

**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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, 2018 at the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford, MN 55971.

Members Present: Valarie Howe, Joyce Iverson, Julie Koop (arrived at 5:37 PM), John Linder, Dean Mierau, Bonnie Prinsen and Jon Pettit

Members Absent: None

Student Member: Anna Kjos

Administration Present: Superintendent Charles Ehler, Jake Timm and Angela Shepard

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: Old Business Item 7B. Further discussion regarding the plan approved at the February 26, 2018 board meeting from David Kane to move forward with the sale of the vacant Elementary / High School building. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Mierau requested that Personnel Item 5. Hire of Joel Hinke – MS/HS Business Education Teacher be removed from the consent agenda.

The following community members expressed concerns to the board regarding hiring a Business teacher instead of hiring and maintaining two Ag Instructors. Tony Heiden, Doug Lind, Steve Highum, Lakyn Lind, Grace Luhmann, Colby Lind and Mike Hammel.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to approve the following consent agenda items; February 26, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, Donations in the amount of \$1,500, February hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$248,673.94, February payroll in the amount of \$422,263.01, March board bills in the amount of \$182,931.34, Personnel: Retirement of Maryellen Dean - Elementary Teacher, Resignation of Terry Pelzl - Head Girls Basketball Coach and JH Volleyball Coach, Resignation of Chanda Riedemann - Assistant Volleyball Coach, Resignation of Rocky Xiong - Assistant (9th Grade) Volleyball Coach, Hire of Patricia Ebner – ECSE Para and Hire of Joe Hatch – Assistant Golf Coach. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ehler thanked Ms. Dean for her 37 years of teaching and Mr. Pelzl for his years of coaching.

Mr. Ehler spoke about the rationale for hiring a Business Teacher and clarified that the district is not eliminating the Ag program. There was a lengthy discussion among the board members, administration and Colby Lind regarding the reasons for hiring a Business teacher and having Mr. Lind teach Ag classes. Director Mierau made a motion to table the hiring of Joel Hinke – MS/HS Business Education Teacher. The motion was seconded by Iverson. With a vote of 2:5 (In favor: Mierau, Iverson | Against: Koop, Howe, Linder, Prinsen, Pettit) motion fails. Director Pettit made a motion to approve the hire of Joel Hinke – MS/HS Business Education Teacher. The motion was seconded by Howe. With a roll call vote of 4:2:1 (In favor: Howe, Linder, Pettit, Prinsen | Against: Koop, Mierau | Abstain: Iverson) motion carries.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Mierau to approve the second reading and adopt the following policies: #410 - Family Medical Leave Policy, #413 - Harassment & Violence Policy, #414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse and #415 – Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults. Motion carried unanimously.

The board discussed the plan the was approved at the February 26, 2018 board meeting from David Kane to move forward with the sale of the vacant Elementary / High School building. The board requested we adhere to Plan B (approved last month - Direct consideration of the identified local developers, costs not to exceed \$8,000) and to contact and make known that our old building is available for redevelopment. The board encouraged more transparency and involvement of the facilities committee. (Dean Mierau, Julie Koop & Joyce Iverson)

Moved by Howe, seconded by Koop to authorize Superintendent Ehler to advertise for milk and gasoline quotes for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pettit, seconded by Mierau to approve extending the deadline for the extension of the current Bus Transportation Contract with Bernard Bus Service from March 20, 2018 to April 20, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Mierau to approve a one-year contract for Superintendent Ehler. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Mierau to approve the first reading of the following policies: #506 - Student Discipline & Notice of Suspension, #514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy, #522 - Student Sex Nondiscrimination (Title IX) & Unlawful Sex Discrimination Towards a Student Report Form, #524 - Internet Acceptable Use & Safety Policy & Internet Use Agreement - Student Form/Employee Form. Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the plans for the Athletic Fields Enhancement project. The project will be advertised in the local paper and the mandatory bid process will be followed.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Iverson to move forward with the project as proposed. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Ehler presented the Superintendent and Community Education reports.

Angela Shepard presented the Elementary Principal's report.

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

Dan Bieberdorf presented the Activities Director's report.

**INFORMATION:**

The next regular monthly board meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford.

Moved by Koop, seconded by Iverson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:29 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

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John Linder, Chairperson

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Bonnie Prinsen, Clerk