

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

January 11, 2016

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on January 11, 2016 at 7:30 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Daryl Anderson: Present, Shelly Hueftle: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, Kelvin Smith: Present, Ken Swinarski: Present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

President Mrkvicka noted that notice of the meeting was published in the Phonograph Herald.

President Mrkvicka noted that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

Motion to nominate Mrkvicka for President of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to nominate Daryl Anderson for Vice President of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Anderson: Abstain (With Conflict), Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to nominate Shelly Harrahill for secretary of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Ken Swinarski and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Abstain (With Conflict), Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

President Mrkvicka asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meetings. None were made, and the minutes were declared approved.

The motion to approve the bills as presented by Superintendent Poppert passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to pay Apple the amount of \$13,788 from the Depreciation fund for the purchase of 12 laptops for the business lab, passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report. He noted that preliminary reports from the Department of Education indicate that the district will receive approximately \$865,000 less in state aid next year.

A patron was present to discuss her concerns regarding the NSAA policy proposal regarding sports participation for transgender students.

Motion to name Ken Swinarski to represent the school on the School/Library Board passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Kelvin Smith.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Abstain (With Conflict)

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

President Mrkvicka nominated the following people to committees: Americanism: Scheer, Swinarski; Building Committee: Anderson, Scheer, Smith; Curriculum Committee: Swinarski, Harrahill and Mrkvicka.

Mr. Reinsch presented on the 7-8 grade Math program. New curricula are being reviewed for purchase for next year. New math standards will be implemented next year.

Motion to ratify an administrative contract for Mrs. Sara Paider, Elementary Principal, effective August 1, 2016, with a 2.9% salary increase, passed with a motion by Daryl Anderson and a second by Kelvin Smith.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to ratify an administrative contract for Mrs. Sara Paider, Elementary Principal, effective August 1, 2016, with a 2.9% salary increase passed with a motion by Daryl Anderson and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to ratify an administrative contract for Mrs. Jennifer Hagen, Secondary Principal, effective August 1, 2016, with a 2.9% salary increase, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Kelvin Smith.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

As the use of local substitute teaching certificates has been approved by the Board of Education of the St. Paul Public Schools, the motion to issue a local substitute teaching certificate to Ashley Hake, as recommended by the Superintendent, passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to offer 2 Early Separation agreements this year, per Policy 408.06, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The agenda for the Board retreat was established. Transportation to the retreat from the school with leave at 7:20am on Feb. 6, 2016. The Board will need to complete self evaluations prior to the retreat, and turn them into President Mrkvicka by Feb. 1, 2016.

Motion to accept the bid from Thomas for a 65 passenger bus for \$86,718, with \$19,900 of the cost coming from a Clean Air Grant, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Kelvin Smith.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to accept the bid from Loup Valley to build the Transportation Center, at the recommendation of the Building Committee, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to accept the bid from Loup Valley (which is the recommendation of the Building Committee for the Transportation Center building) passed with a motion by Ken Swinarski and a second by Dan Scheer.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Dan Scheer met with the Mayor and city workers regarding specifications of the building and learned that there is no height limit for a bus barn, as it is considered a Primary Building.

The Board discussed the transgender policies proposed by the NSAA. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to strongly encourage support of using "sex at birth" in determining how an individual participates in school activities. Mr. Peters will be voting on this matter.

Motion to offer a classified contract to Kaily Strasburg, (kitchen) passed with a motion by Daryl Anderson and a second by Marty Mrkvicka.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to designate the Farwell bus as excess equipment, to be sold in May, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Shelly Hueftle.

Anderson: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The bus is not in condition to be used by the school.

The Board discussed the 100 and 1000 sections of the Policy manual.

The principals reported that teachers have reviewed the climate surveys and committees will be established to make recommendations for the priorities that were identified. The report from the curriculum committee was discussed, including the possibility of requiring courses in personal finance and speech. Social studies requirements could be decreased from 35 to 30. Mr. Van Pelt's recommendation to decrease the total number of credits required to graduate from 250 to 240 was discussed. The state requires 200 credits for graduation. Students are preparing for state-wide writing testing. A kindness retreat has been scheduled for 5th graders. NeSA preparation is ongoing.

Supt. Poppert has received information from the City of St. Paul that Howard Avenue may be paved and widened in front of the school. The school may be required to pay \$45,000 toward that cost.

Brainstorming has occurred regarding how best to use that area in front of the school, especially regarding student drop off and safety. Legislative conference is January 30-31 in Lincoln. School Board Judge and Jury conference and the Educational Forum will be held in the next several months. The Board has received a letter from the School Attorney regarding removing students from National Honor Society for possessing and/or consuming alcohol. She recommends that the School continue its procedure of removing students from NHS for alcohol possession/consumption. The St. Paul Activities/Coaches Expectations have been developed and the Board is to review the manual before considering its approval at a future meeting. The cost of vision insurance is lower than anticipated.

The Board calendar was reviewed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Shelly Harrahill
Secretary