

SEBEKA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 820

MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 821

Minutes of Pairing & Sharing Committee

Wednesday, November 22nd , 2023 (7:30 AM)

District Office – Sebeka School

The November 22nd, 2023 Pairing and Sharing Committee meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dave Kerkvliet at 7:30 a.m.

The following members were present: Sebeka-Superintendent Dave Kerkvliet, AD-Jon Lillquist, Principal Amie Westberg, Rod Huttunen, JoAnn Olson, Nate Erickson. Menahga-Superintendent Jay Kjos, AD-Mike Weerts, Andrea Haverinen, Julia Kicker (Virtual)

All members introduced themselves

Motion by Jay Kjos to approve the agenda, Second by JoAnn Olson-Motion Carried

Motion by Rod Huttunen to approve minutes of the 8/14/23 pairing meeting with the addition/correction of a motion by Andrea Haverinen and second by Nate Erickson to present the Warrior Mascot Exemption letter to the boards.

Discussion took place in regards to current pairing agreements and currently no proposals for any changes.

Discussion took place and information on quotes were provided by Jon Lillquist to replace the current Pole Vault Pit. Concerns about making sure we upgrade to current standards for safety reasons were discussed. Options to rent and a possibility to obtain a used one after a university event were other ideas discussed. It was decided that the Athletic Directors should continue to research for the best options as far as quality and affordability and then to bring a recommendation to the boards as far as a new Pole Vault Pit. Current quotes ranged from \$17,000 to \$26,000. Superintendent Kerkvliet also provided an update on the current track fund. Menahga has one year left of not having to contribute to the fund due to a past Wrestling program purchase. Each school

has contributed \$2,500 per year to the fund. It was decided that it should be considered raising the amount of the contributions from each school due to past expenditures. There is currently \$5,000 left in the fund. Discussion took place on other paired/shared activities: (Wrestling, Speech, Golf, Track, Cross Country) It was pointed out that Girls Cross Country had an excellent season.

Discussion took place that there are no current issues with paired teaching positions.

Superintendent Kjos brought up discussion on an idea of a joint instructor(s) for CPI (Crisis Prevention Intervention) training. It was pointed out that Freshwater does provide training but the current format isn't accommodating school schedules very well. It will be brought up at future Freshwater meetings. It was also brought up about sharing some work based learning instructions but at this time there isn't any interest from Sebeka.

It was brought up that there are 7 wrestling cheerleaders from Menahga and none from Sebeka so far this year.

An update on the Warrior Mascot Exemption was discussed. At this time the Mascot is still in place and we should know by the end of December if anything needs to be addressed.

It was discussed that we should compare school calendars and look for more alignment possibilities.

Legislation in regards to the Read Act and LETRS training were discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25th at 7:30 a.m. in Menahga.

Motion by Nate Erickson to adjourn at 8:31 a.m. Second by Rod Huttunen.