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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2014
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order of regular meeting.
The Chair will call the meeting to order using the gavel if necessary. **The Chair will request those with communication devices to either turn them off or place them on silent mode.** This may be a good time to introduce any special guests.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
The Chair will ask the members and audience to face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider additions or deletions to the agenda.
If members have items to be added to the agenda, now is the time. **If you have items that you want removed from the agenda, or removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, make the request at this time.** The Chair will call for a motion and second to approve the agenda.
4. Recognition of visitors and public input regarding the meeting agenda.
The Chair will ask the audience if they have any comments on the items on the agenda. This gives the public the opportunity to comment on issues prior to Board decisions/action.
5. Consider Consent Agenda:
The Chair will ask for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or amended. With a motion and a second, the Chair will call for the vote.
 5. 1. Minutes of the January 27, 2014, regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
 5. 2. Payment of the bills.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 3. Cash on Hand Finance Report.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
5. 4. Electronic Transfer Report for January 2014.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
5. 5. Adopt the revised 2013-2014 Seniority List for those employees governed by the VEA Agreement.
In accordance with the VEA Master Agreement Article X Section 4. Sub. 1 the school board shall approve the VEA seniority list. Members of the VEA have been given an opportunity to review and verify the data. The attached revised seniority list is recommended for school board approval.
5. 6. Support Superintendent Stender as a candidate for the MSHSL Region 7 & 8 director on the MSHSL executive board.
This is an opportunity for our region to have representation and a voice on MSHSL activities. If elected, Superintendent Stender will attend 6-8 meetings and may also serve as a MSHAL representative at MSHSL activities. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 7. Leave of absence for paraeducator Shelly James February 14 through April 14, 2014.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
5. 8. Eight (8) week leave of absence for bus driver Lyndon Nelson commencing February 12th and ending approximately April 9th, 2014.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
5. 9. December 11, 2013, employment end date for ECFE aide Jill Matkovich.
This employee resigned from their position but didn't submit a resignation.
The above date is the last date of employment in that position. This is merely a "housekeeping" item.
5. 10. Resignation of nurse Dannelle Brant effective February 12, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Dannelle Brant. We thank her for her service with the district.
5. 11. Resignation of Title I aide Kristen Engrav effective February 14, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Kristen Engrav. We thank her for her service with the district.
5. 12. Resignation of paraeducator Jennifer Rebholz effective February 21, 2014.

Please accept the resignation of Jennifer Rebholz. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 13. Hire Mary Peterson for an ECFE aide position.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 14. Hire Julie Hartmann for a Media Aide position.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 15. Hire Sarah Keute for an ECFE aide position.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 16. Hire Pam Peterson for Registered Nurse position at Parkview.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. Recognition/reports:

6. 1. School Board Recognition.

School Board Recognition Week - February 17-21, 2014. Please take the time to thank our board directors for the important job they do.

6. 2. Student Representative.

The student representative's report is attached.

6. 3. Virginia High School Principal.

6. 4. Superintendent.

6. 5. RAMS Annual Dinner Meeting.

Chair Merhar will provide a brief update of the meeting.

6. 6. Community Education Advisory Committee.

Community Education representative Tammara will provide a report on the Community Education meeting held on February 5.

6. 7. February 10, 2014 Collaborative Committee Notes.

Attached are the Collaborative Committee Notes for your review and record. The draft Joint Powers Agreement is attached for your review and record.

Also attached is the Collaborative Committee Proposals. These items can be discussed at the table. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 8. Facilities Committee.

Facilities Committee Chair Hafdahl will review the minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting on February 4, 2014.

6. 9. Health & Safety Committee.

The minutes are attached for your review.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider accepting \$3,000.00 from Arcelor Mittal for the Community Education Elementary Engineering Cool class.

ACTION We thank Arcelor Mittal for the generous donation.

7. 2. Consider overnight/out of state extracurricular trips for Spring 2014.

ACTION Mr. Bidle has submitted the requests for overnight/out of state extracurricular trips for this Spring. Please contact Mr. Bidle if you have any questions. Please approve.

7. 3. Consider approving Spring 2014 volunteer coaches.

ACTION Mr. Bidle has attached the list of volunteers for spring activities. The district has conducted background checks on all volunteers. Please contact Mr. Bidle if you have any questions. Please approve.

8. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

The Chair will request comments from the audience regarding actions on agenda items from tonight's Board meeting.

9. Meeting Announcements:

9. 1. MSBA Joint Legislative Session, February 27, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza, St. Paul.

9. 2. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 10, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. Adjournment.

The Chair will call for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.

11. Closed Session for Purposes of Discussing Negotiations Strategy in accordance with Minn. Statute 13D.03, Subd.1.

This allows the District to go into closed session to discuss negotiations strategy

with the VEA.