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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 23, 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. 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.
3. Recognition of visitors and public comment 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.
4. 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.

4. 1. Minutes of the March 9, 2015, special meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
4. 2. Minutes of the March 9, 2015, working session.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
4. 3. Minutes of the March 9, 2015, regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
4. 4. Minutes of the March 11, 2015, working session.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
4. 5. Cash on Hand Finance Report.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
4. 6. Electronic Transfer Report for February, 2015.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
4. 7. Contract for Professional Services District Strategic Planning.
This is placed on the consent agenda because the school board approved strategic planning at the March 9th meeting. This is the contract for professional services to assist the district in a comprehensive strategic planning process. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.
4. 8. Paid Leave of Absence for paraeducator Shelly Bernthal commencing March 10, 2015 through April 9, 2015.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed. Per State, Federal and Department of Labor guidelines administration recommends approval. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
4. 9. Leave of Absence for Elementary Title I Teacher Sally Ronkainen commencing March 26, 2015 through June 4, 2015.
The leave request may be through the end of the school year or in accordance with state, federal, and District policy. Policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed. Per State, Federal and Department of Labor guidelines, administration recommends approval. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
4. 10. Resignation of bus driver Timothy Peterson effective March 13, 2015.
Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Timothy Peterson from the bus driver position. We thank him for his time and service with the district.
4. 11. Hire Brittany Lindseth for the floater secretary position at the Roosevelt and Parkview offices.

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

4. 12. Hire Karl Hedley for the district handyman position.

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

4. 13. Hire Cal Arnberg for Boys Assistant Tennis Coach for 2014-2015.

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

5. Recognition/Reports:

5. 1. Virginia High School Principal.

Mrs. Hakly has attached her report. Please contact Mrs. Hakly with any questions.

5. 2. Superintendent.

Mr. Stender will report on activity in the district. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 3. Technology Committee Report.

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 technology committee meeting are attached for your review. Mr. Aune or Mr. Stender will report on the meeting. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. Administration:

6. 1. Designate Superintendent Deron Stender as the Identified Official With Authority (IOWA) to authorize user access to the Minnesota Department of Education secure websites.

ACTION

Only the identified official with authority is allowed to authorize access by local education agency users to Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) secure websites. The IOWA is the identified official with legal authority to authorize persons to access MDE secure websites. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 2. Consider 2015-2016 calendar.

ACTION

The 2015-2016 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 of 180 contracted days. This calendar also provides 18 more hours of professional development for staff to improve their skills and instruction. This will be reviewed next winter to determine if it something we want to continue. We will begin informing our parent of this change so are prepared when school starts next fall. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. Facility Committee Discussion.

Discuss committee structure and expansion.

8. Public comment 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 Negotiations Committee meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015, at 11:15 A.M. in the Superintendent's Office.

9. 2. AFSCME Negotiations meeting on Monday, March 23, 2015, at 12:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 3. Policy Committee meeting on Monday, March 30, 2015, at 7:30 A.M. in the Superintendent's Office.

9. 4. MSBA Phase III, April 10th Bemidji, April 11th Brooklyn Park, April 16th North Mankato, April 22nd St. Cloud.

9. 5. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. Adjournment.