

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
School Board Retreat
Held at Gladstone Inn, Jamestown, ND
January 13th, 2018

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

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

Presenter: Heidi Bear.

Call to Order: President Roorda called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

MTSS: Mr. Bear and Mrs. Bear outlined how the Multi-Tiered System of Support is designed to work and how it is starting to be implemented into the school district. The goal is to get students to the highest level of which they are capable. It isn't to put them on a narrow educational track. Six staff members are regularly attending training on MTSS.

Teacher Evaluation Process: The process and tools used for evaluating teachers was reviewed and discussed.

SLDS Dashboard: Information on SLDS Dashboard was reviewed and discussed. The state has created a new site to go online and review education data for schools at insights.nd.gov. So far it is not clearly defined what information is going to be on the site.

ND Choice Ready: Mr. Waagen reviewed the state's Choice Ready framework which is a tool to assist educators to ensure that all students successfully depart high school with the essential skills needed to be ready for life. This begins by making sure students have the essential skills to successful whichever path they choose. Students then will strive to be post-secondary ready, workforce ready, and/or military ready.

2018-2019 Budget: A preliminary budget was reviewed and discussed.

Extra-curricular Funding: There was a discussion about the athletics activity fund which is in the negative by over a thousand dollars because of the loss of revenue sources. Ideas for remedying this such as using general fund money or having a fundraiser were discussed.

School Facilities: Improvements that have been done to the school buildings and what improvements still are needed was reviewed and discussed.

School Board Size: There was discussion of what the process and best timeline would be to reduce the school board size from seven to five board members. The pros and cons of a possible board size reduction were discussed.

Curriculum: The district's current textbooks/curriculum was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Bear presented a Flex Mod schedule he is developing for grades 7-12. This helps facilitate special help times for students and longer periods in some classes for things such as labs. The schedule was discussed.

Technology: School technology was reviewed and discussed including the Chromebooks that each high school student is now using and active boards. The business classroom may need new laptops next year with updated versions of Office 365.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date