

School Board Minutes
Montpelier Public School District #14
214 7th Ave
Montpelier, ND 58472
Annual Meeting
August 14th, 2024

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

Also Present: Superintendent Mr. Phil Leitner, PK-12 Principal Ms. Sara Boom, and Business Manager Amy Maurer.

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: No changes.

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

- a. Approval of the August bills and financial reports.
- b. Approval of minutes from the July 17th, 2024 regular board meeting, as presented.
- c. Approval of non-tuition/open enrollment agreements for eight students into the school district and two students out of the district.
- d. Approval of the following hires, and the substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:
 - Jeff Ingerson: Hire as transportation coordinator, \$5000 annual salary
 - Hunter Heck: Hire as substitute teacher, and as Title Aide for \$20.00 per hour. Continued employment as an aide is contingent upon the district being awarded the higher \$120,000 Best-in-Class grant amount which will be determined on Sept 11th.
- e. Substitute Teachers: Laurie Brown, Sue Valenta, Kris Kietzman, Joni Brandenburg, Ellen Anderson, Kelsey Naze, Curt Brown, and Julie Waldie.

The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report: Supt. Leitner reported:

- On the first day of school there were 90 students enrolled K-12, plus 11 in PK
- Back-to-school training included new teacher orientation, new policy updates, policy trivia, and Adverse Childhood Events (ACES) training.
- An open house took place on Monday August 12th.
- Thanks go out to the alumni that attended the school reunion and those who planned it.
- The Class of 1974 toured the school as part of their own reunion later in the summer.
- The board participated in a School Policy Trivia.
- The roof project will begin on Thursday

Principal's Report: Ms. Boom reported:

- Bicycles were received through a grant. They will be used for PE for the younger students. Thanks to the high school students who were able to help assemble the bikes.
- The new policy of no cell phones in school began today, the first day of school.
- New teacher mentoring has been arranged for the two new first-year teachers.

- The district is utilizing the Cook Center as a resource for suicide prevention, and mental health supports.
- The district is using Mystery Science, an online resource for science curriculum, on a free trial basis this year.

Passion Project and Team time Presentation: Information was presented to the board on the one hour per week that teachers will be using to pursue the passion project of their choice. This may be an educationally related project the teacher chooses such as a book study or an educational collaboration.

One hour every other week will be devoted to Team Time to help teachers keep open lines of communication with each other on students, daily issues, and to communicate positive things to parents concerning students.

School Raffle: The board had previously brought up the possibility of having another raffle at the school. The possibility of having a raffle to raise money for playground equipment or a new gym floor was mentioned. The general consensus was to wait until there was a project to hold a raffle.

Food Service Rates: Proposed meal prices were reviewed and discussed. Roorda made a motion, seconded by Dally, to approve the following meal prices for the 2024-2025 school year:

Breakfast:	Elementary	\$2.75
	7-12	\$2.75
	Staff	\$3.50
	Guests	\$4.00
Lunch:	Elementary	\$3.25
	7-12	\$3.50
	Staff	\$4.50
	Guests	\$6.00
Additional:	Extra Milk	\$.50
	2 nd Servings	\$1.00

The second serving cost will be charged to parents.
The motion carried unanimously.

Policy Considerations: The board reviewed, discussed and did the first reading of the following policies:

- a) Training and Dissemination of District Policy
- b) FGDB- Student Handbooks

The possibility of a total policy review was mentioned.

Presentation of Handbooks: The proposed handbooks for students, classified staff and teachers were reviewed and discussed.

FFB-BR1 Frequently Asked Questions on Attendance and Absence Policy: A proposed administrative regulation which outlines frequently asked questions on absences was reviewed and discussed. Some changes will be made.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Scott Harms, Board President

Amy Maurer, Business Manager

Approval Date