

GREENBUSH MIDDLE RIVER SCHOOL
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 2683
REGULAR MEETING
June 15, 2020
7:30 PM – School Cafeteria
401 Park Avenue West Greenbush, MN 56726

Call to Order at 7:31 P.M.

Roll Call

Attendance: Shane Kilen, Brandon Kuznia, Carrie Jo Howard, Kurt Stenberg, Joe Melby, Laurie Stromsodt, Allison Harder

ADMINISTRATION: Supt. Larry Guggisberg, Principal Sharon Schultz, Amie Westberg

OTHER ATTENDEES: Cooky Kujava, Trish Waage, Arlette Pearson, Mary Anderson, Mathew Hammer (Ehler's & Associates), Mark Stromsodt, Mara Gust, Ervin Gust, Ryan Bergeron, Deb Stanelle

Listening Session

Recommendation to add items to the agenda from Board members or School Administrators

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Brandon Kuznia, seconded by Allison Harder to approve the agenda of the June Regular Board Meeting as amended.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Minutes

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Laurie Stromsodt to approve the minutes of the preceding regular meeting of May 18, 2020.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Business Services

A motion was made by Kurt Stenberg, seconded by Joe Melby to approve the payment of bills check #37318 through #37368 for a total of \$76,704.72 and Purchasing Card electronic payments dated May 5, 2020 and Electronic Funds Transfers as submitted.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Treasurer's Report

Greenbush Middle River School District Budget to Actual Expenditure Report (as previously requested by board member to provide on monthly basis).

Significant School Events and Communication:

Donations Received:	Anonymous Donation to School Library	\$3,000.00
	Anonymous Donation to School Programs (Industrial Tech & Music)	\$10,000.00
	Border Bank sponsored Senior Scrapbook compiled by Susan Lieberg	

A motion was made by Laurie Stromsodt and seconded by Allison Harder to accept Donations made to the School District.

Old Business

Presentation by Mr. Matthew Hammer from the District's Financial Advisor (Ehlers & Associates)

I. Operating Referendum options

II. School District Cash Flow options for 2020-2021 school year (in the event State Aid to public education is reduced through its metered payment system)

New Business:

Renew membership in Minnesota Rural Education Association (MREA)

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby, to renew the District's annual membership with the Minnesota Rural Education Association

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder – Yes

Renew contract with the NW Service Cooperative for Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Management Services.

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Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder – Yes

Renew contract with the NW Service Cooperative for Environmental Occupational Health & Safety Management Services. The school administration recommends renewal of three-year Environmental/Occupational Health & Safety Management Agreement with Northwest Service Cooperative at the following rates:

FY 21 (2020-2021)= \$4,630.64

FY 22 (2021-2022)= \$4,723.25

FY 23 (2022-2023)= \$4,817.71

A motion was made by Laurie Stromsodt, seconded by Carrie Jo Howard to renew the three-year contract with the NW Service Cooperative for Environmental Occupational Health & Safety Management Services.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

GMR Staffing for 2020-2021

Board Approval to employ licensed Music Teacher

A motion was made by Shane Kilen and seconded by Kurt Stenberg to approve employment of Mrs. Mindy Helle as a licensed Music Teacher effective with the 2020-2021 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Special Education Teacher re-assignments effective with the 2020-2021 school year

GMR School Administration is recommending re-assignment of Special Education Teachers effective with the 2020-2021 school year. A licensed Special Education Teacher resigned at the end of the 2019-2020 school year and the District has not received any licensed teacher applications. The District's enrollment has declined over a period of 10+ years. GMR Administration believes the special education caseload can be served with the two (2) licensed Special Education teachers currently in place.

A motion was made by Shane Kilen and seconded by Laurie Stromsodt to reassign Mr. Dave Stanelle and Mrs. Trish Waage's caseload effective with the 2020-2021 school year, continuing to seek a qualified applicant before the onset of the school year.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Adopt PRELIMINARY Fiscal Year 2020-2021 School Budget based on "roll over" of 2019-2020 School Budget

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Joe Melby to adopt the estimated 2019-2020 (FY 20) budget as a preliminary working budget for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 (FY 21) with the understanding the FY 21 Budget will be amended at a later date.

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Designation of Superintendent of Schools as the Identified Official with Authority (IOwA) to authorize user access to MDE secure website(s) for the Greenbush Middle River School District.

A motion was made by Laurie Stromsodt, seconded by Allison Harder to approve the Superintendent of Schools (Larry S. Guggisberg, ED.D) to be designated as the Greenbush Middle River District's Identified Official with Authority (IOwA)

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Reports:

Superintendent

- a. Greenbush Middle River School District Enrollment - end of 2019-2020 school year.
- b. School Board Elections - Notice of Filing for November 3, 2020 General Election

Cornavirus [COVID-19] related items

COVID-19 Relief Funding from Federal and State Governments

Phase III of the Stay Safe Order to open Schools, Gyms and Outdoor Facilities starting June 10, 2020. see attached MDE announcement

MDE Guidance and Planning for the start of the 2020-2021 School Year

Report of the events and activities of the 2020 Minnesota Legislature and potential effects on Public Education

Survey going out to all Families in School District

Principal

MN State High School League currently planning to start all activities as planned for the 2020-2021 year

Mn State High School League's position statement on equity and respect - All MSHSL coaches and advisors are expected to promote and model these values

Adjournment

A motion was made by Carrie Jo Howard, seconded by Allison Harder to Adjourn the meeting

Roll Call Vote: Kilen – Yes, Kuznia – Yes, Howard – Yes, Stenberg – Yes, Melby – Yes, Stromsodt – Yes, Harder - Yes

Communications

- Regular July School Board Meeting – July 20, 2020 @ 7:30 pm in GMR School
- School District on-site Financial Audit – September 22-25, 2020