

GREENBUSH - MIDDLE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT # 2683

Greenbush Middle River School Library

MAY 20, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chairperson Kurt Stenberg called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.

Members Present: Kurt Stenberg , Peter Kern, Brandon Ignaszewski , Allison Harder, Brandon Kuznia, Sue Ann Wahl

Also Attending: Barb Muckenhirn, Superintendent

Members Absent: Joe Melby

Guests: Brittany Burkel, Mara Gust, Tara Kern, Ryan Bergeron, Brittany Babcock, Mr. Babcock, Laurie Stromsodt, Arlette Pearson

Motion by Brandon Kuznia, second by SueAnn Wahl to approve the agenda of the May 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

Motion by Allison Harder, second by SueAnn Wahl to approve the minutes of the preceding regular meeting of April 15, 2024.

Motion by Allison Harder, second by SueAnn Wahl to approve the payment of bills check #41136 through #41237 for a total of \$147,344.97 and Purchasing Card electronic payments dated April 5, 2024 and Electronic Funds Transfers as submitted.

GREENBUSH MIDDLE RIVER SCHOOLS
TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MONTH OF
April, 2024

	Current Year	Previous Year
Beginning Balance	\$743,068.47	\$88,055.61
Receipts	\$498,578.45	\$421,239.51
Expenditures	\$377,948.96	\$407,815.52
Ending Balance	\$863,697.96	\$96,479.60

Principal Dan Carpenter presented monthly report including NWCA report, GMR Staff Update, Bussing, Food Agreement,

Principal Dan Carpenter presented an update on the Head Start/School Readiness collaborative program.

Principal Dan Carpenter presented an update on summer school that will be funded by remaining ESSER Funds (\$23k materials and staffing cost).

Superintendent Barb Muckenhirn presented monthly report including the FY 24 Audit - Oct. 28, 29, 30 Legislative Session information and update on changes in Insurance procedures.

Committee Reports included:

NWRIC - Next meeting June

BGMR Sports Board - NA

GMRTC Joint Powers Board - Recommend hiring Kevin McKeever

Board Committees - Meet and Confer discussion

Upcoming Important Events:

Senior Awards/Baccalaureate 7:00 p.m. May 22

Graduation Ceremony: May 26, 2024; 2:00 p.m.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 6 - May 10

The 3 year superintendent contract with Kevin McKeever was discussed.

Motion by Kurt Stenberg seconded by Peter Kern to approve the employment Agreement [July 1, 2024-June 30, 2026] as recommended by an interview committee with Mr. Jamie Lunsetter as K-12 Principal - Activities Director. (2 year contract) PASS - ALL

Motion by Peter Kern and seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the employment of Dylan Stender as Maintenance Supervisor and Boiler Operator, effective May 28, 2024. PASS - ALL

Motion by Peter Kern second by Allison Harder to approve the hire of Katie Johnston as 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher effective starting the 2024-2025 school year. PASS - ALL

Motion by Allison Harder second by SueAnn Wahl to approve the hire of Brittany Burkel as 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher assigned to grade 5, effective starting the 2024-2025 school year. PASS - ALL

Motion by Peter Kern and seconded by SueAnn Wahl to approve the employment of Mary Beth King as K-12 Music Teacher for a one-year contract for the 2024-2025 school year contingent upon having a Tier 1 License awarded by Minnesota Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB). PASS - ALL

Motion by Peter Kern second by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the position change for Robin Wagge from Elementary Teacher to Title I Teacher effective beginning the 2024-2025 school year. PASS - ALL

Motion by SueAnn Wahl and seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the assignment of Samantha Alme (replacing Mara Gust) as Continuing Education Advisor effective July 1, 2024. PASS - ALL

Motion by Kurt Stenberg and seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the employment of Shane Nelson as JV Boys Basketball Coach effective for the 2024-2025 season. PASS - ALL

RESOLUTION

Brandon Kuznia introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, Brittany Babcock, is a Tier 1 teacher in Independent District No. 2683.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 2683, that the teaching contract of Brittany Babcock, a Tier 1 teacher in Independent School District No. 2683, shall be nonrenewed at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, effective June 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that written notice be sent to said teacher regarding the nonrenewal of the teacher's teaching contract.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Kurt Stenberg and upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof, ALL IN FAVOR

the following voted against the same.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on May 20, 2024

RESOLUTION

Brandon Kuznia introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent District No. 2683 adopted a resolution proposing placement of MARA GUST on unrequested leave of absence on April 15, 2024, on the grounds of

1. Lack of pupils
2. Financial limitations

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence was received by MARA GUST by hand delivery on April 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that MARA GUST was entitled to a hearing before the School Board provided they make a request in writing within twenty-one days, of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing

was requested within said twenty-one day period it constituted acquiescence by MARA GUST to the School Board's proposed action, and

WHEREAS, no written request for a hearing was received by the School Board or Superintendent from MARA GUST as of May 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said failure to make written request for a hearing within twenty-one days after receipt of notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence constitutes acquiescence by MARA GUST to said placement on unrequested leave of absence;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 2683 that MARA GUST be and hereby is placed on unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent District NO. 2683 on the grounds of 1. Lack of Pupils, and 2. Financial limitations, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective June 30, 2023, in accordance with the District master agreement and pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 10. without pay or fringe benefits.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in the teacher's personnel file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

Resolutions Placing a Continuing Contract / Tenured Teacher on Unrequested Leave of Absence Upon Acquiescence of Such Placement

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski and upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof, ALL IN FAVOR

the following voted against the same.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on May 20, 2024

RESOLUTION

Peter Kern introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, the School Board of Independent District No. 2683 adopted a resolution proposing placement of LAURA DAHL on .21 unrequested leave of absence on April 15, 2024, on the grounds of

1. Lack of pupils
2. Financial limitations

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence was received by LAURA DAHL by hand delivery on April 16, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said written notice of the proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence contained a statement setting forth the reasons for the proposed placement as well as a statement that LAURA DAHL was entitled to a hearing before the School Board provided they make a request in writing within twenty-one days, of receipt of said notice, and that if no hearing was requested within said twenty-one day period it constituted acquiescence by LAURA DAHL to the School Board's proposed action, and\

WHEREAS, no written request for a hearing was received by the School Board or Superintendent from LAURA DAHL as of May 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said failure to make written request for a hearing within twenty-one days after receipt of notice of proposed placement on unrequested leave of absence constitutes acquiescence by LAURA DAHL to said placement on .21 unrequested leave of absence;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent District No. 2683 that LAURA DAHL be and hereby is placed on .21 unrequested leave of absence as a teacher of Independent District No. 2683 on the grounds of 1. Lack of Pupils, and 2. Financial limitations,

at the end of the 2023-2024 school year effective June 30, 2023, in accordance with the District master agreement and pursuant to Minn. Stat. 122A.40, subd. 10. With .21 reduction of pay or fringe benefits in accordance with the Master Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice of placement on unrequested leave, together with a copy of this resolution be forwarded to said teacher personally and that an affidavit of same be placed in the teacher's personnel file, together with a copy of the notice and resolution.

The motion for the adoption of the preceding resolution was duly seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski and upon vote being taken thereon,

The following voted in favor thereof, ALL IN FAVOR

the following voted against the same.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted on May 20, 2024

Motion by Peter Kern second by Brandon Ignaszewski to accept the following May donations:

- a \$250.00 anonymous donation to Math League,
- a \$40.00 donation to FCCLA from Kelman & Elizabeth Kvien
- a \$5,000.00 Bayer Fund for Restroom Facility Project (Application made by John & Allison Harder) (Monsanto Grant) PASS - ALL

Motion by Peter Kern second by Kurt Stenberg to approve the FCCLA field trip request to attend the National Conference June 28 -July 2, 2024 as per the submitted field trip request.

PASS - ALL

Motion by SueAnn Wahl second by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the 2024-2025 Student Handbook revisions as presented.

PASS - ALL

A Motion by Kurt Stenberg second by Brandon Kuznia to Ehlers and Superintendent Muchinhern to formulate the referendum paperwork for an increase of \$925.00 per pupil for 10 years, with no inflation.

PASS - ALL

Information: The district has been using the services of School Management Services (SMS); Todd Netzke, CEO, to assist with the SOD plan and budget revisions. Administration recommends formalizing these services to assist with the higher level budget development and monitoring tasks.

Motion by Peter Kern second by SueAnn Wahl to grant approval for the neighboring individuals at 545 Park Avenue West to have chickens. PASS - ALL

Motion by Kurt Stenberg second by SueAnn Wahl to approve the negotiated Agreement Between Independent School District No. 2683 Greenbush/Middle River and The Greenbush/Middle River Education Association (GMR EA), Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. PASS - ALL

Motion by Peter Kern second by Kurt Stenberg to provide funds in the amount of \$2000 to each community of Greenbush and Middle River to offset expenses for Summer Recreation youth ball. PASS - ALL

Motion by SueAnn Wahl, Second by Kurt Stenberg to ADJOURN
PASS - ALL

Regular June School Board Meeting - June 17, 6:30 p.m., Greenbush Middle River School Library

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison Harder, Board Clerk