

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, June 8, 2009 6:00 PM
Regular Board Meeting
High School Media Center

Chair Norgaard called the meeting to order. Members present: Philip Norgaard, Mark Lumley, Tina Holty, Mike Horgen, Lynel Johnson and Dawn Hill. Administrators present: Supt. Steven Dooley, Gary Kawlewski, Betsy Ziemer, Sandy Logrono, Dale Christensen, Nancy Helmer, Chuck Stanger, Susan Meyer. Others present: Student Representative, Nick Crowley.

Procedural Items. The meeting was called to order, the pledge of allegiance was recited, and the agenda was reviewed. Personnel Item H. Community Education Contract was moved to a Discussion Item. Two resignations were added and a Survey Update was added to the Board Committee Report. Agenda as revised was approved by board member Horgen and seconded by Member Johnson. Motion carried. Chair Norgaard recognized the visitors. Hugh Hovde was present for the Public Forum segment of the agenda. Hovde spoke on behalf of the Becker Girls Lacrosse team in hopes of being accepted as an activity sport at Becker High School. Currently there are 47 members on the team. Hovde went on to say that Lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the state and shared other data regarding the sport. Norgaard thanked Hovde for the information. Supt. Dooley read the Reasons To Be Proud: From High School Principal, Sandy Logrono- Congratulations to the Class of 2009 - 190 Seniors graduated on May 29th; Congratulations to the girls softball team for advancing to the State tournament and winning State Consolation; Congratulations to Kourtney Williams for winning a 7th place medal in the State golf tournament; Congratulations to the Becker Student Council and their advisors Maria Burnham and Andy Burklund for another successful Spring Fling Activity Day. From Middle School Principal, Nancy Helmer- As part of the middle school's BIG FISH READING CHALLENGE, this year's 6th graders read 4481 books. This averages to 18 books per student for the year. Our top 9 readers in 6th grade read over 159,000 pages. Our district's Teacher of the Year is Jen Panek, BMS Special Education Teacher. Congrats to the middle school bands, choirs, and directors on their AWESOME concert performances. The middle school is proud to recognize the 7th graders and their teachers for helping with the 5th grade Move Up Day and the buddy program. The middle school is proud of our 6th grade students and Ms. Whitcomb who made a trip to Liberty Paper to celebrate the conclusion of the environmental project and essay contest with a pizza party. From Primary School Principal, Dale Christensen A special thank you to the music teachers Janet Smith, Kristi Lovold, and the Kindergarten students for putting a quality Kindergarten Concert in May. The theme was "Spaced Out". Also thank you to the Kindergarten teachers for working together with the music teachers to create interactive writings about space with their students as well as creating murals to display at the concert.

Consent Agenda. Johnson moved, seconded by Hill to approve the following consent agenda items: Minutes: Regular School Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 19, 2009 and Special School Board Meeting – Monday – June 1, 2009; Voucher Batch 73912 – 74271 in the amount \$1,075,049.39. Resignations: Cindy Agnew – Tech Assistant Para Primary; Mike Sellheim – M.S. Music Teacher; Jerome Nelson – H.S. Business Teacher; Extra Curricular Resignations: Mike Sellheim – 7th Gr. Volleyball, M.S. Golf, M.S. Musical and Colorguard; Matt Aho – Jr. High Wrestling; Arnold Changamire – M.S. Boys Track; Aaron Lund – Head Baseball. Teacher resignations of Cheryl Whitcomb and Brad Novak were accepted Effective the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried.

Reports. Student Council Report – Nick Crowley reported that the Student Council is again requesting \$5,000 to help fund activities in the high school for students. Crowley detailed various activities that were held at the high school during the year and were funded with the donation. Crowley thanked the school board members for being able to be a student representative for the 2008-2009 school year. Crowley turned over this student council membership on the board to Sara Tiemans. Middle School “WEB” Where Everybody Belongs” – this is a program to help students transition into middle school. Principal Helmer, Gretchen Changamire, physical education teacher and Eric Hanson, middle school counselor were present at the meeting to discuss the program. Helmer went on to say that there are schools in the area using the program. Changamire and Hanson detailed the program. They indicated that the program would have the 6th and 7th grade students all present at the first day of school. The only 8th graders that would be present would be the WEB Leaders. Middle School Physical Education Uniforms: Principal Helmer and Gretchen Changamire were present at the meeting to report on the possibility of allowing students to wear school physical education uniforms – the big reason they brought this to the board was that it would keep the focus on the physical education curriculum.

Action Items. Hill moved, seconded by Horgen to approve Policy 214 - Out-of-State Travel By School Board Members after a second reading. Motion carried. Hill moved, seconded by Johnson to approve the changes to the 2009-2010 Calendar as presented. Motion carried.

Hill moved, seconded by Lumley to approve the recertification of school district census as presented and recommended by Supt. Dooley and Michelle Peacock, Community Education Director. The new figure for the Becker School District to be set at 11,011. Motion carried. Hill moved, seconded by Horgen to approve a request for \$2,500 from the National Honor Society and a request for \$5,000 from the Student Council – money moved is revenue used from vending machines. Motion carried. Lumley moved, seconded by Norgaard to approve the request from the administration to increase activity fees for the 09-10 school year as follows: High School \$110; Fine Arts \$55; Middle School \$75 (Same as Last Year); a Family Cap of \$450. There will be no change in the ticket prices for events (\$6 Adult and \$4 Student). Motion carried. Johnson moved, seconded by Lumley to approve the 09-10 Budget Corrections as submitted by the administration. Voting Yes: Johnson, Norgaard, Holty, Horgen and Lumley. Abstained: Hill. Motion carried.

Personnel Items. The following personnel items were approved by Horgen and seconded by Johnson on the premise that they conform to previously board approved actions or contractual agreements: leave of absence request for high school teacher Justin Hegna for the first semester of the 09-10 school year; approve the following extra curricular hires for the 2009-2010 school year - Fall Concessions: Tina Tamm and Colorguard: Alexis Nelson-Winter; approve hiring Erica Sande for the high school counselor position left vacant by the leave request Maria Gayken; the recommendation of the administration to hire Josh Ihrke for high school math teaching position beginning with the 09-10 school year; approve the recommendation of the administration to hire Yuliya Igdal for the high school science position beginning with the 09-10 school year; approve the recommendation of the administration to hire Cindy Agnew for the Primary Media Specialist position beginning with the 09-10 school year; approve the coaching/advisor recommendations from the administration for the 09-10 school year and approve the hire of Robert Michalscheck for middle school vocal music. Motion carried.

Discussion Items. Hancock Access - Chuck Stanger, Director of Building and Grounds was present at the meeting to discuss the road work that will be done on Hancock Street by the elementary schools. He indicated that the school and the City of Becker have been working together to come up with a safer drop-off method for students. Community Education Director Contract – Supt. Dooley indicated that a contract will be brought to the board for approval at the next board meeting.

Board Committee Reports. Member Hill updated the board on the Board Survey that was completed.

Superintendent's Report. Supt. Dooley reported that tentative open enrollment figures for the 09-10 were at 139 but noted that could change.

Other. None

Hill moved, seconded by Horgen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Mike Horgen, Clerk
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