

**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 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Rushford-Peterson Schools Forum Room, 1000 Pine Meadows Lane, Rushford, MN 55971.

Members Present: Chris Grindland, Valarie Howe, John Linder, Jeff Michel, Bonnie Prinsen & Kathy Wade

Members Absent: Joyce Iverson

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 Grindland seconded by Prinsen to adopt the agenda with the following additions: Superintendent Ehler will have a Statement of Retraction regarding the DNR Grant that was discussed at last meeting. Director Grindland added the discussion of the status of the vacant elementary/high school building. Motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Michel to approve the following consent agenda items: December 17, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes & Truth-in-Taxation Meeting Minutes, January 7, 2019 Organizational Meeting Minutes January 22, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes, Donations in the amount of \$1,095, December hand payables, wires & payroll liabilities in the amount of \$289,982.46, December payroll in the amount of \$278,396.56, January board bills in the amount of \$123,158.42, Personnel: Leave of Absence - Courtney Fricke - Preschool Teacher, Leave of Absence - Nicole Schultz - Elementary Enrichment and MS & Elem PE Teacher, Hire of Jennifer Thoreson - Kids Club Supervisor and Middle School & High School Activity Fund Reports (July - December 2018). Motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the Superintendent hiring process.

Jake Timm, MS/HS Principal presented and reviewed the use of trimesters and some possible schedule changes for the upcoming school year.

Moved by Michel, seconded by Wade to table the following agenda item: Approve the 2019-2020 early retirement guidelines for teachers. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Ehler will gather additional information at present it at the February 1st special meeting.

The board reviewed the 2019-2020 school year calendar draft. No action was taken at this time.

Moved by Howe, seconded by Prinsen to approve the Co-Op Agreement with Lewiston-Altura Schools for Boys and Girls Golf. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Prinsen, seconded by Michel to approve the 2018-2020 ESP (Educational Support Personnel) contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Grindland proposed that the school district sell the Elementary/High School Building to the City of Rushford for \$100. The facilities committee will meet to discuss a plan for the building.

Superintendent Ehler presented the Superintendent's report.

Mr. Ehler clarified a statement that he made at the January 22nd meeting in which he stated that the district did not have help from the City of Rushford with regards to the new sidewalk that was installed from Hwy 43 to the school. He clarified that the district did not have financial help from the city with the project. Mr. Ehler extended an apology to the City of Rushford. The city facilitated the moving of the school crossing flashing sign (from the old school) and provided man hours and equipment for the sidewalk project. The district is very appreciative of the city's assistance, cooperation and support of the sidewalk project.

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: *All meetings will be held in the Forum Room*

Thursday, January 31st - Superintendent First Round Interviews at 10:30, 1:30 & 4:00

Friday, February 1st - Superintendent First Round Interviews at 10:30, & 1:30

Friday, February 1st - 4:00 PM Special meeting to discuss interviews and select applicants for second interviews

Thursday, February 7th & Friday February 8th, times TBD - Superintendent Second Round Interviews

Tuesday, February 19th, 5:30 PM - Special Meeting to Select Superintendent Finalist

Monday, February 25, 2019, 5:30 PM - Regular Monthly Meeting

Moved by Wade seconded by Michel, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:12 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

John Linder, Chairperson

Bonnie Prinsen, Clerk