

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
March 11th, 2015

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

Also Present: Superintendent Jerry Waagen, Secondary Principal Tim Godfrey, and Business Manager Amy Maurer.

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

Consent Agenda: On motion by Froehlich, seconded by Kjellberg, the following consent agenda items were approved. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Harms, Boom, Jansen, Froehlich, Roorda, and Kjellberg. (6). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of the minutes from the February 11th board meeting as presented.
- c. Approval of ten open enrollments into the district for the 2015-2016 school year.

Secondary Principal/AD Report: 1) Mr. Godfrey reported on the National Principals Conference. 2) Juniors will be taking the state required ACT test on Tuesday. Students are made aware of several resources that are available if they want to prepare for ACT testing. The possibility of coaching for the ACT's was discussed. 3) Acalympics are next week in Wishek. 4) Increasing credit requirements for graduation was discussed. 5) Students with 2 F's are now required to do a working lunch which has been very effective. 6) Elementary girls' basketball, and track have started. Archery has been to one meet so far. Many students are active on the yearbook staff this year.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: 1) Mr. Waagen reported that the teacher and secondary principal evaluations are completed. 2) March 6th was used to make up time missed due to the weather on January 8th. The teachers remained and had SLDS data training. 3) Spring parent/teacher conference attendance was down. The staff would like to split next year's spring conferences into two three hour sessions following school. 4) Elementary students have begun Jump Rope for Heart fundraising activity with the goal of \$2500, exceeding last year's amount raised. 5) Staff and students are preparing for the upcoming state testing. Students are working on practice tests and teachers have been working with their classes on the proper solving of the questions. 6) DPI Title Director, Laurie Matzke, received a letter from the U.S. Department of Education indicating that due to concerns about the new state testing that schools not meeting AYP will not have to move to the next stage next year. Schools will have to continue their procedures for school improvement. The high school will remain at year two and the elementary at year one assuming all criteria are met to remain at those levels. 7) Mr. Waagen has created a curriculum review and replacement schedule for the district.

Bus Bid: The bids for a 14 passenger school bus were opened. Harlow's offered three options all with slightly varying specifications: 1) 2015 Chevy for \$48,789.00. 2) 2014 Chevy for \$48,989.00. 3) 2015 Chevy for \$49,480. Trucks of Bismarck bid a 2016 Thomas for \$49,997 with possible trade in of \$3500.

The board reviewed the specifications for each bus.

Kjellberg made a motion, seconded by Jansen to purchase the 2016 Thomas bus from Trucks of Bismarck if it's available without dual wheels and without cloth seats. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Harms, Jansen, Boom, Froehlich, Roorda, and Kjellberg. (6). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

Business Teacher Position: Mr. Waagen recommends Mr. Richard Wright be hired for the business teacher position for the 2015-2016 school year. Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Jansen to hire Mr. Wright for the 2015-16 school year. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Harms, Jansen, Boom, Froehlich, Roorda, and Kjellberg. (6). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

Substitute Teacher Application: Mr. Waagen recommends hiring Richard Wright for the 2014-2015 school year and Carol Delaney as substitutes. Boom made a motion, seconded by Harms to approve the hire of Mr. Wright and Mrs. Delaney as substitute teachers. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Harms, Jansen, Boom, Froehlich, Roorda, and Kjellberg. (6). Nay: None (0). Motion carried.

School-wide Title I: Mr. Waagen discussed the process of becoming a school-wide Title I district. The district is currently a targeted Title I district which allows Title I funds to be used to help students identified as underperforming while a School-wide district allows the funds to be used to help all students. There is a year-long process involved in becoming a school-wide district. School-wide districts have greater flexibility in using the Title I funds.

Building Committee Recommendations: Mr. Kjellberg recommended several possible building projects with the board. Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Jansen to approve the following building projects: 1) Install carpets and replace subfloor in the learning center. \$2850 for the carpet and installation. The new subfloor will be additional. 2) Replace carpet in the downstairs office. Quote -\$1430.00 3) Replace carpet in Mrs. Brown's classroom and Mrs. Heinze's classroom. \$2480 and \$2680. 4) Install dry erase/whiteboards in most classrooms. Approximately \$300 each for a total of \$4500.00 5) Repaint the gym bleachers. 6) Repair high school stair railing and trim. 7) Purchase new classroom chairs for the elementary library and the high school math room. 30 chairs at approximately \$70 per chair. \$2100.00. 8) Redo the walls and ceilings of the hallway in the basement outside the business classroom. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Harms, Jansen, Boom, Froehlich, Roorda, and Kjellberg. (6). Nay: None (0). Motion carried

The board also discussed looking into having drains cleared in the elementary, hanging speakers for the sound system in the gym, and building additional classroom space where the trailers are now.

High School Principal Contract: Mr. Godfrey has an interview for a secondary principal position in Florida. If he is offered the position and accepts, the position could possibly begin in April of this year. The board discussed a penalty for an early departure, concerns about things being set and organized for the end of the school year, the schedule being in place for the start of the next school year, and the need for additional compensation for Mr. Waagen if he ended up taking on high school principal duties for the remainder of the school year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

April 8th, 2015

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date