

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
Regular Meeting
September 13th, 2023

Board Members Present: President Scott Harms, Tony Roorda, Abram Valenta, Kyle Throener, Wade Dally, and Brock Naze. Absent: Robert Froehlich.

Also Present: Superintendent Mr. Phil Leitner, and Business Manager Amy Maurer.

Visitors: Ms. Julie Williams.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm. The board members were given the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Roorda made a motion, seconded by Naze to add milk prices to the agenda and remove student dress code from the policies up for first reading. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: Valenta made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve the consent agenda which included the following:

- a) Approval of the September bills and financial reports
- b) Approval of minutes from the August 9th, 2023 board meeting, as presented.
- c) Approval of non-tuition agreements/open enrollment applications for 15 students into the district and 1 student out of the district.
- d) Personnel: Approval of the hire of substitute teachers Joellen Lee, Cal Lee, and Lacey Enger. Approval of the hire of substitute bus driver Scott Maurer. Approval of adjusting the bus driver compensation to CDL Bus Route Driver rate to \$56.50 per trip, the Full Route 14-passenger bus route rate will remain at \$45.85 per trip, and the Mini 14-passenger route rate will be \$25.00 per trip.

The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Leitner updated the board:

- 1) The windows have all been installed in the high school building.
- 2) Transportation: Mr. DeBuck has resigned as transportation director. Readers will be installed on gas tanks. Bus inspections will be scheduled.
- 3) Current enrollment is 98 plus 11 PK students.
- 4) Hot Lunch received \$7212 in Supply chain Assistance.
- 5) Mrs. Bear and Mr. Leitner are attending the required EL Training September 13th and 14th.
- 6) There are 20 students participating in fall sports.
- 7) Events/field trips for students in various grades include a career fair at UJ, a science field trip at Clausen Springs for science, and EcoEd Camp in Jamestown.
- 8) The after school tutoring program "Martin Time" began on August 30th. Transportation is provided.
- 9) Eight students are participating in vo-tech courses in Jamestown.
- 10) There is a Barb Norby Scholarship that could be applied for to send a board member to national convention.

Grading the dirt and/or removing the sidewalk on the south side of the high school to improve drainage was discussed.

Transportation Fuel Provider: One bid was received in response to the ads soliciting fuel bids. Allied Energy bid 12 cents above their cost. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve Allied Energy as the fuel provider for the Montpelier School District. The motion carried unanimously.

LEA/School compliance Report: Roorda made a motion, seconded by Dally, to approve the LEA and School Compliance reports. The motion carried unanimously.

2023-2024 Budget: The proposed budget was reviewed. General Fund revenues \$2,252,171.76 and expenditures \$2,197,806.76. Building fund revenues \$36,882 and expenditures \$35,000. Hot Lunch Fund revenues \$107,483 and expenditures \$110,749. After discussion, Valenta made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve the 2023-2024 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Tax Levy Approval: Roorda made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the Tax Levy of \$516,345 general fund and \$36,882 Building Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

Painting Project: A quote was received from Cole Huber Paint and Drywall to paint the elementary hallways, the gymnasium and the stage/cafeteria for \$7975. Paint would be estimated at an additional \$2000. After discussion Roorda made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve the painting project as quoted and the purchase of the paint. A roll call vote was taken: Dally-yes, Roorda-yes, Throener-yes, Valenta-yes, Harms-yes, Naze-no. Motion carried.

NDSBA Convention: Mr. Harms and Mr. Leitner plan to attend the NDSBA Convention. Other board members are undecided. The board concurred that whichever board members register first will be registered as the voting delegates.

Policies: The board did the first reading of the following policies: 1) GCBA- Grading 2) Teacher grading policy- rescind 3) Tardiness policy- rescind. The Student Handbook, as approved by the board, will be the guiding document on the policies proposed to be rescinded.

Activity Fund: Valenta made a motion, seconded by Naze, to approve the following transfers within the Student Activity Fund: \$98.64 from the Class of 2021 to High School, \$283.96 from the Class of 2022 to High School, and \$369.06 from the Class of 2023 to Archery. The motion carried unanimously.

Milk Prices: The cost of ½ pints of milk have increased to above the 35 cents per carton we are currently charging. After discussion, Roorda made a motion, seconded by Throener, to increase the price of milk to 45 cents per carton, effective October 1st. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Scott Harms, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date