

Truth in Taxation, School Board Meeting
following at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, December 16, 2024 6:00 PM Central

Aitkin Public Schools - Media Center
306 Second Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

Jen Burgos: Present
Roland Hill: Present
Cindi Hills: Present
Rev. Dawn Houser: Absent
Brian Leitinger: Present
Holly Mindrum: Present
Kassie Peterson: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

1. Call meeting to order by the chairperson

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of agenda - revise or remove as needed

Motion to approve the agenda as presented. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Roland Hill, Passed.

5. Truth in Taxation Presentation - Heather Hipp

5.A. Comments from Community

There were no comments from the community.

5.B. Approve 2024 payable 2025 Levy Certification

Motion to approve the levy certification at \$3,336,986.74. This motion, made by Kassie Peterson and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

6. Board Tour of Career and Technical Education Area: Board meeting will resume at 7:00 p.m.

7. *Comments from visitors

7.A.

- Comments from visitors must be in relation to Aitkin Public Schools and/or to agenda items.
- We recommend that you sign up at the comment table if you wish to speak. You will be called up in order as listed on the sign-up sheet. When you come forward to comment, please be seated at the comment table facing the Board Members. State your name prior to your comment. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes.
- The Board will not engage in any discussion or debate during this comment session. The Board will take the information and find answers as appropriate.

- As part of Board protocol, it is unacceptable for any speaker to slander or engage in character assassination at a public board meeting.

8. Scheduled presentations: (Max. 10 Minutes)

8.A. Student Council Reports

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High School student council representatives gave an update of events.

8.B. Dane Larson - Auditorium Painting

Motion to accept the proposal for the painting of the High School Auditorium from On Time Painters presented by Dane Larson. This motion, made by Roland Hill and seconded by Jen Burgos, Passed.

9. Old Business:

9.A. Approve the following policies 2nd reading:

Motion to approve the 2nd reading of policies as presented. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Kassie Peterson, Passed.

9.A.1. Policy 201 - Legal Status of the School Board

9.A.2. Policy 202 - School Board Officers

9.A.3. Policy 203 - Operation of the School Board-Governing Rules

9.A.4. Policy 203.1 - School Board Procedures-Rules of Order

9.A.5. Policy 203.2 - Order of the Regular School Board Meeting

9.A.6. Policy 203.5 - School Board Agenda

9.A.7. Policy 203.6 - Consent Agenda

9.A.8. Policy 203.7 - School Board Compensation

9.A.9. **MSBA Model Policy Updates - November 2024 Newsletter**

Policy 503 Student Attendance

Policy 507.5 School Resource Officers

Policy 519 Interviews of Students by Outside Agencies

Policy 606 Textbooks and Instructional Materials

Policy 606-5 Library Material

Policy 613 Graduation Requirements

Policy 614 School District Testing Plan & Procedure

Policy 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications and Exemptions

Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget

Policy 721 Uniform Grant Guidance Policy

Motion to approve the MSBA Model Policy Updates. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Jen Burgos, Passed.

10. New business:

10.A. Approve consent agenda items as follows:

Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Kassie Peterson and seconded by Holly Mindrum, Passed.

10.A.1. Approve the following School Board Meeting Minutes:

10.A.1.a. School Board Minutes: November 18, 2024

10.A.1.b. School Board Minutes: November 25, 2024

10.A.2. Approve financials for the month of November, 2024:

- Office receipts in the amount of \$456,066.08
- Report of expenditures, including \$374,432.27 for bills and \$1,070,927.50 for payroll and district contribution to PERA, TRA, OASDI/Medicare and 403(b).
- Donations in the amount of \$26,598.13.
- Wire transfers in the amount of \$1,400,000.00.
- Employee reimbursements.

10.A.3. Approve Resignations

10.A.3.a. Jody Slinger - Paraprofessional

10.A.3.b. Levi Perrine - Musical Set Design/Technical Director

10.A.3.c. Tracy Benz - School Nurse

10.A.3.d. Kelli Crowther- School Nurse

10.A.3.e. Shauna Hill - Speech

10.A.4. Consider and approve the following volunteer coaches 2024-25 season

10.A.4.a. John Buisman - Boys basketball

10.A.4.b. Louie Orr - Wrestling

10.A.4.c. Noah Landrus - Wrestling

10.A.4.d. Hunter Hills - Wrestling

10.A.4.e. Jack Grell - Wrestling

10.A.5. Approve Hirings:

10.A.5.a. Bruce Wilcox - RES Paraprofessional

10.A.6. Approve Community Education Annual Report 2024-2025

10.A.7. Approve Fundraising Activity 2024-25

10.A.7.a. Prom Committee Fundraising - Malts to be sold during 2nd semester

10.B. Discussion Items:

10.B.1. MREA Board of Director's election

Motion to approve MREA vote for Julie Kicker from Menahga, MN. This motion, made by Roland Hill and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

10.B.2. Approve Community Education Annual Report, 2024-2025

Motion to approve the Community Ed Annual Report 2024-2025. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Roland Hill, Passed.

10.B.3. Discuss and approve World's Best Workforce

Motion to approve the WBWF Report. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Kassie Peterson, Passed.

10.B.4. Discuss and approve Minnesota School Survey - MDE survey for grade 5,8,9,11

Motion to approve the Minnesota School Survey for grades 5, 8, 9 and 11. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Kassie Peterson, Passed.

10.B.5. Discuss and approve School Liaison - District Share

Motion to approve the district share of \$15,000 for the School Resource Officer for the 2024-2025 school year. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

10.B.6. Approve Combined Polling Place - Aitkin Public Library

Motion to approve the Aitkin Public Library as the district combined polling place. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

10.B.7. Discuss January and February 2025 Regular Meeting Dates

Set meeting dates for Monday January 13th at 6:30 p.m. and Monday February 10th at 5:00 p.m.

10.B.8. Discuss and approve Costin Lobby Group proposal for 2025

Motion to approve the Costin Lobby Group proposal. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Jen Burgos, Passed.

10.B.9. Consider and approve Robotics Team MOU

Motion to approve the Robotics Team MOU. This motion, made by Brian Leitinger and seconded by Roland Hill, Passed.

10.B.10. Consider and approve 2024-25 Extra Curricular Assignments

Motion to approve the Robotics coaches for the 2024-25 season. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

10.B.10.a. Jason Henke - Robotics Team Head Coach 2024-25 season

10.B.10.b. Scott Miller - Robotics Team Assistant Coach 2024-25 season

10.B.11. Credit Card Fees

Motion to approve credit card fees as proposed to 4%. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Jen Burgos, Passed.

11. Administrative reports:

11.A. Board Members Reports:

11.B. Committee Reports:

11.B.1. Personnel Committee Meeting, December 5th, 2024

11.B.2. Policy Committee Meeting, December 11, 2024 - 1st Reading (none)

All November Policies are updates from MSBA - only need one reading for Board approval

11.C. Principal's Report:

Mr. Dokken, Rippleside Elementary School

Ms. DeMars, Aitkin High School

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11.D. Community Education - Lara Parkin

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11.E. Superintendent's report:

11.E.1. Enrollment Update

11.E.2. Other:

11.F. Upcoming meetings:

~~December 19, 2024 - Ag Committee Meeting - 3:45 Ag Room - Canceled~~

December 26, 2024 - Personnel Committee Meeting - 3:45 AHS District Office

January 6, 2025 - Special School Board Meeting - 6:00 AHS Media Center

January 8, 2025 - Policy committee Meeting - 3:45 District Office

February 5, 2025 - Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting - 3:45 AHS Media Center

12. Other:

13. Close meeting under MN Statute 13D.03, labor negotiations strategy

Motion to close the meeting under MN Statute 13D.03, labor negotiations strategy. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Brian Leitinger, Passed.

14. Open Meeting

Motion to open meeting. This motion, made by Jen Burgos and seconded by Kassie Peterson, Passed.

15. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Holly Mindrum and seconded by Jen Burgos, Passed.