

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

November 13, 2017

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on November 13, 2017 at 7:30 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Shelly Hueftle: Present, Jason Meinecke: Present, Janelle Morgan: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, Ken Swinarski: Present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:31pm.

President Mrkvicka noted that notice of the meeting was properly published in the Phonograph Herald and/or in 3 public places, per policy.

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

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

The motion to approve the bills as presented by Superintendent Poppert, with Scheer abstaining from Item 53, passed with a motion by Janelle Morgan and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion to pay the credit card bills as presented, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Shelly Hueftle.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion to pay John Deere, the amount of \$7,456.63, from the Depreciation Fund, for a lawn mower and extended warranty, passed with a motion by Jason Meinecke and a second by Marty Mrkvicka.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

new mower and extended warranty

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

There were no communications from the public.

Mrs. Kauk was unable to present at the meeting. Mrs. Meinecke was present to discuss Circle of Friends, which is a program to promote social skills in children with autism, using peer interaction. She talked about ways that all students are taught about autism and how to interact with students with disabilities.

The next curriculum committee meeting will be held December 14, 2017, at 4:00pm. Harrahill asked if the music program was moving forward with the instrument donation drive. Mrs. Hagen will check with the music teacher.

Mr. Poppert updated on the Board on the status of the piano that is for sale. It is a 1929 Steinway piano, that was not rebuilt by a Steinway certified repair person, and as such, the piano now has little value. When the piano is sold, the proceeds will go back into the music program for additional instruments.

In their report, Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Paider updated the Board on curriculum, including a search for a new elementary math curriculum, professional development, the assessment schedule and upcoming events. A study of area music programs is being done in order to best utilize staff and instruct students. Mrs. Schulte stated that a variety of special education reports have been completed. The current special education count is 78 students, from birth through age 21.

The motion to recognize the SPEA as the bargaining unit for the 2019-2020 contract year passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to nominate Mrkvicka to the safety committee passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Abstain (With Conflict), Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

Motion to approve the following volunteer coaches: Marty Mrkvicka for wrestling, Brad Wells for Boys Basketball, and Lea Ann Runcie for Girls basketball, passed with a motion by Ken Swinarski and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Abstain (With Conflict), Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

The motion to continue the cooperative agreement for softball between St. Paul and Palmer, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

It is anticipated that Palmer will have 2 softball athletes next year, and St. Paul is expected to have 10.

.....was present to discuss the Annual Audit of the St. Paul District. There were no new findings.

Motion to accept the Option Enrollment report as presented, passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Dan Scheer.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

In his report, Supt. Poppert reported that Donna Griffin is the new head cook, Tony Morrow is a night custodian, and Danielle Smith is a temporary custodian. The State has a greater budget shortfall greater than anticipated, which will affect state aid. Plans were finalized for the State School Board convention. Mr. Swinarski asked if there were enough bus drivers to prevent overcrowded buses, and Supt. Poppert said there are. Supt. Poppert reminded the incumbents that the deadline to file for re-election is Feb. 15, 2018.

Donna Griffin, Head Cook

Tony McGuan, night time custodian

Danielle Smith, temporary custodian for Jim Smith who is on medical leave for 6 weeks.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss teacher negotiations to protect the public interest, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Marty Mrkvicka.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss personnel to protect the public interest. passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Ken Swinarski.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Swinarski: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Board entered into Executive session at 9:05pm. President Mrkvicka restated the motion and indicated that only teacher negotiations would be discussed. The Board came out of executive session at 9:23pm. No action was taken.

The Board re-entered executive session at 9:24pm to discuss personnel to protect the public interest. President Mrkvicka restated the motion and indicated that only personnel would be discussed. The Board came out of executive session at 10:16pm. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.
Shelly Harrahill
Secretary