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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 24, 2015
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

5:30 P.M.- Facility Tour

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 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. The Board Chair will direct questions to the superintendent or the appropriate staff for discussion after the meeting.

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 August 10, 2015 special meeting.

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

5. 2. Minutes of the August 10, 2015 regular meeting.

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

5. 3. Cash on Hand Finance Report.

Please contact Mr. Aune with any questions.

5. 4. Electronic Transfer Report for July 2015.

Please contact Mr. Aune with any questions.

5. 5. Revised 2015-2016 District Staff Development Committee Roster.

The roster has been revised to reflect that the majority of the committee members are teachers per District policy. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 6. Set date and time for annual budget levy meeting for December 14, 2015, at 6:00 P.M.

Annually, the school board is required to set the date and time to review the levy and budget at a public meeting. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 7. \$50.00 from Target's #ThanksaBillion teacher appreciation program for Roosevelt Elementary School.

Please see attached for an explanation of this program that recognizes teachers and thanks them for all they do. Recommendation is to accept.

5. 8. Recommendation to approve independent contracts for July 1, 2015- June 30, 2017.

The independent contract reflect a 2.5% increase for 2015-2016 and a 2.5% increase for 2016-2017. Independent contracts (seven) recommended for approval: Business Manager, Director of Maintenance & Transportation, Bookkeeper, Payroll Clerk, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, Technology Technology Coordinator, and Network Administrator.

Recommendation is to approve. Please contact Supt. Stender with any

questions.

5. 9. Resignation of Kelsey Radle from the media aide position effective August 7, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Kelsey Radle from the media aide position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 10. Resignation of Lisa Jeurissen from the building, grounds & maintenance secretary I position effective August 11, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Lisa Jeurissen from the building, grounds & maintenance secretary I position.

5. 11. Resignation of Crystal Pearson from the paraeducator position effective August 11, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Crystal Pearson from the paraeducator position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 12. Resignation of Sarah (Childs) Donner from the paraeducator position effective August 13, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Sarah (Childs) Donner from the paraeducator position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 13. Resignation of Emily Jankila from the paraeducator position effective August 17, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Emily Jankila from the paraeducator position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 14. Resignation of Susan Skube from the high school secretary position effective September 11, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Susan Skube from the high school secretary position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 15. Resignation of Stephanie McDermid the high school secretary position effective September 14, 2015.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Stephanie McDermid from the high school secretary position.

5. 16. Designating Assistant Principal as a new job classification under the Virginia Principals Association.

As per the negotiated contract with the Virginia Principals Association, a new job classification was created for an Assistant Principal to reflect the additional responsibilities. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 17. Designate John Vukmanich as Assistant Principal.

This formal action recognizes the transition from Dean of Students to Assistant Principal for John Vukmanich. A new job description was created that reflects the increased responsibilities of the position. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 18. Hire Araina Boyd for a part time Bus Driver 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.

5. 19. Hire Kendra Cappo for the Paraprofessional LPN position effective September 8, 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. 20. Hire Brittany Lindseth for the Buildings Grounds & Transportation Secretary Class I.

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. 21. Hire Stephanie McDermid for the Part-Time Finance Assistant Position

6. Reports/Recognition:

6. 1. Superintendent.

6. 2. Parkview Principal.

6. 3. MREA Fall Area Meeting.

Board members Tammaro and Sundquist attended the meeting and can provide a brief summary of the meeting.

6. 4. Finance Committee.

The minutes from the August 20, 2015 Finance Committee meeting are attached for your review. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 5. Parkview Project Report.

ARI will be present to report on the construction project at Parkview. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. Personnel:

7. 1. Consider authorizing administration to hire an additional elementary teacher to help maintain class sizes and instructional needs.

ACTION

Administration has reviewed enrollment and is requesting authorization to hire an additional elementary teacher to maintain class sizes and instructional needs. Kindergarten numbers have exceeded our projections (as indicated in the enrollment report) and an additional teacher is needed to keep class sizes small and instruction meaningful. Administration recommends approval.

Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

8. Public comment regarding the 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 (mediation closed to the public) on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 9:00 A.M. in the district office.

9. 2. Policy Committee meeting on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 4:45 P.M. in the superintendent's office.

9. 3. Employee Breakfast on Tuesday, September 1, 2015, at 7:30 A.M. in the high school cafeteria.

You're welcome to attend!

9. 4. Professional Development Summit on Wednesday, September 2, 2015, at Virginia Public Schools.

9. 5. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 6. MSBA Advocacy tour on Wednesday, September 23, 2015, at 5:00 P.M. at the Grand Rapids district office.

10. Adjournment.

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