

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #239**

The regular meeting of the Rushford-Peterson School District #239 was called to order by Chairperson John Linder at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford, MN 55971.

Members Present: Valarie Howe, Joyce Iverson, John Linder, Dean Mierau and Bonnie Prinsen

Members Absent: Julie Koop, Jon Pettit

Administration Present: Superintendent Charles Ehler, Jake Timm

Activities Director: Dan Bieberdorf

District Office Personnel: Laura Hahn

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Prinsen seconded by Mierau to adopt the agenda with the following addition: Consent Agenda: Personnel: Resignation of Heide Dudley – Ag Education Teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

There was a discussion among the board members and Mr. Ehler regarding the sale of school items on Darr Auction. The conversation centered around the sale of banners and duplicate trophies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Judi Tekautz and Rachel Svenningson addressed the board with concerns regarding the sale of school memorabilia.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Iverson to approve the following consent agenda items; December 18, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes & Truth-in-Taxation Meeting Minutes, January 8, 2018 Organizational Meeting Minutes, Donations in the amount of \$2,380. (Donations were received for our Music Program in memory of Sandy Myhro.) December hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$271,803.19, December payroll in the amount of \$270,082.74, January board bills in the amount of \$159,294.35, Personnel: Resignation of Brittany Benson - Elementary Administrative Assistant, Leave of absence request for Emily Charlebois - 5th Grade Teacher, Hire of Joyce Carpenter - Long-term Sub for Kim King - EL Teacher, Hire of Ken Youel - Long-term Sub - HS Math, Hire of Megan Boyum - Kid's Club Supervisor, Hire of Teisha Escobar - ECFE - Parent Educator, Resignation of Heide Dudley - Ag Education Teacher and Middle School & High School Activity Fund Reports (July - December 2017) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Prinsen, seconded by Howe to approve the 2018-2019 early retirement guidelines for teachers. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Iverson to approve the 2018-2019 school year calendar draft. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Iverson to table the following agenda item: Approve the sale of school memorabilia (i.e. banners and extra trophies) from 1990-present; other school items may be sold on an auction. Mierau recommended establishing a committee and/or getting input from the community to determine what to do with school memorabilia items. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ehler asked the board to consider granting him a one-year contract. Superintendent Ehler's current contract expires on June 30, 2018. Chairperson Linder recommended that Superintendent Ehler present a proposal to the Negotiations Committee for review and for the committee to bring a recommendation to the full board.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Prinsen to have Superintendent Ehler present a proposal to the Negotiations Committee for review and for the committee to bring a recommendation to the full board. Motion carried unanimously.

Current Property and Liability Insurance on the vacant buildings and changes in coverage on vacant buildings were discussed.

Motion by Iverson, second by Howe to remove the property insurance coverage on the vacant buildings, general liability insurance will remain on the vacant buildings. As a result, the district will receive a return premium of \$10,328.29. With a roll call vote of 4:1 (In favor: Howe, Iverson, Linder, Prinsen, Against: Mierau), motion carries.

Superintendent Ehler presented the Superintendent and Community Education reports.

Director Pettit arrived at 6:21 PM.

Jake Timm presented the Elementary and Middle School/High School Principal's report.

Dan Bieberdorf presented the Activities Director's report.

Dan Bieberdorf presented information to the board regarding the possible addition of the following advisor positions: Fall Dance, JH Knowledge Bowl Advisor and Trap Team Advisor.

Moved by Pettit, seconded by Mierau to add a second advisor for Knowledge Bowl and retain volunteer coaches for the Trap Team and Fall Dance. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION:

The next regular monthly board meeting will be on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Howe, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:56 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

John Linder, Chairperson

Bonnie Prinsen, Clerk