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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2014
ROOSEVELT GYM, ENTER DOOR #11, 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:
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 April 10, 2014, working session.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
 5. 2. Minutes of the April 14, 2014 regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 3. Cash on Hand Finance Report.

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

5. 4. Electronic Transfer Report for March, 2014.

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

5. 5. Hire Marie Freitas for the 0.6 FTE secondary music teaching position at Lane BA Step 3 for 2014-2015.

At the last meeting, Ms. Freitas was terminated. She held a 0.8 FTE secondary music teaching position for 2013-2014. You approved a reduction of 0.2 FTE in music at the last meeting. Ms. Freitas is being brought back for a 0.6 FTE secondary music teaching position for 2014-2015.

6. Recognition/reports:

6. 1. Student Representative.

6. 2. Parkview Learning Center Principal.

Mr. Krebsbach has attached his report. Please contact Mr. Krebsbach with any questions.

6. 3. Superintendent.

The Superintendent's report is attached. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 4. Collaborative Committee.

The Collaborative Committee met on Tuesday, April 15. The meeting minutes are attached for your review. Attached for your review is a transportation agreement with Watson Consulting to assist the transportation committee in assessing the potential impact on the three districts. Also find attached, a proposal for a qualitative study (focus group) to be conducted by Zenith Research Group. The focus group will assist the collaborative board in gathering qualitative data to make decisions. The collaborative committee recommends option two. The district may enter into these agreements through the resolution passed at the January 27 school board meeting that grants it the authority to do so.

6. 5. VEA Negotiations.

The VEA negotiations committee met on Wednesday, April 16 to resume negotiations. The district and the VEA were unable to come to an agreement. A meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 7 for the district to review the budget with the VEA. Attached are the offers exchanged by each party.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider Joint Powers Agreement Regarding the Establishment of the Joint Powers Board for the Proposed Grades 7-12 School Building.

ACTION The Collaborative Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the Joint Powers Agreement for the purpose of allowing a Joint Powers Board to obtain financing to create, design, establish, and develop a governance structure for a 7-12 school. This agreement is the initial governing model and a new Joint Powers Agreement will need to be developed if voters approve the concept(s).

7. 2. Consider directing administration to transition retirees 65 and older to a Senior Gold health insurance plan that is actuarially equal to or greater than the participant plan.

ACTION

This directive allows administration to move forward with addressing changes due to the ACA that will have a financial impact on both the district and its retirees. The district has conducted an actuarial study through BCBS and the district's legal counsel has provided an advisement. The district will work with BCBS to meet with and educate our retirees of their options. Mr. Aune will give you a short presentation in this regard. The powerpoint is attached. Please approve.

7. 3. Consider 2014-2015 School Calendar.

ACTION

The 2014-2015 school calendar is being presented for approval.

Administration has conferred with the VEA as per the master agreement. The calendar reflects 175 student contact days and 5 non-instructional days for a total teacher contracted days of 180. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 4. Consider 2014 Track Lease Agreement with Eveleth-Gilbert.

ACTION

This is an annual lease agreement with Eveleth-Gilbert to host practices and meets. Please contact Mr. Bidle with any questions. Administration recommends approval.

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. Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 7:00 A.M. in the Superintendent's office.
9. 2. Facilities Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 29. at 8:00 A.M. in the Superintendent's office.
9. 3. Collaborative Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, at 4:30 P.M. at the Northeast Service Cooperative, Mt. Iron MN.
9. 4. VEA negotiations meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.
9. 5. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. Adjournment.

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