

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, Independent School District No. 846, Breckenridge, Minnesota met Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 4:00 PM in the Elementary School, conference room #233 with a virtual component due to the COVID health pandemic.

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

Members Present: Arnhalt(4:15PM), Ernst, Johnson, Mikkelson, Neppl, Roberts and Superintendent Cordes

Member Absent: Hasbargen

Chairperson Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Superintendent Cordes extended congratulations to:

- Daniel Erlandson for placing runner up in State Wrestling at 220 on March 27.
- Gina Quamme for qualifying for State Speech in Humorous Interpretation
- Art students artwork showcased at the Plains Art Museum in Fargo include: Mckenna Roberts, Ravyn Michel, and Kynzie Meyer as well as Ms. Dub

Motion by Mikkelson, seconded by Ernst to approve the agenda adding Resignation: Alissa Helm, English Teacher. 5-0

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Neppl to approve the consent agenda. 5-0

Previous month's minutes – March 17, 2021, April 7, 2021

Financial reports as presented including:

Checks #124611 - #124723 in the amount of \$134,032.47

Wire disbursements of \$394,015.64 (3/15/21 through 4/15/21)

Hires: Toviao Hopkins, Special Education Instructor; Grace Ruckheim, Agriculture Education Instructor; Darcie Cribb, Elementary Track Coordinator; Austin Ramos, Jr. High Baseball Coach (.5)

Resignations: Chelsy Filbert, Para Substitute; MaryBeth Peterson, Twin Town Softball Coordinator; Kimberly Quast, Student Council Co-Advisor; Emily Mertes, Student Council Co-Advisor; Alissa Helm, English Teacher

Leave of Absence: Kimberly Quast, BHS Counselor

Extracurricular Contract: Margaret Wilson, Assistant Softball Coach

Reviewed enrollment numbers.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Superintendent – Diane Cordes – driver's ed monthly testing opportunity for students

Business Manager – Neil Kusler – \$2,500 Bayer Fund grant received

Elementary Principal – Corinna Erickson

- ♦ grades 3-6 testing ♦ para educator week ♦ summer school planning
- High School Principal – Craig Peterson
- ♦ last day of classes for seniors Friday, May 28 ♦ prom-grand march/no dance
- ♦ graduation ceremony Sunday, June 6 - broadcast by Magnitude Sports
- Committee Report – Superintendent Cordes
- ♦ Negotiations – superintendent negotiations

OLD BUSINESS:

Jacqui Coleman, Luke Pfothhauer and Rochelle Van Den Heuvel of InGensa reviewed the data collected at the first community engagement meetings via virtual presentation. A summary overview of the meetings was presented. On Monday and Tuesday, March 29-30, approximately 127 members of the Breckenridge community came together at two in-person and one virtual, community engagement meetings to learn about the schools and provide input on the district's future. Participants were provided information in a series of "Sticky Stats", videos and a "Portrait of a Graduate" handout. Participants were encouraged to review all provided information throughout the evening and Superintendent Cordes spoke of the state of the district, accomplishments and future changes. During the event, participants were encouraged to share their feedback in writing via the Mindstorm small-group discussion activity and sign in sheet enabling their opinions and needs to be formally recorded. (copy on file) Next steps were discussed including: forming a task force, scheduling a second engagement meeting, and drafting of the scientific survey.

Motion by Arnhalt to adopt Policy 610 Field Trips; Policy 613 Graduation Requirements; Policy 614 School District Testing Plan and Procedure; Policy 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, and LEP Students; Policy 616 School District Accountability; Policy 618 Assessment of Student Achievement; Policy 619 Staff Development for Standards; Policy 620 Credit for Learning; Policy 624 Online Learning Options; Policy 902 Use of School District Facilities and Equipment; Policy 905 Advertising. Motion seconded by Mikkelson. 6-0

Second reading was held for Policy 301 School District Administration; Policy 302 Superintendent; Policy 303 Superintendent Selection; Policy 416 Drug and Alcohol Testing

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Roberts to adopt the RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS for the following:

March donations received: \$1,075.90

Breckenridge Education Foundation \$432.10 (speech/language televisions); PartnerSHIP 4 Health \$428.10 (elementary student activities); Lesley Salinas \$15.70 (angel fund); ECFE Scavenger Hunt-Blazer Express \$50, Essentia Health \$50, Bremer Bank \$50, Miller & Associates \$50

Neppel seconded the motion. 6-0 (Resolution on file)

Motion by Neppel to approve the revised curriculum cycle. Ernst seconded the motion. 6-0 (copy on file)

Motion by Arnhalt, seconded by Mikkelson to accept the bid from USI Consulting Group, Inc. (USICG formerly Hildi Inc.) to do an actuary cost analysis in connection with GASB 75 at a cost of \$2,200. GASB 75 reflects the financial liabilities for post-employment healthcare benefits of retirees and is done every two years. 6-0

Motion by Mikkelson to accept the bid from Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance coverage for 2021/2022. BCBS offers three plan designs, lower rates than our current carrier, Health Partners, and a second year renewal rate not to exceed 12%. Bids are solicited every two years because of HITA (Health Insurance Transparency Act). Roberts seconded the motion. 6-0 (copy on file)

Motion by Arnhalt to approve contract settlements with the Bus Drivers, Stephanie Beyer, and Dee Nelson. Ernst seconded the motion. 6-0

Motion by Neppel, seconded by Mikkelson to approve the three year superintendent contract with Brad Strand effective July 1, 2021. 6-0

Motion by Ernst, seconded by Arnhalt to open negotiations with the Education Minnesota Breckenridge Local 1299 Teacher Union for a contract for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 after the legislative session is done. 6-0

First reading was held for Policy 701 Establishment and Adoption of School District Budget; Policy 702 Accounting; Policy 703 Annual Audit; Policy 710 Extracurricular Transportation; Policy 711 Video Recording on School Buses; Policy 712 Video Surveillance Other Than on Buses; Policy 713 Student Activity Accounting; Policy 720 Vending Machines; Policy 802 Disposition of Obsolete Equipment and Material; Policy 805 Waste Reduction and Recycling; Policy 807 Health and Safety Policy.

Motion by Roberts, seconded by Mikkelson to adjourn at 6:16 PM. 6-0

Next regular meeting date Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 4:00 PM.

Chair

Clerk