

Greenbush Middle River School
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2683
REGULAR MEETING

July 19, 2021

7:30 PM (School Cafeteria to allow for COVID-19 Social Distancing
401 Park Avenue West
Greenbush, MN 56726)

1. Call to Order at 7:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call: Shane Kilen, Kurt Stenberg, Brandon Kuznia, Carrie Jo Howard, Brandon Ignaszewski, Joe Melby, Allison Harder

Administration: Supt. Larry Guggisberg, Princ. Sharon Schultz

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ryan Bergeron, Karyl Langaas, Striker Hasson, Leah Hasson

3. Listening Session – Leah Hasson spoke regarding the reduction recommendation recently reached with regards to Office Staff and the time factor involved.

4. Recommendation to add items to the agenda from Board members or School Administrators

5. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Allison Harder to approve the agenda of the July 19, 2021 Regular Board Meeting as presented. Motion was unanimously carried.

6. Minutes

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve the minutes of the preceding regular meeting of June 21, 2021. Motion was unanimously carried.

7. Business Services

A motion was made by Brandon Ignaszewski, seconded by Brandon Ignaszewski to approve the payment of bills check #38369 through #38424 for a total of \$114,895.44 and Purchasing Card electronic payments dated June 7, 2021 and Electronic Funds Transfers as submitted. Motion was unanimously carried.

1. Treasurer's Report

2. 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:

9. Old Business

1. School Election - Fall Operating Referendum

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby to run a two (2) question ballot for Operating Levy with the first question asking for a renewal of existing levy of \$506.00 per pupil unit for seven (7) years and the second question asking for an additional \$700 per pupil unit for seven (7) years. Motion was unanimously carried.

2. A Special Board Meeting of the Greenbush Middle River School was scheduled for August 2nd at 7:30 pm.

10. New Business:

1. Food For Kids Backpack Program through North Country Food Bank

A motion was made by Shane Kilen, seconded by Allison Harder to approve the North Country Food Bank Backpack Program. Motion was unanimously carried.

2. Approve Milk Bid for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby to approve the bid from Prairie Farms as the provider for milk products during the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was unanimously carried.

3. Approve Bread Bid for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Allison Harder to approve the bid from Bimbo Bakeries via the NW Service Cooperative and their cooperative bid / purchasing program as the provider for bread products during the 2021 – 2022 school year. Motion was unanimously carried.

4. Approve adult meal prices for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Joe Melby, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to set the cost of adult breakfast in school year 2021-2022 to remain at the 202-2021 cost level (\$2.00) and in 2021-2022 to increase the adult lunch price by 10 cents (\$3.95).

5. Board approval for a Tennis co-op with the Roseau School District effective the Fall 2021 season.
 Member Shane Kilen introduced the following resolution and moved it's adoption:
 RESOLUTION APPROVING COOPERATIVE SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT
 WHEREAS, a proposed Agreement has been negotiated regarding the cooperative sponsorship of a joint high school Girls Tennis program between Roseau and the Greenbush Middle River School Districts.
 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2683, as follows:
 The Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement be and hereby is approved:
 That the Chairman and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Sponsorship Agreement and to make the required application to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota State High School League.
 The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Kurt Stenberg and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kilen, Stenberg, Kuznia, Howard, Ignaszewski Melby, Harder
 And the following voted against the same:
 Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed
6. GMR Staffing for 2021-2022
 - a. Special Education Teacher re-assignment effective with the 2021-2022 school year
 A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Joe Melby to re-assign Mr. Dave Stanelle and Mrs. Trish Waage the GMR Special Education student caseload effective with the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was unanimously carried.
 - b. Accept resignation of para professional
 A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Joe Melby to accept the resignation of Ms. Karla Davy as per submitted letter. Motion was unanimously carried.
 - c. Resolution eliminating at-will positions in accordance with Budget reduction measures approved by the GMR School Board on March 29, 2021.
 Member Shane Kilen introduced the following Resolution and moved its adoption:
 RESOLUTION ELIMINATING AT-WILL POSITIONS DUE TO BUDGET REDUCTIONS
 WHEREAS, the School Board and Superintendent have worked extensively to implement extensive budget reductions to address declining enrollment and the loss of funding associated with the same;
 WHEREAS, the School Board has identified the need to eliminate positions or reduce staffing expenditures by approximately \$450,000.00 as part of the District's ongoing efforts to implement budget reductions;
 WHEREAS, the School Board has identified the need to eliminate one bus driver position and a District office secretary position as part of its staffing reductions.
 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
 The School Board hereby eliminates the following positions effective July 20, 2021:
 10-month Office Secretary position (currently held by Leah Hasson)
 9-month Bus Driver position (currently held by Brian Burkel)
 Superintendent Larry Guggisberg is hereby authorized and directed to provide written notice to Ms. Hasson and Mr. Burkel of the elimination of their positions and the termination of their at-will employment.
 Both Ms. Hasson and Mr. Burkel will remain eligible to apply for open positions for which they are qualified.
 The motion for adoption of this Resolution was duly seconded by Brandon Kuznia, and upon a vote being taken, this Resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Kilen- Yes, Stenberg-Yes, Kuznia-Yes, Howard-Yes, Ignaszewski-Yes, Melby-Yes, Harder-Yes
7. Board approval of Long Term Facility Maintenance (LTFM) Plan
 A motion was made by Joe Melby, seconded by Kurt Stenbert to approve the Greenbush Middle River School District Long Term Facilities Maintenance Plan as presented. Motion was unanimously carried.
11. Reports:
 1. Superintendent
 - a. School Vehicle Dept. of Transportation inspection
 - b. Coronavirus and the status of School Start-up (Fall 2021)
 - c. Legislative Summary of 2021 MN (Special) Legislative Session
 2. Principal's Report
12. Adjournment

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Kurt Stenberg to ADJOURN. Motion was unanimously carried.

13. Communications

July-August 2021 – Negotiations with GMR-Education Association whose employment Agreement expired June 30, 2021.

August 2nd – Special Board Meeting @ 7:30 pm in GMR School Cafeteria

Regular August School Board Meeting – August 16, 2021 @ 7:30 pm in GMR School Cafeteria

September 20-21 tentative date for 2020-2021 GMR Financial Audit