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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2015
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.
 1. A binder labeled Public Copy of Board Materials and containing board meeting materials is available for public review at the table at the side of the room.
 2. Meeting agendas are available for the public at the table at the side of the room.
 3. The public may also access school board agendas by visiting the District web page and clicking on School Board: Agenda/Minutes.
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:

ACTIONThe 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 12, 2015, reorganization and regular meeting.

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

5. 2. Cash on Hand Finance Report.

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

5. 3. Electronic Transfer Report for December, 2014.

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

5. 4. 2015-2016 Concurrent enrollment Agreement with Vermilion Community College.

The attached agreement is an annual agreement for concurrent enrollment/PSEO students who attend Mesabi College. The contracted rate remains the same as the 2014-2015 school year (\$1,500.) Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 5. Resignation of tennis coach David Gunderson effective December 3, 2014.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of David Gunderson from the tennis coach position. We thank him for his many years of service with the tennis program.

5. 6. Resignation of Title I aide Nicole Squires effective January 29, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Nicole Squires from the Title I aide position. We thank her for her time and service with the district.

6. Recognition/reports:

6. 1. Walker, Giroux, & Hahne LTD. 2013-2014 audit.

This is the annual fiscal audit of the school district. The district continues to have sound fiscal practice. Greg Knutson from the firm will be at the meeting to review the essential findings. The Finance Advisory Committee has reviewed the audit. Please contact Spencer if you have any questions.

6. 2. Student Representative.

The student representative report is attached for your review.

6. 3. Roosevelt Elementary School Principal.

Mr. Spelts' report is attached.

6. 4. Superintendent.

6. 5. MSBA Leadership Conference.

Please feel free to comment on your experience at the Conference.
Congratulations to Director Pineo for being recognized for her MSBA training.

6. Finance Advisory Committee.

7. Finance:

7. 1. Consider Walker, Giroux, Hahne, Ltd. audit report for year ended June 30, 2014.

ACTION

Please approve the 2014 audit report. The audit report is attached for your review. The Finance Advisory Committee recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Aune if you have any questions.

8. Administration:

8. 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.

8. 2. Consider Memorandum of Agreement with Mesabi Range College for nursing clinical experience program.

ACTION

This agreement allows nursing students to assist the district with vision and hearing screenings. The services are free of charge and supervised by the institution. Mrs. Elliot and I have reviewed and discussed the agreement and based on her satisfaction with the services, I recommend approval. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.

8. 3. Consider establishing an Early Childhood Committee.

ACTION

As a result of discussion at the January 12th board meeting, I am asking the school board to consider and approve an Early Childhood Committee designee to represent the district. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
Recommend approval.

8. 4. Consider committee memberships.

ACTION

Chair Hafdahl has assembled a committee roster for your review and consideration. Please contact Mr. Hafdahl with any questions.

8. 5. Consider three year lease agreement with the City of Virginia for the use of Miners Memorial Building, athletic complex and Quad City Tennis building.

ACTION

Mr. Aune, Mr. Bidle, and I have met with the city representative to review and discuss the lease agreement. The lease is for three years, beginning in 2015 and ending in 2018. The lease agreement increases 3.4% each of the three years. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

8. 6. Consider strategic planning process.

ACTION

I am recommending that the school board direct me to seek professional services to assist with the process of leading a comprehensive strategic planning process. I have outlined the points of my recommendation in my report. The process will include collaboration with students, staff, parents, and community in the development of a comprehensive plan. I recommend approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

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

10. Meeting Announcements:

10. 1. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 9, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. 2. RAMS Annual Meeting, Friday, February 13, 2015, 5:00 P.M. at the Hibbing Park Hotel.

RSVP deadline is February 2nd. Please let Jane or I know if you would like attend.

10. 3. MSBA Negotiations Seminars.

Attached are the dates, times, and locations of MSBA negotiations seminars. The school board will negotiate contract with AFSCME and the VPA. This is for your consideration and planning.

10. 4. MSBA Officers Workshops.

I have attached the MSBA officer workshop schedule for your consideration and planning. I would recommend that any board member interested in attending to let Jane or I know. You do not need to be an officer.

10. 5. School Board Working Session will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 4:30 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

MSBA will conduct school board development training.

11. Adjournment.

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