

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:00 PM

April 12, 2021

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on April 12, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Shelly Hueftle: Present, Jason Meinecke: Present, Janelle Morgan: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, Philip Thede: Present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm.

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 read the Americanism quote.

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 Philip Thede and a second by Janelle Morgan.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the credit card bill as presented passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Philip Thede.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to pay Yanda's Music \$1,699.99, for the purchase of a new xylophone, passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Philip Thede.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Money from the sale of old instruments is being used for this purchase.

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

A patron was present to suggest that the Board consider opening campus to some students (possibly junior and seniors), allowing them to leave for lunch. She suggested that picnic tables be built so students could eat lunch outside.

The Superintendent shared his updated vacation and sick leave status.

Motion to require that masks are worn until the end of the school day on May 20, 2021 passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Philip Thede.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to hire McPherson and Jacobsen for the superintendent search firm passed with a motion by Philip Thede and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Nay, Thede: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 1

Motion to accept the resignation of Derek Reinsch passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Janelle Morgan.

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

Motion to offer a certified contract to Mr. Kurt Harders passed with a motion by Janelle Morgan and a second by Philip Thede.

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

Mr. Harders will teach high school science.

Motion to hire Mrs. Jenna Wihusen passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Dan Scheer.

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

Mrs. Wilhusen was a student teacher at St. Paul last fall.

Motion to accept the option report passed with a motion by Philip Thede and a second by Janelle Morgan.

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

The Board and administration discussed the External Team report. The Action plan will be developed over the summer and the administration will share it with the Board in the Fall.

Mr. Peters shared information about students that have excelled in certain events recently. The Board would like to recognize the following students for their accomplishments:

FFA Awards In Leadership Development: Alexis Kramer, Conduct of Meetings team 1, Conduct of meetings team 2, Gracyn Rubesh, Sam T, Kaleb B , Nick B, Truman B, Kaylee Ambrose, and Brayden R.

FFA Proficiency awards; Josh Jerabek, Madison Hirschman, Sam Thede, John Placke, Max Swanson, Nick Busse, Thaddeus Radke, Aidan John, Nathan Scheer, John Kaslon, Madison Hirschman, and Ethan Uhlir.

FFA State Degrees/State Stars: Of the 5,000 FFA members, we had two deserving young men selected as State Star Finalists —Tanner Mrkvicka and Nathan Scheer.

Nathan Scheer was selected as the Nebraska FFA State Star in Production.

Awards in Class B State Journalism: Kayley Wells, D.J. Arp, Justin Frauendorfer, Cody Swinarski, Montanna Morgan, Olivia Poppert, Conner Wells and Rylan Birkby.

Match winners In St. Paul School's first ever tennis meet: Camryn Morgan & Peytyn Larsen (#2 doubles); Ahna Jerabek (#4 singles); Madison Harrahill (#5 singles).

Scholastic Art Awards in the State Competition: Sarah Pelc, Samantha Reimers, Zoi Hymer, Emily Maus, and Kale Smydra.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Poppert stated that SPPS will be receiving approximately \$243,000 in ESSR funds, which must be used for one-time purchases or expenses. He suggested that the funds be used for

purchase of the reading curriculum, recoding of some staff, and HVAC projects. He stated that the District will receive additional funds at a later date, of approximately \$560,000. These funds must be used by 2023. Mr. Scheer suggested installing equipment to de-humidify the Wildcat Activity Center, which generated some discussion. Another grant will be used to purchase tablets for elementary students, to enhance the reading program.

Mr. Poppert stated that masks will only be worn by students at graduation when students are seated close together. For the audience, masks will be recommended but not required.

Mr. Scheer gave a report on a recent School Board seminar he attended.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.
Shelly Harrahill
Secretary