

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

October 12, 2015

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on October 12, 2015 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.

President Mrkvicka asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes from Sept. 14, 2015 need to be corrected to indicate that Mr. Nilson and Mr. Van Pelt were not in attendance to give their reports at that meeting.

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 the following bills from the Depreciation Fund: Control Logic, in the amount of \$59,583 for upgrades for the HVAC system; McIlnay and Company in the amount of \$53,186 for plumbing (pipes, valves and shut-offs) for the HVAC system; CEI in the amount of \$9,278.40 to upgrade the cameras from analog to digital; and CEI in the amount of \$6,654 for the gymnasium sound system; 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

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

Mr. Scheer expressed concern about the judging process at the Harvest of Harmony parade, after parents of band students expressed their concern to him. Mr. Poppert will contact the parade committee and ask about the judging process.

Mrs. Hill and Mr. Alberts were present to discuss Destination Imagination, a high ability learner competition held in February, with state and national tournaments later in the year. Various challenges are presented to the students and they are judged on math and science abilities as well as creativity and problem solving. This is the District's first year to be involved in the program, and it is hoped that it can be expanded in the future.

Motion to authorize Deputy Ryan Smith to be the Attendance Officer at St. Paul Public Schools passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Daryl Anderson.

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

Yea: 5, Nay: 1

Deputy Smith will be the Attendance Officer for the school, as well as helping with other safety issues at school.

Motion to pay Bus Drivers who are also activity sponsors \$25 each way for driving a bus within the circumference of the conference, and \$35 each way for trips outside the circumferences of the conference passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Ken Swinarski.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The sponsor must have a bus license and be driving a school bus (not another school vehicle).

Motion to accept the option enrollment of Joel Kaslon, kindergarten, from Loup City to St. Paul passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Ken Swinarski.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Mrs. Hagen reported that tardy numbers are significantly down this year. Sixty-eight percent of 7-12 parents attended Parent/Teacher conferences. Parent, student and teacher surveys have been completed and will be analyzed. The data wall has been re-established and trends will be analyzed. The School Improvement Team has finished reports for the external review, and a summary is being prepared for the Board and staff. Teachers have been working on curriculum alignment and technology apps during recent inservices. Upcoming assessments and school events are available on the written Principal's report.

Drainage off the asphalt is being addressed to prevent water from entering the school. The track is in bad shape and will need to be repaired, by replacing the top layer of track. The low bid is \$120,000. Repair and expansion of the restrooms at the football field are also being discussed.

As part of early discussions regarding building a bus barn, Supt. Poppert obtained a bid, in order for the Board to learn the general price range of this project. The bid for a bus barn is \$199,000 which would include construction of a steel building, with insulation in the walls and ceiling, and cement flooring. Electrical work is not included in the bid. The bus barn would hold 10 buses. Additional bids will be obtained.

The board needs to decide how much funding to provide for students qualifying for a national contest/convention. More discussion and research will be done in the future.

The Board calendar was reviewed.

Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations to protect the public interest 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

President Mrkvicka restated the motion and indicated that only negotiations would be discussed. The Board entered executive session at 9:36PM. The Board came out of executive session at 10:38PM. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46PM.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Shelly Harrahill
Secretary