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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 14, 2013
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order of regular meeting.
The Chair will call the meeting to order using the gavel if necessary. **The Chair will request those with communication devices to either turn them off or place them on silent mode.** This may be a good time to introduce any special guests.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
The Chair will ask the members and audience to face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider additions or deletions to the agenda.
If members have items to be added to the agenda, now is the time. **If you have items that you want removed from the agenda, or removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, make the request at this time.** The Chair will call for a motion and second to approve the agenda.
4. Recognition of visitors and public input regarding the meeting agenda.
The Chair will ask the audience if they have any comments on the items on the agenda. This gives the public the opportunity to comment on issues prior to Board decisions/action.
5. Consider Consent Agenda:
ACTION The Chair will ask for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or amended. With a motion and a second, the Chair will call for the vote.
 5. 1. Minutes of the September 23, 2013, regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
 5. 2. Minutes of the October 7, 2013, working session.
 5. 3. Payment of the bills.

Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 4. Approve superintendents request to officiate MSHSL wrestling.
In accordance with the contract, the superintendent is required to receive school board approval for activities outside the contract. The superintendent will not commit to wrestling events that interfere with the work and business of the district during the 21013-2014 school year. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 5. Approve \$3,000 school district contribution to the East Range Soccer Club.
Pursuant to the cooperative agreement, each participating district contributes \$2,500. Each district has contributed \$2,500 since 2009. However, costs associated with the program have increased since that time and each district has been asked to increase their contribution by \$500 for a total district contribution of \$3,000. The superintendents of the cooperating districts (Virginia, Eveleth-Gilbert, MESABI East, and Mt. Iron) will be meeting with the club to review the current agreement, organization, costs, and processes at the end of the season. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 6. \$250.00 anonymous donation for Roosevelt Elementary School sixth grade.
The District thanks the anonymous donor the financial contribution to Roosevelt Elementary sixth grade class.
5. 7. \$500.00 donation from the Ladies of Kaleva to purchase books for the third grade at Roosevelt Elementary School.
The District thanks the Ladies of Kaleva for the financial contribution to Roosevelt Elementary to purchase books.
5. 8. Resignation of paraeducator Carol Miettunen effective September 16, 2013.
Please accept the resignation of Carol Miettunen. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
5. 9. Resignation of paraeducator Kristy Suihkonen effective October 9, 2013.
Please accept the resignation of Kristy Suihkonen. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
5. 10. Termination of paraeducator April Anderson effective October 2, 2013.
Please approve the termination of paraeducator April Anderson.
5. 11. Hire Christie Sandnas for a Title I aide position.
5. 12. Hire Shelly Sandau for a Title I aide position.
5. 13. Hire Joanne Waldorf as a part time school bus driver effective September 27, 2013.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 14. Hire Robin Viger as a part time school bus driver effective October 1, 2013.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 15. Hire Julie Fearing for a 0.4 FTE secondary teaching position, English for 2013-2014, at Lane BA, Step 1 Pro-rated, effective October 7, 2013.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 16. Hire Matt Anderson as Head Wrestling Co-Coach for 2013-2014.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 17. Hire Dennis Benz as Head Wrestling Co-Coach for 2013-2014.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendation for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. Reports/Recognition:

6. 1. Student Representative.

The student representative report is attached for your review.

6. 2. Roosevelt Elementary Principal.

Mr. Spelts' report is attached. Please contact Mr. Spelts with any questions.

6. 3. Superintendent.

The superintendents report is attached. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 4. Quarterly Technology Report.

Attached is the quarterly technology report. This report will be provided to the school board quarterly to help keep you informed of the impact the Districts investment in technology has on instruction, learning, and education. Please contact Mr. Aune with any questions.

6. 5. School Trust Lands Report.

Chair Riordan and director Stokes will provide a oral report on meetings they

have attended on School Trust Lands.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider accepting a \$3,500.00 donation from ArcelorMittal for the school forest.

ACTION The District thanks ArcelorMittal for the financial contribution to the school forest. These funds help restore and develop accessibility and function of the school forest.

7. 2. Consider accepting a \$5,000.00 donation from Robert C. Birnstihl for the Virginia High School discretionary fund.

ACTION The District thanks Robert C. Birnstihl for the financial contribution to the Virginia High School.

7. 3. Consider MSHSL Foundation Application for Grant and Resolution in Support of Application.

ACTION The school board is required to approve this resolution in order for the District to be eligible for the MSHSL Grant. The District has applied for and received this grant in the past. Funds are used to offset the costs associated with free and or reduced activity registration. Please approve.

7. 4. Consider IRRRB bond resolution.

ACTION Please approve the IRRRB Resolution that allows the District to access funds associated with the approved projects.

7. 5. Consider 2013-2014 AFSCME Part-time and Full-time Seniority Lists.

ACTION The AFSCME Seniority list has been posted in advance to allow AFSCME members to notify the district of any corrections. Please approve the seniority list for district record and future reference.

7. 6. Consider authorizing administration to seek RFP's for potential engineering and construction management contractors.

ACTION This authorization allows administration to begin the process of issuing RFP's for engineering and construction management services. The RFP process will take 4-6 weeks to complete and this time allows the school board to continue its discussion and exploration of facility options. Beginning this process gives the school board the flexibility to proceed and our suspend the process to meet its needs. Please approve and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 7. Consider directing administration to request joint meetings with Mt. Iron and Eveleth-Gilbert School Boards to explore opportunities to share services.

ACTION This request will allow the District to explore interest in sharing services with neighboring districts to provide quality education to students. This is an important step in making long term decisions. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

8. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

The Chair will request comments from the audience regarding actions on agenda items from tonight's Board meeting.

9. Meeting Announcements:

9. 1. AFSCME Negotiation Committee meeting at 8:00 A.M. on October 23, 2013, in the District Office.

9. 2. AFSCME Negotiations at 9:00 A.M. on October 23, 2013, in the Board room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 3. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 4. VEA Mediation at 1:00 P.M. on October 29, 2013, in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 5. MREA Annual Conference November 17-19, 2013, Brainerd, MN.

9. 6. School Board Working Session, TBD.

Please bring your calendars so a date can be scheduled for a working session.

9. 7. MSBA Leadership Conference, January 16-17, 2014, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Please contact Jane by October 31 if you plan on attending so necessary registration and arrangements can be made.

10. Adjournment.

The Chair will call for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.