

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
January 12th, 2016

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

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

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

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

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of the minutes from December 8th, as presented.

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

Secondary Principal Report: Mr. Bear reported: 1) Report cards go out tomorrow. There are 27 students on the A/B honor roll. There were two students with a 4.0 GPA. 2) While some students are changing classes, all the students that started the zero period trigonometry class in the fall are continuing with it the second semester. 3) Senior privileges have started. 4) The Student Council trip to the state convention in Bismarck was a success. 5) In March, four of our high school students will be going to a State Water Quality Monitoring Conference. These students participated in Riverwatch which is a program run through VCSU where students and their teachers monitor water quality in a river in their area. 6) Once a month the regular staff meeting in the high school is being replaced with a TLC (Teaching and Learning Committee) meeting. At the first TLC meeting the teachers came up with a plan for developing relationships with students that might normally fall through the cracks. They are currently working on a plan for staff unity and school pride. 7) Mr. Bear attended an online training on the new ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) which was recently passed into federal law. This act replaces the No Child Left Behind Act and transfers more authority back to states. This may change the annual state testing which could be good, but could also be of concern because the lack of consistency in testing which could make it harder to track student progress. 8) The archery program has started for the year. Students in grades 7-12 may participate.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) The school was inspected by a state fire marshal on December 9th. He received a list of several things that need to be repaired/replaced. Two outlets have already been replaced and the other items will be done prior to the deadline. 2) A new science curriculum for the elementary should be purchased for the 2016-2017 school year. Along with staff, a meeting of the curriculum committee and interested parents/patrons should be held to assist with choosing the best curriculum. 2) Our current lunch prices are very low compared with other districts and an increase will be needed prior to the next school year. Like most districts, the hot lunch program is not self-supporting and is partially paid for by the general fund. 3) The Christmas program was a success with fairly large attendance.

Letter of Intent: A letter of intent to negotiate was received from the Montpelier Education Association. After reviewing the negotiated agreement more closely, the recognition shouldn't take place until the regular February meeting. Concerns over the language used in the petition and the employees being included in the group were discussed. Previously the guidance counselor position was excluded, this year that position is implied in the petition language.

2016-2017 Calendar: The proposed calendar was reviewed and discussed. Harms made a motion, seconded by Kjellberg to approve the 2016-2017 school calendar. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion Carried.

Substitute Teacher: Boom made a motion, seconded by Jansen to approve hiring Laine Hansen as a substitute teacher. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Pledged Securities: As of 12-31-2015 Unison Bank has pledged securities of \$957,558.70. Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms to approve the pledged securities. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Negotiations Seminar: NDSBA has a seminar on superintendent evaluations on February 11th and negotiations on February 12th. Ms. Boom and Mr. Roorda may attend.

Head Cook: When Ms. Johnson was hired it was agreed that her wage would be reviewed in January after a probationary period. Mr. Waagen recommends her hourly wage be increased to \$15.00 per hour.

Kjellberg made a motion, seconded by Harms to increase Carla Johnson's rate of pay to \$15.00 per hour. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

School Board Retreat: The agenda for the January 23rd school board retreat was reviewed. The retreat will take place at the Gladstone Inn in Jamestown from 10:00 am -3:00 pm. Retreats are open meetings. No motions will be made.

The board requested a spreadsheet documenting the history of repairs and improvements that have been made to the school buildings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Feb. 9, 2016

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date