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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 27, 2014
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

AMENDED

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.
ACTION 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 January 13, 2014, reorganization and regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 2. Minutes of the January 20, 2014, joint special 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 December, 2013.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
5. 5. Four (4) to six (6) week leave of absence for elementary teacher Kimberly Plesha commencing January 23, 2014, through March 6, 2014, as the latest end date.
District policy, procedures, and Master Agreements have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
5. 6. Extend leave of absence for elementary teacher Katherine Belobaba through February 10, 2014.
District policy, procedures, and Master Agreements have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
5. 7. Termination of bus driver Joanne Waldorf effective January 13, 2014.
Please approve the termination of bus driver Joanne Waldorf..
5. 8. Resignation of special education paraeducator- COTA Kathleen O'Malley effective February 28, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Kathleen O'Malley. We thank her for her twenty-two plus years of service with the district.
5. 9. Long Term Substitute Contract for Judy Bidle commencing January 23, 2014.
This contract is for an employee who has a pending leave request. Please approve the hiring and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
5. 10. Hire Brittany Chopp for a Title I aide position.
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. 11. \$250.00 for the Virginia High School from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Dollars for Doers program in recognition of BCBS employee T. Alto's volunteer service to the community.
The District thanks T.Alto for the volunteer service to the community and BCBS for the Minnesota Dollars for Doers program that made this donation possible.
5. 12. \$500.00 donation from Canadian National Railway for youth basketball.

The District thanks Canadian National Railway for the financial contribution to youth basketball.

5. 13. \$3,000.00 donation from Wuori Township: \$1,000 for Girls Tennis, \$1,000 for Girls Softball, and \$1,000 for Wrestling.

The District thanks Wuori Township for the financial contribution to each of the above named sports.

6. Recognition/reports:

6. 1. Student Representative.

The student representative report is attached for your review.

6. 2. Roosevelt Elementary School Principal.

The principal's report is attached for your review.

6. 3. Superintendent.

6. 4. MSBA Leadership Conference.

Please feel free to comment on your experience at the Conference.

Congratulations to Vice Chair Riordan for being recognized for his MSBA service.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider Minnesota State High School League grant application.

ACTION Mr. Bidle has requested school board support for a MSHSL Foundation Grant to cover transportation expenses for Alpine Ski. The supporting documents are attached for your review and consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Bidle or me. Please approve

7. 2. Consider approving the 2014-2015 Five Year Capital Outlay Plan

ACTION The Facility and Finance Committees have met and reviewed the proposed 2014-2015 Five Year Capital Outlay Plan and recommend school board approval. School board approval allows the District to begin the process of securing bids for work early and for work to be completed prior to the start of the school year. Approval is recommended. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 3. Consider approving contract with Zenith Research Group for the purpose of providing coordinated media relations in the pursuit of a state of the art 7-12 facility.

ACTION The District is committed to a transparent process that effectively communicates with the public. The District will share the costs with districts that participate in this joint venture. The shared cost has yet to be

determined. I recommend approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 4. Consider resolution of support to collaborate with the Mt. Iron-Buhl and Eveleth-Gilbert school districts.

ACTION A resolution, drafted by the District's legal counsel, is attached for your review and approval. The resolution states that the Virginia School District seeks to share common facilities to provide the region's most innovative education and opportunities for students.

7. 5. Consider approving shared costs equitably for contracted and associated services with the Mt. Iron Buhl School District 718 and the Eveleth-Gilbert School District 2154 for the purpose of exploring a joint 7-12 facility located at the 52 acre Merritt Elementary School Complex and authorizing Superintendent Stender to take such action to approve contracts and associated expenses.

ACTION This process allows the joint committee to determine what is considered equitable and appropriate. I encourage you to focus on the potential of receiving millions of dollars through this process. The costs may be eligible expenses for the taconite funds we received last fall. These costs may also be expensed to the capital outlay account. Authorizing me to take contracted action, is no different than the authority the school board has already extended to me in the operation of the district, however, I would like the record to reflect it specifically in this regard.

7. 6. Consider approving superintendent's request to attend the National School Board Associations Conference on April 5-7, 2014 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

ACTION As per my contract, I am allowed to attend one national conference per three year contract. I am seeking school board authorization to attend the NSBA Conference. I estimate the total expenses to be around \$1,500.

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. Public Forum on Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the gym at Parkview Learning Center.
9. 2. School Board Working Session on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 4:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 3. RAMS Annual Dinner at the Hibbing Park Hotel, January 30, 2013 at 5:00 P.M.
 9. 4. VEA Mediation on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 10:00 A.M.
 9. 5. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.
 9. 6. MSBA 2014 Joint Legislative Conference, Thursday, February 27, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza St. Paul-Riverfront Hotel.
Please let Jane know ASAP if you plan on attending. Hotel rooms are limited and advance notice allows us to make arrangements.
 9. 7. MSBA Officers Workshop.
February 12, 2014 at Bemidji, Thursday, February 13, at Brooklyn Park, or Saturday, February 22, 2014 at St. Cloud. If you are interested in attending an officer workshop please let Jane know at the board meeting so arrangements can be made.
10. Adjournment.
The Chair will call for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.