

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
April 17th, 2018

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

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.

Correspondence: 1) Notice was received from NDDPI that the district meets IDEA requirements. 2) Two corrections were made to the hot lunch program per the administrative review requirements and confirmation was received that those corrections were approved.

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

- a. Approval of the bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of the minutes from the March 14th regular meeting, as presented.
- c. Approval of open enrollment/non-tuition agreements.

The motion carried unanimously.

Secondary Principal /Technology Coordinator Report: Mr. Bear reported: 1) State assessment testing is happening now. 2) Students went to the University of Jamestown for art this week. 3) Mr. Bear is working on coordinating the Powerschool system with the flex mod scheduling. 4) The graduation program is being planned. Mr. Lien will be playing piano. 5) Mr. Bear was on the Advance Ed team for Kulm School district.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) Grades 4-6 attended the Prairie Waters Education and Research Center in Kathryn on March 22. Students learned about various water issues. 2) Elementary students had their first visit to the Jamestown Art Center on April 5 and will have a second visit on April 19. The opportunity is possible due to a generous donation of a local school patron. 3) He attended the James River Career and Technology advisory board meeting on March 27. Mr. Lynch provided updates about the center and the effectiveness it has upon student graduation rates. 4) The staff has completed this year's book study of *The Growth Mindset Coach* by Annie Brock and Heather Hundley. Eight staff members took the course and will receive one credit from the University of North Dakota. 5) The county health inspector was here on April 4 for the second inspection of the kitchen facilities. Minor faults were noted and have been addressed or will be addressed this summer. 6) Barb Orr gave the second and fifth grade classes a presentation on farm safety. 7) The North Dakota Highway Patrol did their second inspection of two school buses according to their new practice. Only one minor deflection was noted and will be addressed. 8) Mr. Henne was injured and Mr. Clayton Bertsch will be helping out during his absence. 9) There will be a football coop meeting May 3rd. There are some concerns that the student populations will bump the coop up to the next level. 10) Our elementary school was originally identified as a targeted school by DPI but after adjustments to the placement of the student engagement surveys our school is now a comprehensive school. Mrs. Bear and myself attended a workshop in Bismarck on March 29. This designation occurred due to the low proficiency rate and growth rate our students had on the state assessments. We will receive support from the state in a variety

of manners including professional development for our staff, coaching of teachers by Ed Direction, and additional funding to be used to acquire evidence-based interventions.

High School Class Schedule (Flex Module): Mr. Bear presented information on the proposal to change to a flex mod schedule in grade 7-12, which has flexible class times made of 20-minute modules (mods). Most classes would be two mods, with some labs in science and math being 3 or 4 mods long on some days. The scheduling would allow flexibility for more advanced classes, allow teachers to offer more resource time to help students, and provide time for students to perform community service. It would require students to develop a sense of personal responsibility toward school. It would provide time for students who must ride the bus to serve disciplinary time. Mr. Bear has applied to NDDPI for an instructional time waiver in case any required minutes run short. The school could revert back to a traditional schedule if the new schedule is not successful.

Lien made a motion, seconded by Harms to approve the flex mod schedule in grade 7-12 for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion carried unanimously.

Substitute Teachers: Boom made a motion, seconded by Lien, to approve Ann Bowman and Ellen Schnaible as substitute teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

Building Update: Mr. Waagen received quotes for projects as follows: 1) To carpet the 3rd grade elementary room Smitty's Carpet estimated \$3625 for carpet, or \$4341.00 for carpet tiles. 2) To add a downspout to the addition Infinity quoted \$5450.00. 3) To gut and sheetrock the stairwell and hallway by the basement business room, Infinity quoted \$22,685.00.

Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Harms to approve the carpet for \$3625.00 for the 3rd grade classroom and \$5450.00 for the downspout addition. The motion carried unanimously.

Possible repairs to the kitchen were discussed.

Committee Meetings: Scheduling meetings for the policy, finance, and building committees was discussed.

Health insurance Rates: The rates for 2018-19 went up 6%.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date