

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular	High School Library	7:00 PM	April	10 th	2017
Kind of Meeting	Meeting Place	Time	Month	Day	Year

MEMBERS

Present	Absent
Randy Wood, President	
Trish Schumacher, V.P.	
Rick Horstman	
Justin Ansley	
Brett Cullan	
Casper Ningen	
Superintendent of Schools	
Troy Turek	
Secretary – Board of Education	

- Open Meeting Rules Poster** President Wood directed everyone’s attention to the open meeting rules poster on the Library door.
- 04-17-01 Others Present** Others present at the meeting were Peggy Foster, Eric Arneson, Mandy Plog, Amber Ningen, Christy Ningen, Natalie Wood, Brandy Stark, and Mary Curtis.
- 04-17-02 Approval of Minutes** The minutes of March’s Regular Meeting were approved as presented.
- 04-17-03 Agenda** The agenda was approved as prepared.
- 04-17-04 Financial Reports & Claims** Total available funds in the General Fund as of April 10, 2017 are \$1,315,121.32 and in the Building Fund \$730,711.77. General Fund Bills in the amount of \$89,189.81 and payroll of \$408,439.42 were presented. A motion to approve the financial report and pay April’s expenses was made by Ansley and seconded by Turek. Voting aye—Ansley, Turek, Cullan, Schumacher, Wood, and Horstman. Nay – None
- 04-17-05 Requests to Address Board** There were no requests to address the board.
- 04-17-06 Board Consideration/ Approval of Superintendent Search Firms** Superintendent Ningen explained the positive aspects of hiring a firm to do the search instead of handling it privately. He explained that having the Board undertake the process themselves would be very time consuming and we may not see the results that the District needs. Superintendent salaries from surrounding areas were reviewed. A discussion was held about what other districts have done and the results of other districts working with McPherson and Jacobsen and NASB. A motion was made by Turek to use NASB for the sum of \$6000.00 and seconded by Ansley. Voting Aye – Turek, Cullan, Schumacher, Wood, Horstman, and Ansley. Voting Nay – None. Ningen will notify both firms of the decision.

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04-17-07
Approval of
New Faculty
Members

- 1) Jeffrey Maddox has excepted the position of Secondary Social Studies teacher. He comes highly recommended by his references and is currently student teaching at Lincoln Northeast. He has experience with a multitude of student learning abilities. A motion was made by Turek to accept Jeffrey Maddox for the Secondary Social Studies position and seconded by Schumacher. Voting Aye—Turek, Cullan, Schumacher, Wood, Horstman, and Ansley. Voting Nay – None
- 2) Joshua Dean has accepted the position of Elementary Computer and Tech. Joshua currently teaches in Alliance and is married to Whitney Dean who is our third grade teacher. He is a P.A. and decided to go in to teaching. He has a background in STEM and enjoys teaching technology. A discussion was held about what his position would be exactly and whether it would be beneficial to have a separate Tech Coordinator. Information was shared about how other districts handle their technology departments. Natalie Wood and Brandy Stark both discussed that having a separate Tech person in the future may be needed. Arneson and Foster stated that it may be possible to add more classes to fill the areas needed. A motion was made by Turek to accept Dean as Elementary Computer and Tech, seconded by Schumacher. Voting Aye – Turek, Cullan, Schumacher, Wood, Horstman, and Ansley. Voting Nay – None
- 3) Danielle Lashley has accepted to the position of Elementary 6th Grade teacher. She is currently teaching in Scottsbluff and has a couple of years of experience. The Middle School teachers were involved in the interview process and all felt that Danielle would be the best fit. A motion to accept Lashley for the 6th Grade Classroom teacher was made by Ansley, and seconded by Cullan. Voting Aye – Ansley, Turek, Cullan, Schumacher, Wood, and Horstman. Voting Nay – None
- 4) Emma Harris has accepted the position of Elementary resource teacher. She student taught here with Kelly Horn a couple of years ago. She enjoys the area and is excited to join our District. A motion to accept Harris for the position of Elementary SpEd Resource teacher was made by Schumacher and seconded by Horstman. Voting Aye – Schumacher, Wood, Horstman, Ansley, Turek and Cullan. Voting Nay – None

04-17-08
Approval of
Annual
Technology
Report

Brandy Stark and Natalie Wood presented their proposed Budget for technology for the 2017/2018 School Year. They explained what costs they will incur and will not have for the year. They budgeted for unforeseeable costs such as laptops, tablets, or computers breaking and needing to be replaced. The recycle program that is used for Toner builds points in which can be used to purchase new products; 2018-2019 will be the next time that will be done. The total budget they have proposed for the 2017-2018 school year is \$112,919.40. A motion to approve the report was made by Turek and seconded by Ansley. Voting Aye – Turek, Cullan, Schumacher, Wood, Horstman and Ansley. Voting Nay – None.

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04-17-09
Approval of
2017 Senior
Class

Secondary Principal Peggy Foster presented a list of the Class of 2017 for graduation. A motion to approve the Class of 2017 was made by Schumacher and seconded by Cullan. Voting Aye- Schumacher, Wood, Horstman, Ansley, Turek, and Cullan. Voting Nay- None. Foster also mentioned that the Board is welcome on the stage at Graduation and will need a couple members for sure.

04-17-10
Administration
Reports

Principal Eric Arneson that NESA testing should be done before Easter. Kindergarten Round- up was a success and right now there will be approximately 40 Kindergarteners next year. There are multiple field trips going into the month of May. Secondary Principal Peggy Foster took RSVP's from Board members for the Prom Banquet, and also discussed that there are students that need SST to be eligible to attend Prom. District Music will be April 18th, ACT Testing will be April 19th, and National Honor Society Inductions will be April 24th. Mandy Plog reported that there are not any students that will be participating in social graduation this year. She also stated that our current SpEd Transportation person Tom Love is very consistent and will be returning next year. Superintendent Ningen discussed land valuations and property tax information that is part of current Legislation right now. President Wood stated that everything is getting ready to start with the build of the new concession stand and restrooms at the football field. Coaches Evaluation forms were provided for the Board to review. A discussion was held on what other districts are doing and how we could make the process successful for both the board and the coaches. A motion to approve the coach's evaluations with the inclusion of the coaches doing a self-evaluation was made by Schumacher and seconded by Turek. Voting Aye – Schumacher, Wood, Horstman, Ansley, Turek and Cullan. Voting Nay – None.

04-17-11
Other

The Grant that was received for the School Resource Officer will not be available next year so it was discussed that we should come up with something, because of all the help we receive from the Police Department throughout the school year. This item will be part of our May agenda.

04-17-12
Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Turek and seconded by Ansley. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Mary Curtis
 Board Clerk

Troy Turek
 Secretary