be scheduling a BMGT Committee Meeting and if we have the School Board Meeting next month at the school a District School Improvement Committee meeting will be scheduled prior to the Budget Hearing.

Aarron Butkovich reported that he watched a webinar regarding Family ID for athletic online payments. He is also just starting to look into digital ticketing.

Dan Boyer reported that they will have a special function for the seniors this Thursday. The seniors have been invited to come to the school to collect their diplomas and pick up personal items as well as drop off items that belong to the school. Their diplomas will be presented to them by a family member and a photographer will be here for a photo shoot. Our Valedictorian and Salutatorian will have an opportunity to aire their graduations speeches over the radio this Saturday. The radio station has offered this opportunity to a few local districts. Dan gave a credit recovery update and will keep the Board informed on numbers of students who will need credit recovery in order to advance.

Jason Johnston reported that he is working with Julie Farrell on preparing a summer reading program for Title students.

Jason McDonald gave an update on the HVAC unit install and the football field rework.

Ben Eggenberger reported that he installed a Ruckus wireless access point at Deerfield Township Hall. The Hall is used for credit recovery classes. Ben has been collaborating with other schools on a statewide database.

Rod Freeze reported that working on the budget has been difficult and time consuming. He has applied for a couple of grants that will hopefully reduce some of the deficit we will have to deal with this year and next. He has also spent a great deal of time on the new software. We have had a couple unemployment claims. He has been working with Jesse from Baker Tilly on the sale of bonds next May.

Bill Chilman asked that all the Board Members put the graduation dates in their calendars. Bill asked the Admin. Team for a list of ideas for reopening. We will follow the original contract and calendar for the rest of the school year. This school year ends June 10th. He reminded the Board that there are diplomas and other paperwork in the office for them to sign.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the April payments of bills as presented in detail in the board packet: General Fund payments of $542,832.24, Payroll Account payments of $1,325.44, Hot Lunch payments of $35,783.87, Student Activity Account payments of $10,714.72, Athletic Fund payments of $6,127.61, Debt Fund 2012 payments of $91,539.75, Debt 2004 payments of $247,760.00, Debt SBLF payments of $247,047.75, Debt 2017 payments of $23,615.00. Motion carried 7/0.

Bill reported that there isn’t a whole lot to report on the Bond Issue as it was discussed in BMGT Committee update. They will be closing Phase 1 this week.

Heather Curtiss reported that bids have been sent out for the Nottawa Township Sewer Project.

The BCEF will have a Zoom meeting tomorrow to discuss how to present this year’s scholarships to the winners. They will have (8) $500.00 dollar scholarships to award.

They discussed having future Aggie Express newsletters on the website instead of mailing them.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the Memo of Understanding with the BCEA as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch to approve the 2nd reading of the Neola Spring Policies as presented.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the following probationary teacher recommendations as presented: Elementary – Amanda Schmidt – 2nd year, Shelby Weber – 2nd year. Secondary – Alsatia Lohr – 3rd year, James Tice – 2nd year, Griffin Bohannon – 1st year, Mary Claire Reynolds – 4th year. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded Tom Gross to accept Gary Pohl’s resignation as a bus driver as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the RESD Budget Resolution as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to approve the MHSAA Membership Resolution for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Graduation has been discussed earlier in the meeting.

Bill reminded the Board of the Board Meeting schedule for June. The DSIT meeting – June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., Budget Hearing – June 29, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., and the Regular Board Meeting – June 29, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The times may have to be adjusted as more budget information becomes available.

Bill reminded the Board of the November 3rd election. Tom Gross and Bob Pasch’s seats are up for election.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Ron Neyer to adjourn at 9:18 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