

**School Board Minutes**  
**Montpelier Public School District #14**  
**214 7<sup>th</sup> Ave**  
**Montpelier, ND 58472**  
**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** President Tony Roorda, David Jansen, Julie Jansen, and Robert Froehlich.  
Absent: Scott Harms, Shane Steele, and Lynn Boom.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Jerry Waagen, Business Manager Amy Maurer, and Secondary Principal James Bear.

**Call to Order:** President Roorda called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Agenda:** The following was added to the agenda: 1) Conflict of interest information. 2) Hunter Safety Classes.

**Correspondence:** 1) A request was received from support staff to be paid twice per month.

**Consent Agenda:** Dave Jansen made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of the minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, the January 21<sup>st</sup> board retreat, and the January 26<sup>th</sup> special meeting.
- c. Approval of two open enrollment applications with the deadline waived, and non-tuition agreements for three students.

A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

**Secondary Principals Report:** Mr. Bear reported 1) There was early release for professional development today. Mr. Bear trained teachers on using Google Classroom. If it is decided to purchase the Chromebooks for the high school next year, Google Classroom will integrate with that nicely. The teachers seemed enthused about integrating it as a new teaching tool. 2) The high school schedule is nearly done with this year's juniors scheduled for their senior year. 3) On March 7<sup>th</sup> grades 6-8 will be going on a field trip to a STEM event in Jamestown.

**Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report:** Mr. Waagen reported 1) The Title I self-monitoring has been completed and the district is in compliance with all necessary components of Title I. 2) The AdvancEd external review occurred on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The district was rated well above average in every classroom area which is not typical. Matt Sherbenske from NDDPI visited the school. 3) The county spelling bee is on February 15<sup>th</sup>. It is Montpelier's turn to organize the bee this year and next year. 4) The vocational center offered to give tours to board members who are interested. 5) The legislature probably won't be making drastic cuts to vocational programs. The recent proposal to use old Massachusetts educational standards rather than the ones that North Dakota teachers have been working on for the last year has been defeated. The possibility of additional teacher loan forgiveness for rural areas is still on the table. So far it looks like REAs will still be funded. 6) Mr. Waagen sent the building bid ad to the Jamestown Sun for publication. It needs to run three weeks. There will be a special meeting on March 2<sup>nd</sup> to open building bids which will then be given to Engtech for their review. At the regular meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> the board will consider and possibly decide on the bids.

**Recognition of MEA Intent to Negotiate:** The board reviewed the MEA request to be recognized as the negotiating unit for the teachers. Froehlich made a motion, seconded by David Jansen to ask the teachers to revise and use the language accepted last year and resubmit. The motion carried unanimously.

**Superintendent Evaluation:** This is due next month.

**Budget Revision:** Julie Jansen made a motion, seconded by David Jansen to approve adding \$39,500 to the building fund expenditure budget to pay for architectural services. The motion carried unanimously.

**Drivers Ed:** Julie Jansen made a motion, seconded by Froehlich to approve this summers drivers education program and the hire of Mr. Boyd Westman as drivers education teacher. The motion carried unanimously.

**Election Date:** Froehlich made a motion, seconded by David Jansen to approve setting the school board election date for June 13<sup>th</sup> with the polls open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Meetings:** Meetings need to be set up for the policy, transportation, and finance committees to meet. Times and dates were discussed.

**School Board Retreat Review:** It was agreed that it was valuable to have the retreat which allowed lengthier discussion and review than what there is time for in regular board meetings.

**Weapons Policy:** It was brought up in the discussions with AdvancEd whether the district archery program is in conflict with the weapons policy. Many districts are in this situation with some districts also offering clay shooting programs.

**Conflict of Interest:** Mr. Waagen shared additional , more detailed information received from Anita at NDSBA concerning the process if any board members have a conflict of interest.

**Hunter Safety:** Several Montpelier students are signed up for a hunter safety program in Marion. Dale Marks may also be offering a course. It is not known where it will take place since the elevator in Ypsilanti is no longer available. After discussion, Julie Jansen made a motion, seconded by Dave Jansen to approve allowing the Hunter Safety program to take place at the school if it is requested. The motion carried unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Tony Roorda, Board President

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Amy Maurer, Business Manager

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Approval Date