

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

December 10, 2018

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on December 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Shelly Harrahill: Present, Jason Meinecke: Present, Janelle Morgan: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present.

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

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 passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to pay the credit card bill as presented, passed with a motion by Jason Meinecke and a second by Marty Mrkvicka.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Mr. Poppert explained that the PayPal account is used to purchase television screens only. Mr. Scheer explained that he is concerned about this because it could be an easy place for fraud to occur.

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

There were no communications from the public.

As the St. Paul Board of Education has approved the use of local teaching certificates, the motion to approve a local substitute teaching certificate for Nate Brackhan, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

At 8:58pm, Shannon Peard from Dana F. Cole and Company presented the findings from the audit of the district that was recently conducted. They found no errors and St. Paul received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest rating available. It was noted that the board and superintendent need to be diligent in overseeing the finances, as there is no segregation of financial duties due to the size of the district (only one employee). Mr. Poppert asked about making bond payments this Spring, before the tax money comes in to the school.

Motion to make the bond payment in the amount of \$268,629.31 passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent evaluation and contract, to protect the public interest and the reputation of an individual, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Motion to return to executive session to continue the discussion of the superintendent's evaluation and contract, to protect the reputation of an individual and the public interest, passed with a motion by Jason Meinecke and a second by Shelly Harrahill.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

The Board discussed the superintendent's evaluation with the superintendent.

Motion to offer the Superintendent a 3 year contract, with the financial details to be worked out in the coming month, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Shelly Harrahill.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Nay, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 1

President Mrkvicka restated the motion and indicated that only superintendent evaluation and contract would be discussed. The Board went into executive session at 8:51pm. The Board came out of executive session at 8:58pm. The Board went back into executive session at 9:10pm. The Board came out of executive session at 9:45pm.

In the Principal's report, Mrs. Paider and Mrs. Hagen stated that the science teachers are beginning to look for a different science curriculum, to better match up with state standards. Mrs. Hagen discussed an academic pep rally that is being planned. NSCAS data is still embargoed. Staff is looking for a screening test for social-emotional health. Teacher evaluations and walk-throughs are in progress. Mrs. Schulte reported that she has completed a rubric for staffing needs for Special Education. The schedule of events and testing was updated. Mr. Mrkvicka complimented the principals and staff on doing a great job teaching our students, and working to improve student achievement. Mr. Scheer expressed that he was pleased with the choral concert, the teacher's abilities, the students enthusiasm, the songs, etc. Peters reported that fall coach evaluations are complete, and that he attended APL training.

The building committee is exploring options regarding roof replacement, and spoke with some roofing companies at the School Board convention. The work will be done in parts based on need and what is affordable. The main problem areas are where the roof is flat. LED light bulbs were placed in the lights that were burned out in the parking lot.

In his report, Superintendent Poppert reported on some issues with a van and FFA bus. The van is being repaired but the FFA bus will not be fixed. A new school route bus will need to be purchased. Bids are being obtained and will be discussed in January.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations to protect the public interest passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Harrahill: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

President Mrkvicka restated the motion and indicated that only teacher negotiations would be discussed. The Board went into executive session at 9:49pm. The Board came out of executive session at 10:43pm. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:43pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Shelly Harrahill
Secretary