

**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 Chairperson John Linder at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford, MN 55971 and 1411 E. Rushmore, Brandon, SD 57005.

Members Present: Chris Grindland, Joyce Iverson, John Linder, Dean Mierau, Jon Pettit & Bonnie Prinsen

Director Howe arrived at 5:05 p.m.

Members Absent: None

Administration Present: Superintendent Charles Ehler, Angela Shepard, Lisa Lawston & Jake Timm

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 additions: Consent Agenda: E. December board bills amount - \$183,389.12 and New Business D. Approve the purchase of a van from Sugar Loaf Ford in the amount of \$13,151. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Kali Olstad of Smith Schafer & Associates will present the 2017-2018 audit report.

Director Pettit asked to have the Resignation of Dan Bieberdorf – Activities Director as of June 4, 2019, removed from the consent agenda.

Moved by Pettit, seconded by Prinsen to accept the resignation of Dan Bieberdorf – Activities Director as of June 4, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Iverson to approve the following consent agenda items: November 19, 2018 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, Donations in the amount of \$17,749, November hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$288,956.91, December board bills in the amount of \$183,389.12, Personnel: Resignation of Ruth Knutson – Foodservice Assistant as of December 21, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

The board was updated on the status of the sale of the middle school building. Mr. Anderson was not able to meet the December 20th deadline to finalize the purchase, therefore the purchase agreement will be rescinded.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Grindland to rescind the purchase agreement with Roger Anderson/ Maplewood Group and re-advertise the sale of the middle school building, property and contents. Motion carried unanimously.

Committees and interview questions for the hiring of a Superintendent were discussed. The board will follow the guidelines provided by the Minnesota School Board Association.

Director Iverson made a motion that the candidates that will interviewed for the Superintendent position will be interviewed by the board only but that all employee groups will be represented and the interviews are open to the public. The motion was seconded by Prinsen. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Mierau to approve the school year ending June 30, 2018 audit report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Iverson to approve the Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places. With a roll call vote of 7:0, motion carries unanimously.

Moved by Grindland, seconded by Prinsen to approve the General Obligation School Building Bond payment, payable to Bond Trust Services in the amount of \$2,043,225 [\$1,485,000 Principal | \$558,225 Interest] to be paid as a hand payable prior to the next regular board meeting in January. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to approve the purchase of a van from Sugar Loaf Ford in the amount of \$13,151. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Ehler thanked Jon Pettit and Dean Mierau for their years of service on the board. Superintendent Ehler began presenting the Superintendent's report.

Due to the 6:15 PM Truth-in-Taxation meeting, part way through the Superintendent's report, Prinsen made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting in order to go into the Truth-in-Taxation meeting, the motion was seconded by Grindland. Motion carried unanimously.

The Truth-in-Taxation hearing was called to order by Chairperson Linder at 6:15 PM.

Toni Oian, Business Manager presented information on 2018 Levy, payable in 2019.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to adjourn the Truth-in-Taxation meeting at 6:31 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Prinsen, seconded by Grindland to go back into the regular meeting at 6:31 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Iverson, seconded by Prinsen to certify the final Levy Certification 2018 Payable 2019 in the amount of \$2,163,392.62. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Ehler finished presenting the Superintendent's report.

Lisa Lawston presented the Community Education report.
Angela Shepard presented the Elementary Principal's report.
Jake Timm presented the Middle School & High School Principal's report.
Dan Bieberdorf presented the Activities Director's report.

INFORMATION:

Monday, January 7, 2019, 5:30 p.m. -Organizational Board Meeting – Forum Room

Moved by Prinsen, seconded by Iverson, to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:48 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

John Linder, Chairperson

Bonnie Prinsen, Clerk