

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

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

Also Present: Superintendent Mr. Phil Leitner, Principal Mrs. Sara Wilson, and Business Manager Mrs. Amy Maurer.

Visitors: Ms. Amber McIntyre, and Ms. Isabella McIntyre.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. The board members were given the opportunity to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda: Roorda made a motion, seconded by Naze, to add Larell Peckham mechanic rate of pay to the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- a) Approval of the December bills and financial reports
- b) Approval of minutes from the November 8th board meeting, as presented.
- c) Personnel: Approval of increasing the mechanic rate of pay to \$90 per hour for Larell Peckham.

The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/HS Principal Report: Mr. Leitner updated the board. Recent or upcoming student/community events: 1) Dodgeball Tournament 2) State Student Council 3) Blood Drive 4) Christmas Concert 5) Final Tests 6) Second semester begins January 3rd.

Other items: 1) Principal evaluation is complete 2) The Employee Gift Fund in the Activity fund has been renamed Employee Workroom Fund. This will be used to apply employee contributions to pay for workroom items such as paper plates, forks, popcorn, etc 3) The state has formed a School Construction Coalition, and a Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force 4) The shortage of teacher and support substitutes was reviewed and discussed. For December Mrs. L. Enger is scheduled to come in two days each week to help offset the shortage. 5) B & G Roof Inspections will have an inspection completed soon to report to the Building and Grounds Committee. 6) A Finance Committee meeting should be scheduled to look at a 2024-2025 budget and consider additional CD's. 7) Sound system fundraising has been successful with \$10,000 raised from the 50/50 raffle, \$5000 donated from Allied Energy/Co-Bank, and \$2500 from Unison Bank.

PK-8th Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilson updated the board: 1) Progress has been made on teacher evaluations 2) Elementary Staff Team Time has been used to vet curriculum, share 504 information, review testing and data, and for McKinney Vento training. 3) Aimsweb benchmarking is complete. 4) Progress on the Cognia Continuous Improvement Plan and Strategy Map was shared. This is required by

all districts that receive federal funds. 5) She has applied for a Science of Reading High-Quality Instructional Materials Grant for up to \$50,000 for a new reading curriculum for the elementary.

School Board Election: After discussion, Valenta made a motion, seconded by Naze, to approve holding the Montpelier School Board Annual Election on Tuesday, April 23rd, and to designate one precinct for which the Montpelier School will be the polling place, with the polls to be open from 11:00am-7:00 pm, and to include the question on whether the board proceedings should be published in the official newspaper of the district. The motion carried unanimously.

School Board Meeting Calendar: Valenta made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve the proposed regular school board meeting calendar, as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Updates: The board did the second reading of the Visitors in School Policy and the Public Relations Policy (rescindment).

After discussion, Throener made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve the Visitors in School Policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Roorda made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve rescinding the Public Relations policy. The motion carried unanimously.

Sound System: A quote from Tricorne Audio, Inc. for a new sound system in the gymnasium for \$31,690 was reviewed and discussed. Fundraising to date totals \$17,500. Valenta made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve purchasing the sound system. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

School Accountability Report: The school accountability report which is a compilation by the state of the student engagement survey and state test scores was reviewed and discussed.

Certificates of Deposit: The district has three \$100,000 CDs that mature on December 15th. If no action is taken they will be renewed for another 6 months at a 5.25% interest rate. No action was taken.

School Board Retreat: Proposed topics were reviewed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Scott Harms, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date