

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
September 8th 2015

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

Absent: Shane Kjellberg, and 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 6:06pm.

Agenda: The following item was added to the agenda: 1) Substitute teacher.

Consent Agenda: Harms 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 August 11th, 2015, as presented.
- c. Approval of non-tuition and open enrollment applications.

A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Jansen, Harms, Roorda, and Steele. (4). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

Secondary Principal Report: Mr. Bear discussed concerns about the new requirement for 23 credits for graduation. When students who go to the vocational center use up two class periods due to the transportation time and if they have failed a class previously it can make it difficult to get in an adequate number of credits. The board concurred that the policy committee would look further into the issue.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) K-12 fall enrollment is 107 students with 47 in the elementary and 60 in grades 7-12. There are 6 students enrolled in pre-school. 2) A six member team of Mr. Bear, Mr. Waagen, Mrs. Bear, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Bowen, and Mrs. Smith attended the schoolwide Title I training workshop in Bismarck on August 12th. The schoolwide Title concept was presented for questions during the August 19th professional development day. The staff had several days to sign the commitment sheet and the required 81% did sign resulting in our school beginning the process of becoming a schoolwide program. This is a full year commitment. 3) During the staff professional development day staff members were trained in CPR/AED and First Aid. Our school counselor, Mrs. Schuetz presented suicide prevention on Wednesday. The staff also spent time reviewing and suggesting new ideas for the school mission statement. 4) School buses were inspected on August 31st with all buses passing. The new small bus is scheduled to be delivered at the end of September. 5) The fifth and sixth grade classes attended the Whitestone Battlefield education day on September 9th. 6) An open house for the school was held on Monday, September 5th from 5:00-7:00 pm. A meal was provided with staff members providing the food.

*Boom arrived.

Early Childhood Education Grant: The state grant is available to preschool provider in the district. Currently only our school provides that service. The funding available is \$1000 per pre-k student who

receives reduced funding for their meals, and \$2000 for those who receive free funding for their meals. The paperwork involved to receive the grant is extensive. School board approval to participate in the program is needed. Jansen made a motion, seconded by Steele, to participate in the state preschool grant program. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Jansen, Harms, Roorda, Boom, and Steele. (5). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

Transportation Fuel Provider: A request for vendor registrations for fuel providers was placed in the Jamestown Sun. Allied Energy was the only one to respond.

LEA/School Compliance Report: Each year the district is required to provide assurances to the state that all teachers have valid teaching licenses, are highly qualified in the subjects they teach, that the school meets all the curriculum requirements, meets safety requirements, does required background checks, and participates in the required review process. Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom to approve the compliance report. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Jansen, Harms, Roorda, Boom, and Steele. (5). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

NDSBA Convention: The convention is October 29th and 30th in Bismarck.

Substitute Teacher: Mr. Waagen recommends that Mrs. Tanya Kjellberg be hired as a substitute teacher. After discussion, Jansen made a motion, seconded by Boom to hire Mrs. Kjellberg as a substitute teacher upon completion of her requirements. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Jansen, Harms, Roorda, Boom, and Steele. (5). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

Monsanto Grant: The district received a grant for \$10,000 from Monsanto for students to utilize Vernier probes/sensors and interface hardware to collect and interpret data. Data collected will be related to “real life” experiences to instill the importance of using scientific data in making sound decisions in farming practices. The grant will be formally presented to the district on October 30th.

Meeting Date: After discussion, the October meeting was changed to October 20th at 6:00 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

October 20th, 2015

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date