

Greenbush Middle River School  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2683  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 24, 2021  
7:30 PM in School Cafeteria  
401 Park Avenue West  
Greenbush, MN 56726

1. Call to Order at 7:30 P.M.
2. Roll Call: Shane Kilen, Allison Harder, Brandon Kuznia, Brandon Ignaszewski, Kurt Stenberg  
Not present: Joe Melby, Carrie Jo Howard  
Administration: Larry Guggisberg, Sharon Schultz, Amie Westberg  
OTHER ATTENDEES: Patty Wojciechowski, Troy Foss, Brittany Burkel, Kevin Ricke, Mark Stromsodt, Laurie Stromsodt, Kent Christian, Mary Anderson, Jess Foss, Mara Gust, Leah Hasson, Tara Kern, Tina Taus, Carol Rhen, Julie Przekwas, Jody Randall, Robert Novacek, Dave Stanelle, Deb Stanelle, Brad Dahl
3. Listening Session
4. Recommendation to add items to the agenda from Board members or School Administrators
5. Approval of Agenda
  1. A motion was made by Allison Harder, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the agenda of the February 24, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented.  
Roll Call Vote: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes
6. Minutes
  1. A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the minutes of the preceding regular meeting of January 20, 2021.  
Roll Call Vote: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes
7. Business Services
  1. A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Shane Kilen to approve the payment of bills check #37871 through #37981 for a total of \$120,336.24 and Purchasing Card electronic payments dated January 5, 2021 and Electronic Funds Transfers as submitted.  
Roll Call Vote: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Greenbush Middle River School District Budget to Actual Expenditure Report (as previously requested by board member to provide on monthly basis).
8. Significant School Events and Communication:
  1. Board acceptance of donations to the School  
A motion was made by Allison Harder, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the following donations:  
Lake Country Chevrolet donation to GMR "Concession Stand" .....\$200.00  
Wikstrom Telcom donation to GMR District for Internet connectivity.....\$5,348.00  
Meagan Brennan donation to GMR Boys Basketball.....\$200.00  
Carl and Patricia Peterson donated a drum set to GMR Music Dept.....  
Roll Call Vote: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes
2. Recognition of GMR Spelling Bee Champion(s) [Local, Regional, State participation]
  - 1st Place (advancing): Audrey Gust – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Jude Vacura – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

3<sup>rd</sup> Place tie: Kenzie Dahl – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Nathan Gust – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Audrey Gust advanced to the NWMN Regional Spelling Bee at (Virtually) Northland College in Thief River Falls on Feb. 3, 2021. She placed in the top four and therefore qualified for STATE Spelling Bee competition. Audrey competed in the STATE Spelling Bee on February 16, 2021. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Mrs. Robin Waage was this year's Spelling Bee Coordinator.

3. Recognition of State Math League Participation

Ryan Hlucny, Grade 12 will be participating in State Math League competition on March 8, 2021. The GMR Math League completed their 2020-2021 season with an over-all third place finish in their division. Ryan placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the division for an individual. This qualified him to participate in the individual portion of State Math League Competition. Ryan has finished first in the Division since 9<sup>th</sup> Grade so this will be his 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year participating in State Competition. Mrs. Tara Kern is the Math League Advisor.

4. Recognition of Bus Driver Appreciation Day

The MN Association for Pupil Transportation in cooperation with Governor Tim Walz proclaimed Feb 21-27, 2021 as School Bus Driver Appreciation Week.

5. School Board Recognition Week

6. Recognition of State FCCLA participation

Recently FCCLA members were judged and advanced to State competition which will be a virtual event. Eligible to participate in State (VIRTUAL) competition are:

McKenna Bennett	Morgan Reed
Mya Bennett	Katelyn Waage
Bella Burkel	Brooklyn Wahl
Berlyn Burkel	Sierra Westberg
Chance Christian	Honna Westlund
Elizabeth Gust	

GMR will do an in-house FCCLA (virtual)Conference on Thursday and/or Friday March 25-26. The National Conference has gone virtual with a small portion being hybrid. This means that each state will have very limited numbers able to attend the national conference in person. We basically gave them two options: (1) To compete at the state level; or (2) To hold their competitive piece over until next year, in hopes that things will be a little more normal. The majority of our GMR students made the decision to hold their pieces until next year with the exception of McKenna Bennett who will be competing at the state level in the national event Re-purpose and Re-design and Berlyn Burkel who will be competing in the national event Food Innovations.

9. Old Business

1. Legal Up-date as it relates to petition by Middle River Annexation Property Owners Group

Since at least March 2018, efforts on the part of representatives of the Middle River Annexation Property Owners Group have engaged in efforts to detach their properties from the GMR District and annex them to a neighboring school district. On January 22, 2020, Roseau County Judge Donna Dixon rendered a court decision dismissing the Middle River Property Owners annexation lawsuit. Judge Dixon essentially adopted the arguments made in support of the manner in which the School Board handled all of the detachment and annexation petitions. The Group does have the right to appeal the Roseau County Court decision to the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The Middle River Property Owners have 60 days to file an Appeal to the January 22, 2021 decision by the Roseau County Judge.

2. Introduction of Proposed Budget Reductions effective with the 2021-2022 school year

Superintendent options for 2021-2022

After Supt. Presentation and discussion, it was decided to schedule a Work Meeting of the Board for Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. This work session will also discuss options for Supt. Position.

10. New Business:

1. Report on MNSHSL Constitutional Amendment

A motion was made by Shane Kilen, seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to provide the direction for Mrs. Sharon Schultz to vote affirmative (yes) on MSHSL Constitution Amendment.

Roll Call: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes

2. Approve employment of Para Professional

A motion was made by Board member Allison Harder, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the employment of Ms. Karla Davy as a para professional effective February 16, 2021.

Roll Call: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes

3. Board approval of Teacher resignations as a result of Early Retirement Incentive Program (M.S. 122A.48)

a. Approve resignation of licensed Teacher Mrs. Laura Stand

Motion by Board member Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Allison Harder to approve the resignation of licensed teacher Mrs. Laura Strand effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year in accordance with the Board approved Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program pursuant to M.S. 122A.48.

Roll Call: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes

b. Approve resignation of licensed Teacher Ms. Joleah Hasson

Motion by Board member Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the resignation of licensed teacher Ms. Joleah Hasson effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year and in accordance with the Board approved Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program pursuant to M.S. 122A.48.

Roll Call: Kilen-Yes, Harder – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Ignaszewski – Yes, Stenberg - Yes

11. Reports:

1. Superintendent

a. GMR Student Enrollment (*to-date*)

b. Development of 2021-2022 School Calendar

c. Report on the activities and events of the 2021 MN Legislative Session

d. Superintendent Comments: In-person learning in the GMR School - In general, not the same as other schools in Minnesota or even the United States.

2. Principal

a. COVID-19 Testing

b. How COVID-19 has affected Winter Activities (to-date)

c. How COVID-19 has affected Spring Activities (to-date)

d. Principal's report on Feb. 15, 2021 Staff Development activities

e. Parent Teacher Conferences (March 15, 2021)

f. Statewide Assessments

12. Adjournment

Motion by Kurt Stenberg, second by Allison Harder to Adjourn.

13. Communications

Blood Drive on March 3, 2021

Parent Teacher Conferences on March 15, 2021

Regular March School Board Meeting – March 15, 2021@ 7:30 pm in GMR School Library