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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2014
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.
 4. 1. Recognition of Fall State Tournament Coaches and Participants.
Mr. Bidle will present the fall state tournament coaches and participants to be recognized.

5. Presentation of Truth in Taxation information.

Attached is the Pay 15 Truth in Taxation Presentation. The Truth in Taxation presentation is required by the state. Please contact Mr. Aune if you have any questions.

5. 1. Questions and comments from the public concerning the school budget and proposed property taxes.

6. 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.

7. 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.

7. 1. Minutes of the November 10, 2014, regular meeting.

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

7. 2. Minutes of the November 12, 2014, working session.

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

7. 3. Payment of the bills.

The bill listing is attached for your review. **Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**

7. 4. Cash on Hand Finance Report.

Please contact Mr. Aune with any questions.

7. 5. Electronic Transfer report for October 2014.

Please contact Mr. Aune with any questions.

7. 6. \$240.00 from the Buick test drive program at Waschke Auto Plaza for the Parkview Learning Center PTA.

Please accept with gratitude.

7. 7. Resignation of paraeducator Gail Johnston effective November 17, 2014.

Please accept the resignation of Gail Johnston. We thank her for her time and service with the district.

7. 8. Resignation by declination of position of paraeducator Tracy Morgan effective November 17, 2014.

A comparable position was offered to Ms. Morgan who had rights to recall. Ms. Morgan declined the position and therefore resigned from the district.

7. 9. Resignation by declination of position of paraeducator Heidi Anderson effective November 18, 2014.
A comparable position was offered to Ms. Anderson who had rights to recall. Ms. Anderson declined the position and therefore resigned from the district.
 7. 10. Resignation of playground aide Carrie Salo effective November 19, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Carrie Salo. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
 7. 11. Hire Ann Rautio for the Playground Aide at Parkview Learning Center.
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. This position is not a part of the bargaining unit (under 14 hours). Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
 7. 12. Hire Nicole Reid for the Long Term Sub Technology Teacher position at Parkview Learning Center and Roosevelt Elementary.
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.
 7. 13. Hire Karen Lillibridge for the Long Term Sub First Grade Teacher position at Parkview.
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.
8. Reports:
8. 1. Student Representative Report.
The student representative report is attached for your review.
 8. 2. Activities Director.
Mr. Bidle will report on activities. Attached is the 2014 participation report on MSHSL activities. Please contact Mr. Bidle with any questions.
 8. 3. Virginia High School Principal.
Mrs. Haklys' report is attached. Please contact Mrs. Hakly with any questions.
Note: Mr. Vukmanich will attend on behalf of Mrs. Hakly.
 8. 4. Superintendent.
 8. 5. MREA Annual Conference.
Directors Pineo, Stokes, Tammaro, and Surla attended the MREA Conference

on November 16-18 and will give a brief report to the board.

8. 6. Community Education Advisory Committee.

Director Tammaro attend the meeting and will give a report to the school board. The meeting minutes are attached.

8. 7. Meet & Confer.

The meet & confer committee met on December 2 to confer on VEA and District issues. Director Riordan will report on the meeting. The minutes of the meeting are attached for your review. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Stender.

8. 8. Finance Committee

9. Administration:

9. 1. Consider accepting \$3,000.00 from Arcelor Mittal for the Community Education Elementary Engineering, Cool! class.

ACTION

We thank Arcelor Mittal for their generous donation and continued support of the Engineering , Cool class.

9. 2. Consider accepting \$2,000.00 from the Township of Wuori for the school forest, and \$1,000.00 each for the girls softball program and the wrestling program..

ACTION

We thank the Township of Wuori for their generous donations and continued support of the school forest and athletic programs.

9. 3. Consider MREA ballot for North Zone At Large Representative.

ACTION

Attached is the MREA cover letter and ballot for the North Zone At Large Representative. There are four candidates seeking a board of director seat.

Two are superintendents, one is a teacher, and the other is not associated with the district other than by residency. Based on my professional knowledge, I recommend voting for Ron Bratlie. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. 4. Consider ARCC ballot for School Board Member and Finance/Accounting Member.

ACTION

Attached is the ARCC cover letter and ballot for school board representative and finance/accounting representative. Both director positions are

unopposed and I recommend supporting each respective candidate. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. 5. Consider Indian Education Parent Committee Resolution.

ACTION

This is a formal process that the school board conducts annually. Attached is a copy of the proposed resolution and committee roster. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. 6. Consider Memorandum of Understanding with Giants Ridge Recreation Area.

ACTION

This is a new MOU from the Giants Ridge Recreation Area (IRRRB) that outlines the terms and conditions of service for our skiing program. The agreement is attached for your review. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. 7. Consider approving transportation agreement with ISD 2154 Eveleth-Gilbert for Alpine and Nordic Skiing.

ACTION

Previous to this agreement, the District has been providing transportation for Eveleth-Gilbert Alpine and Nordic skiers free of charge. This agreement is established in a fair and equitable manner that recognizes the services provided by Virginia. This was brought to our attention as a result of us having difficulty in providing transportation due to limited drivers. The agreement is attached for your review. Administration recommends school board approval. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.

9. 8. Consider approving Playground installation at James Madison.

ACTION

There is no cost to the District and this will be an enhancement to the school and neighborhood. Because the equipment is essentially permanent, it will be the property of the Virginia School District and as a result, we will be responsible for maintenance (most of any expenses may be covered by health & safety). Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. 9. Consider approving preliminary budget for construction/remodel project at Parkview Learning Center.

ACTION

The Finance, Finance Advisory, Facilities, and Facilities Advisory committees

have reviewed plans and budget proposals for the Parkview Learning Center project. A tentative budget is attached for your review. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. 10. Consider approving construction/remodel bid process for Parkview Learning Center.

ACTION

In order to proceed with plans for construction and remodeling at Parkview Learning Center, the school board must approve the process to seek bids for the project. ARI will coordinate the bid process on behalf of the District. A project schedule is attached for your review. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

10. Finance:

10. 1. Consider Pay 2015 Final Levy Limitation and Certification.

ACTION Certification of the Pay 2015 Levy is required. The levy reflects an increase of .95% on the local levy. The levy summary and MDE Certification are attached. Administration recommends board approval. Please approve the levy and contact Mr. Aune prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

11. Election:

Consider Resolution

Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing the District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties- General Election.

11. 1. Consider Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Certificates of Election and Directing the District Clerk to Perform Other Election Related Duties.

ACTION

The time period to contest/request a recount has passed and the certificates may now be issued. Please approve.

12. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

13. Meeting Announcements:

13. 1. MSBA Phase I Training on December 11, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. at the NESC.

13. 2. Our next reorganization and regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

13. 3. MSBA Leadership Conference, January 15-16, 2015, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Please let us know if you are not planning on attending as reservation must be cancelled tomorrow. Thank you.

13. 4. Facilities Advisory Committee meeting on December 10, 2014, at 3:30 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

14. Board Member Recognition.

15. Adjournment.