

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
February 20th, 2019

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.

Visitors: Angela Hansen, music/elementary teacher.

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

Agenda Modification: 1) Track coaches.

Correspondence: 1) The district applied for and received a \$500 Farm-to-Table grant to purchase a section wedge cutter and totes.

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

- a. Bills and financial reports
- b. The minutes from the January 16th regular meeting, as presented.
- c. Open enrollment applications for two current preschoolers into the district for next year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Secondary Principal Report: Mr. Bear reported: 1) NWEA testing has been completed. 2) State assessments for grades 3rd through 8th, and 10th grade will be done in March. 3) ACT testing of 11th graders will be on March 12th. 4) The district has been approved to do AP testing on site. 5) On March 14th, 7th and 8th graders will go to Jamestown for a Business Camp. 6) 7th and 8th graders will attend a STEM day at U.J. on March 7th. 7) Mr. Bear will attend a Driver's Education conference on March 21st for two days in order to receive mandatory instructor training. 8) On March 21st some students will attend a computer programming camp at VCSU. 9) Some students will attend Acalympics on March 12th in Linton. 10) He is working on the 2019-20 class schedule. 11) Parent-teacher conferences are next week Tuesday and Thursday.

Superintendent/Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Waagen reported: 1) All scheduled storm days will now be utilized due to weather. The makeup days will be March 8, 14, 25, and April 23. He completed a survey sent by the governor's office asking for details about our days we were late or not in session. A waiver will be requested after March 1. 2) MPS oversaw the Stutsman County Spelling Bee held on February 13 in Jamestown. This was the third consecutive year of doing this. The day was a success with the cooperation of the schools and volunteers. Mrs. Trouba was the pronouncer for the oral round of the spelling bee. Montpelier students were: Kaihlynn Kinzler (1st grade) red ribbon, Josie Butterfield and Charley Ratts (2nd grade) blue ribbons, Leon Simpson (2nd grade) red ribbon, Kailey Van Enk (3rd grade) blue ribbon, Isabella Ahrens (4th grade) blue ribbon, Clara Harms and Jordan Jensen (4th grade) red ribbons. Qualifying for the oral round finals for grades 5-8 were August Harms and Cecelia Bear. 3) He attended ESSA/AdvancEd training in Fargo on February 5th to help us prepare for implementing our school improvement plan. 4) He attended the NDASA mid-winter conference in Bismarck on January 28 and 29. 5) The PE students have begun roller skating in class for approximately 10 days. PTO sponsors

this program. 6) Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on February 26 and 28 from 4:00-7:00 each day. 7) Miss North Dakota, Katy Olson, was here on Friday, February 15. She spoke to the elementary students about self-confidence and the I-Can attitude. Her focus with the high school students was being positive and being able to choose to make the day positive. She also stayed to take part in the Read Every Day (RED) day with the elementary students. 8) Donkey Ball raised over \$1,800 and was a fun-filled evening. 9) There may be an athletic co-op meeting on March 20th. 10) He updated the board on pending state legislation.

Recognition of MEA as an Appropriate Negotiating Unit: Harms made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, that pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of Montpelier Public School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Hansen Consideration: Mrs. Hansen addressed the board requesting that they consider allowing teachers new to the district to be able to bring all their years of experience. Currently teachers can get paid off the salary schedule for up to five years of experience in the first year in the district and up to ten years of experience in their second year. Mrs. Hansen is currently in her 27th year of teaching and took a significant pay cut from her previous position. She has a double major allowing her to work as an elementary teacher as well as teach music. She would like to be kept up to date so that if she needs to seek employment elsewhere, she has time to do so. The board discussed that this item is part of the negotiated agreement. They will consider it as a possible negotiations item.

Superintendent Evaluation: The board directed the business manager to email the evaluation to them for them to complete prior to the next meeting.

School Board Election Date: Boom made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to set the school board election for Tuesday, June 11th, 2019, to be held at the Montpelier Public School, with the polls open from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The motion carried unanimously. The positions that are up are currently held by Roorda, Lien, and Jensen.

Track Coaches: Harms made a motion, seconded by Boom, to hire Tyler Schnaubert as head track coach, and Keegan Casey as assistant track coach. The motion carried unanimously. The board discussed the option of moving track to Edgeley and what the impact that would have on participation.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Tony Roorda, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date