

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
December 19th, 2018

Board Members Present: Tony Roorda, Lynn Boom, Robert Froehlich, Jeff Jensen, Scott Harms, and Abram Valenta. Absent: Dustin Lien.

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

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

Consent agenda: Boom made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve the following:

- a. Bills and financial reports
- b. The minutes from the November 14th regular board meeting, as presented
- c. Non-tuition agreements for three new students into the district for the current school year and five open enrollment applications for students already attending here for the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Secondary Principal's Report: Mr. Bear reported: 1) Changes to the secondary math curriculum are being considered. Samples have been ordered from Saxon for consideration. Interventions are being looked at for those students have difficulties in math. 2) Changes are being made to the secondary resource times for the second semester. 3) Teachers are working on ideas for motivating students. 4) There will be a fun holiday celebration for students Friday with games.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) He attended a legislator roundtable with area legislators, superintendents, and school board members on December 5th. A variety of educational topics were brought up and discussed with the legislators. A large portion of the time was spent on the need for legislation to address the behavioral health challenges that all schools are facing. Other topics included the teacher loan forgiveness program, education funding, school calendar flexibility, and transportation. 2) Our second early release for professional development was held on November 27th. The high school staff worked on ideas for improving the school's culture and climate. The elementary staff met with the Ed Direction coach, Laura Grzymkowski, to discuss strategies for level of engagement and the Consultancy PLC (professional learning community) meetings. The first PLC meeting was held on Thursday, December 6. 3) Elementary staff meetings are being held weekly alternating "business" meetings and PLC meetings. The teachers continue their coaching doing both on-site and virtual coaching with Laura G. 4) Four members on the staff attended MTSS training in Fargo on December 11. 5) The RED, Read Every Day, program started again on December 14. The program is designed to have the parents, grandparents, etc. to come and read with elementary students once a month on a Friday. 6) The Christmas concert for grade PK-12 was held on December 18. 7) Our school will be hosting Donkey Ball on January 17 at 7:00 in our gym. The profits from the night will go to the activity fund, focusing on the speech and athletic funds.

Substitute Teachers: Harms made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the hire of Aaron Schmidt and Nate Soulis as substitute teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Meeting Calendar: The board reviewed a proposed calendar that has most meetings on the third Wednesday of each month. Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve the calendar. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Retreat: The retreat will be on January 12th from 10:00 am to approximately 3:00 pm. As always, the meeting is open to the public. The meeting is primarily for discussion and no motions will be made. Ideas for topics for the meeting were discussed.

2019-2020 School Calendar: Two possible calendars were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Bear will talk to next year's seniors and their parents about the possibility of having graduation on Memorial Day weekend.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date