

GREENBUSH MIDDLE RIVER SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2683
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 2019
7:30 PM

1. Call to Order at 7:33 P.M.
2. Roll Call
 2. 1. Roll Call: Carrie Jo Howard, Shane Kilen, Brandon Kuznia, Joseph Melby, Kurt Stenberg, Laurie Stromsodt, Allison Harder
 2. 2. Administration: Tom Jerome, Sharon Schultz
Other Attendees: Cooky Kujava, Mary Stauffenecker, Dave Thompson, Nathan Bukowski, Brittany Burkel, Russ Anderson, Terry Howard, Ryan Bergeron, Jina Lund, Jamie Isane, Robby Christianson, Jeremy Swenson, Nikki Wojchowski, Sonny & Lois Peterson, Mark Stromsodt, Arlette Pearson
3. Listening Session
4. Approval of Agenda
 4. 1. A motion was made by Allison Harder, seconded by Brandon Kuznia and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the agenda of the May 20th, 2019 Regular Board Meeting as amended.
5. Minutes
 5. 1. A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Kurt Stenberg and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the preceding regular meeting of April 15th, 2019.
6. Business Services
 6. 1. A motion was made by Laurie Stromsodt, seconded by Brandon Kuznia and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the payment of bills check #36112 through check #36227 for a total of \$155,801.34 and Purchasing Card electronic payments dated April 4th, 2019 and Electronic Funds Transfers as submitted.
 6. 2. Treasurer's Report
7. Reports
 7. 1. Listening Session
Dave Thompson, representing the Middle River Annexation Committee, presented seven (7) additional petitions to annex out of the school district along with one updated signature page which should match lawsuit filing.
 7. 2. 4H State to State
Robby Christianson requested use of GMR School bus to transport 4-H participants in Annual State to State Project. Local 4-H group will pay for the fuel and furnish a licensed, approved driver at no cost to the District. Dates required use of bus include June 25, 2019 through July 1, 2019.
 7. 3. Petition for Writ of Mandamus
Board Chair Kilen and Board Member Laurie Stromsodt were both served with copies of a Petition for Writ of Mandamus as filed with Ninth Judition District, County of Roseau on

behalf of the Middle River Annexation Property Owners Group. Copy of all appropriate documents have been sent to GMR School District's Attorney. Kilen and Stromsodt were the only Board members served with the Petition.

Board member Howard asked if there were any existing GMR Board Members listed as part of the Petition against GMR School District to which Board Chair Kilen and Supt. Jerome reported that Board Members Stromsodt and Melby were both part of the legal action against the school district. Board member Howard then asked if this constitutes as a "Conflict of Interest" to which both Stromsodt and Melby asserted that it was not. Board member Stromsodt said that she had been elected "by the people" and Board member Melby said that he was serving in "the best interest of the school district". Board Chair Kilen indicated that he had checked with MSBA regarding any potential conflict and was told that this happens in some instances and cannot be prevented.

8. Communications

8. 1. Superintendent

8. 1. a. Greenbush Middle River School District Enrollment

- As of **May 16th, 2019**: Greenbush Middle River School District enrollment is:
- Enrollment in , **May 2018** K-12 : 318
- *See attached

8. 1. b. Buildings and Grounds

- Gym floor removal will begin week of May 27th
- Gym floor installation scheduled to begin approximately week of June 3rd
- Sidewalk replacement and installation to begin approximately week of June 3rd
- Dust Collection System in the wood shop GMR High School to be installed during the summer prior to start of the 2019 - 2020 school year.

8. 1. c. Greenbush Middle River School District Budget to Actual expenditure report

- As requested by board member, document will be provided on monthly basis.
- Budget consists of 6 fund balances:
 - o 01 General Fund
 - o 02 Food Service
 - o 04 Community Services
 - o 07 Debt Redemption
 - o 08 Scholarships
 - o 09 Student Activities
- *see attached

8. 1. d. Greenbush Middle River School District 2019 - 2020 Academic Calendar Options

- Calendar options are attached for review
- Calendar options have been presented to certified staff
- 2019-2020 Calendar is being presented for board consideration / approval
- All options contain 172 instructional days and a total of 8 additional days for certified staff (7 staff development days and two 1/2 days in the form of P/T conferences beginning at in afternoon and running through evening, one day in the fall and one day in the spring.

- The GMREA has indicated a preference for Calendar option #1.

8. 1. e. National Teacher Appreciation Day

- May 7th was recognized as "National Teacher Appreciation Day"
- Thank you to all teachers in Greenbush Middle River School District for all the work that they do on a daily basis to serve our students..

8. 1. f. Greenbush Middle River FIRST Robotics

- Greenbush Middle River FIRST Robotics Team #5172 participated in the World Championships in Detroit, MI April 24th - 27th.
- Team #5172 finished in 1st place after qualification rounds with a 9-1 record
- Team #5172 advanced to Carson Division Championship round.
- Team #5172 will compete in the Minnesota State High School League FIRST Robotics State Championships (May 18th)
- All funds used to send Team to World Championship Competition were donated.

8. 1. g. Minnesota State High School League FIRST Robotics State Championships

- Greenbush Middle River FIRST Robotics MSHSL FIRST Robotics State Championship update

8. 1. h. Minnesota State High School League Membership

*see MSHSL documentation

8. 1. i. Baccalaureate and Graduation

8. 1. j. Superintendent Resignation

- Superintendent Jerome has submitted letter of resignation effective June 30th, 2019
- Superintendent Jerome has served Greenbush Middle River School District for seven years.
- July 1st, 2012 - June 30th, 2019
- Much discussion was held regarding how GMR should proceed following Supt. Jerome's resignation. GMR will need to have a Superintendent in place by July 1, 2019. Badger School District is meeting at 7:30 am on Tuesday, May 30, 2019 to determine how they will also proceed after Jerome's resignation and if they wish to continue to share a Superintendent with the GMR School District.
- Following Badger's meeting, a Special Board Meeting will be called by the GMR School Board to finalize decision to proceed.

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Kurt Stenberg, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683, will work with Badger School District to secure an Interim Superintendent through MSBA, contingent on Badger's decision to share Superintendent.

9. Principal Report

9. 1. Principal Schultz

- Senior Class Trip
- Handbook Changes

10. Proposed Resolutions May 20th, 2019

10. 1. A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Brandon Kuznia, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 approve calendar option # 1 for the 2019- 2020 academic year.
10. 2. A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Allison Harder, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 Ratify Administration's Termination of Alicia Olson's Employment, effective May 15th, 2019. Before the vote, Board member Harder shared with the Board that Olson had been the school bus driver for her students and they "have never had a better driver". Harder requested that be known and recorded.
10. 3. A motion was made by Laurie Stromsodt, seconded by Shane Kilen, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 approve leave of absence request as submitted by Mrs. Kern.
10. 4. A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Laurie Stromsodt, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 approve the Greenbush Middle River Student Handbook modifications as presented for 2019 - 2020 academic year by Principal Schultz.
10. 5. A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Allison Harder, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 authorizes membership in the Minnesota State High School League and delegates the control, supervision and regulation of interscholastic athletic and fine arts events to the Minnesota State High School League, and so hereby certifies to the State Commissioner of Education as provided for by Minnesota Statutes.
10. 6. A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Joe Melby, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 approve termination of administrative services contract between Greenbush Middle River School District and the Badger School District.
10. 7. A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 accept the resignation of Superintendent Jerome.
10. 8. A motion was made by Laurie Stromsodt, seconded by Kurt Stenberg, and UC that, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 accept the following donation(s).

Area 1 Envrothon Greenbush High School \$500.00

Keith Kapphahn and Charles Kapphahn GMR School FCCLA \$25.00

Julie Wollin Gators Readers in memory of Joan Haugen \$15.00

Julie Wollin Gators Readers in memory of Janice and LaMoyne Brandon \$20.00

Polaris Industries GMR School FIRST Robotics \$5,000.00

South 89 Seed and Services, LLC Gator Robotics \$500.00

Middle River Community Club Initiative Fund GMR FCCLA \$500.00

M.I.C.I. Robotics Donation \$5,000.00*

*\$2,500.00 from Axalta Coating Systems / \$2,500.00 M.I.C.I.

10. 9. A motion was made by Brandon Kuznia, seconded by Kurt Stenberg, and UC that, BE

IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of District 2683 approve the hiring of Isaac Novacek as Head Wrestling Coach contingent upon completion of Coaching Education Program.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Carrie Jo Howard

Second: Kurt Stenberg

12. Communications

- Regular School Board Meeting - June 17th 7:30 p.m. at Greenbush