

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
Regular Meeting
March 13th, 2024

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

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

Visitors: Mary Hilgemann, Julie Williams, Richard Wright, Kimberley Jackson, Janet Hendrickson, Kristen Lynch, Scot Lynch, Tyler Witt, Jodean Nelson, and Leon Simpson.

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: Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to add the following to the agenda: 1) A resignation under the personnel report, 2) A formal complaint under business. The motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: Mr. Leitner shared information he had just received on a grant that is available for trap shooting.

Consent Agenda: Mr. Leitner read a letter of resignation from Mr. Scott Lynch.

Ms. Maurer shared information on the open enrollments and non-tuition application up for approval. There are five open enrollments into the district from Jamestown. There are two open enrollments out of the district to Edgeley.

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

- a) Approval of the March bills and financial reports.
- b) Approval of minutes from the February 14th regular meeting, as presented.
- c) Approval of open enrollment applications, as presented.
- d) Personnel: Approval of the resignation of Mr. Scott Lynch, effective as of the end of the current school year.

The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent/HS Principal Report: Mr. Leitner updated the board.

Student Experiences:

- 1) Grade 4-8 Science Fair was held at the school.
- 2) Grades 7-8 participated at the Science Fair at the Fargodome, with four students with 2 projects making it to state.
- 3) EKM Girls Basketball took 2nd at State. Montpelier school held a watch party.
- 4) EKM Boys Basketball is State Basketball Bound. A watch party will be held in Montpelier.
- 5) Grades 6-9 attended Emerging Engineers at University of Mary.
- 6) Breakfast with Books and Buddies took place March 5th.
- 7) State Archery is coming up in Minot March 15-17.
- 8) 7-12 Band/Choir Concert was held the afternoon of March 8th.

Committee Business:

- 1) The Athletic Committee met to review the EKM cooperative.
- 2) The Curriculum Committee met and reviewed the curriculum recommendations from staff, sustainability of current curriculums, cybersecurity integration plan, and discuss the scope and purpose of their committee.
- 3) The Building and Grounds Committee met and discussed the roof and painting project proposals, developing a list of project priorities, and the scope and purpose of their committee.

PK-8th Principal's Report: Mrs. Wilson reported: 1) Mr. Leitner, Ms. Haugen, Ms. Wilson, and Mr. Lynch attended the Restorative Practices Conference in Jamestown which focused on restoring relationships rather than punishment alone.

Request for use of School: Noah Greer requested to use the gym to play basketball. After discussion, Froehlich made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to allow the use of gym as long as administration is notified each time beforehand, everything is left in at least as good of condition as before he used it, and he is responsible for anyone who accompanies him. The motion carried unanimously.

CKLA Curriculum: The curriculum committee met and is recommending the purchase of a new reading curriculum for grades k-6 called CKLA. The cost would be \$34,754.16 which includes updates for six years. \$31,000 would be covered by an ESSER III State Discretionary Grant. After discussion, Roorda made a motion, seconded by Throener, to approve the purchase of the CKLA curriculum. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

No Red Ink Curriculum: The curriculum committee also recommends the purchase of a 1-year subscription to the No Red Ink Curriculum. 7-12 English teacher, Mrs. Bear, has been using the free sample version this year and has found it effective in helping to improve students writing and grammar skills. The lowest price that could be negotiated was \$2250 which would be for grades 7-12, with grades 3-6 included for free. After discussion, Roorda made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve the the No Red Ink curriculum for \$2250.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Roof Project: The building and grounds committee recommends moving forward with the roof project to replace the roofs over the kitchen, stage, and locker rooms areas at a cost of \$168,872.23. The best option to pay for the roof will be referred to the finance committee for further discussion. After discussion, Throener made a motion, seconded by Valenta, to approve a contract with Core Facilities Solutions for the roof project for \$169,872.23. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye. Motion carried.

Painting Project: Cole Huber Paint and Drywall bid \$2500 to paint the three bathrooms on the main floor and the beams in the gym. After discussion, Dally made a motion, seconded by Froehlich, to approve Cole Huber completing the painting project for \$2500. The motion carried unanimously.

Substitute Teacher Plan: Mr. Leitner proposes to have a substitute teacher on staff every school day through the end of the school year to assist with students with extra needs who do not qualify for special education services and to help cover any staff absences and to pay them the daily staff rate of \$150 per day. After discussion, the board concurred the plan would be acceptable through the end of the school year.

Personnel Complaint: Investigations into a personnel complaint has been completed by the board president and needs to be presented to the school board for their consideration. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20th at 6:00pm.

Superintendent Evaluation: The board reviewed and discussed the compiled Superintendent Evaluation. There was discussion on the process and format of the evaluation. The development of a committee to review the superintendent evaluation format was discussed. Roorda made a motion, seconded by Dally, to approve the superintendent evaluation for Mr. Leitner. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Scott Harms, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date

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