

**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 Vice-Chairperson Joyce Iverson at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2018 at the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford, MN 55971 & 254312 Rushmore St., Sioux Falls, SD.

Members Present: Valarie Howe, Joyce Iverson, John Linder, Dean Mierau (via Skype), Bonnie Prinsen and Jon Pettit

Members Absent: None

Student Member: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Charles Ehler, Lisa Lawston, 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 Iverson to adopt the agenda with the following changes and additions: Consent Agenda Item C. Add \$351,442.97 as the amount of the June hand payables, wires and payroll liabilities; Consent Agenda Item E. Add \$802,109.02 as the amount of the July board bills; and Personnel Item G. 4. Retirement of Carl Holger, and 5. Leave of Absence extension for Tracy Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Prinsen to approve the following consent agenda items: June 28, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes, June 18, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes, Donations in the amount of \$17,214.31, June hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$351,442.97, June payroll in the amount of \$375,546.07, July board bills in the amount of \$802,109.02; Personnel: Hire of Hannah Pape - Junior Class Advisor / PROM Advisor, Leave of Absence for Rod Anderson, Leave of Absence for Keela Hoskins, Retirement of Carl Holger - Custodian and Leave of absence extension for Tracy Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to approve the second reading and adopt the following policies with suggested changes: #520 - Student Surveys, #523 - Policies Incorporated by Reference, #525 - Violence Prevention [Applicable to Students and Staff] Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Mierau, seconded by Pettit to approve the contract with Bernard Bus Service to equip all school buses with cameras. Motion carried unanimously.

Volunteer Trap Shooting Team Coach, Colby Lind addressed the board and answered questions regarding the trapshooting program.

Director Mierau made a motion to have the current trap shooting coach position be a paid position. Motion fails due to lack of second.

Quotes for a new sidewalk from the school to hwy 43 and for other sidewalk improvements were reviewed. Quotes were received from Wieser Brothers and R & R Construction.

The process for securing the quotes was reviewed. The district will advertise in the Tri-County Record for two weeks.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Mierau hold a special meeting on Monday, July 30, 2018 to approve the quote and award a contract for the new sidewalk and other improvements to current sidewalks. Motion carries with Howe opposing.

There was a brief discussion on the status of the vacant Elementary/High School building in Rushford.

Barbie Doyle, Financial Specialist of Ehlers, Inc. presented information to the board on the district's operating referendum.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Howe to approve the intention of the board to place an Operating Referendum on the General Election Ballot, to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Iverson to approve the Resolution Authorizing a New Board Approved Referendum Authority. With a roll call vote of 6:0, motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Prinsen to approve the 2018-2020 Custodial Contract with MSEA (Minnesota School Employees Association). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Prinsen, seconded by Iverson to approve the Resolution to renew membership with the MSHSL (Minnesota State High School League) for the 2018-2019 school year. With a roll call vote of 6:0, motion carries unanimously.

Chairperson Linder called for nominations for the Interim Board Member Position that was created due to the resignation of Julie Koop as of June 19, 2018. Vice-Chairperson Joyce Iverson nominated Kathryn Ingram. Director Mierau nominated Tony Heiden, Director Pettit nominated Steve Highum. With a roll call vote of 4:2 (the following voted for Kathryn Ingram: Howe, Iverson, Linder and Prinsen, and the following voted for Tony Heiden: Mierau and Pettit.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to approve the Resolution Filling School Board Vacancy by Appointment. With a roll call vote of 6:0, motion carried unanimously.

Kathryn Ingram was appointed as Interim School Board Member and will serve on the board from August 20, 2018 until an elected board member qualifies for the position.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Prinsen to approve the handbooks for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to approve the resolution approving the Annual 10-year updated Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan. With a roll call vote of 6:0, motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to approve the meal prices for the 2018-2019 school year. Breakfast costs K-5th Grade: \$1.55; 6-12th Grade: \$1.60; Lunch costs: K-5th Grade: \$2.30; 6-12th Grade: \$2.40. Milk: \$.45; Adults – Breakfast: \$2.55, Lunch: \$3.85. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Howe to approve the bids and select the following vendors for Gasoline, Bread and Milk for the 2018-2019 school year. Gasoline: Pam's Corner, Bread: Pan-O-Gold, Milk: Kemps. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Howe to approve the purchase of a 10 passenger van from Sugar Loaf Ford in the amount of \$31,922.49. Motion carries with Pettit opposing.

Superintendent Ehler and the board discussed the option of adding a Media Specialist position. No formal position was taken as the board was hesitant to make a commitment at this time.

Superintendent Ehler presented the Superintendent's report.
Lisa Lawston presented the Community Education report.
Dan Bieberdorf presented the Activities Director's report.

The board took a five-minute break at 7:31 PM.

The board went into closed session at 7:40 PM to discuss Superintendent Ehler's Evaluation.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Howe to adjourn the closed session and go back into the regular meeting at 8:16 PM.

The board advised Superintendent Ehler to continue working on the following goals: Provide the board with more information and feedback, better usage of technology and get board packet information to the board sooner.

INFORMATION:

A special meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the Forum Room to approve the quote and award a contract for a new sidewalk from the school to hwy 43 and other improvements to current sidewalks.

The next regular monthly board meeting will be on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 5:30 PM in the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford.

Moved by Pettit, seconded by Iverson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Joyce Iverson, Vice-Chairperson

Bonnie Prinsen, Clerk