

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, April 12, 2021, in the Elementary School Library. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Natalie Bertsch, President of the Board. Other members in attendance were Vance Caffee, Jonathan Hurd, Rob Mullaney, Connie Schroeder, and Tara Yost. Absent was Amy Howard. Also in attendance were Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Knute Reiersen, Elementary Principal, Dr. Kimberly Cypher, SPED Director, and Sara Gates, Business Manager, Sherry Gross, Beth Palmer, Roxanne Stevens, Kari Sargent, Jodi Baumberger, Katie Otteson, John Page, and Toby Morris.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to approve the board agenda. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Caffee to approve consent agenda items.

1. Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report
3. Payment of presented bills

All voting aye.

Dr. Charlene Crosswait recognized May 3-7, 2021 as Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to all the teacher's for your hard work this school year. She also reported that Miller School District was awarded the MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) grant which will help pay for the transition to the school wide Title program.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to approve the adoption and renewal motion for the ASB Protective Trust Workers Compensation Fund Participation Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Mullaney to approve the adoption and renewal motion for the ASB Protective Trust South Dakota School District Benefits Fund Participation Agreement for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to approve the Miller School District Family Engagement Plan, ESSA for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Schroeder to approve the request for Ambush Miller Basketball to use the gym to practice in June and July and to waive the fees for this use. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Caffee to approve the Negotiated Agreement as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to approve contracts for certified staff as recommended for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Schroeder to approve contracts for the non-certified staff as recommended for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to approve Drake Bachmeier as a volunteer golf coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Schroeder to approve the request from the Junior Class to use the armory gym, high school commons, elementary commons, kitchen and theater for prom and post prom on April 10, 2021 and to waive the fees for this use. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Schroeder to approve the proposal from Kohlman, Bierschbach, & Anderson LLP to perform the Miller School District's school year 2020-2021 audit at a cost that will not exceed \$15,000.00. All voting aye.

Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent reported on the Co-op meeting that was held on April 7, 2021. The football co-op will now be a 50%/50% split.

Amy Howard joined by teleconference at 6:54 p.m.

Knute Reierson, Elementary Principal, reported on Kindergarten screening, Smarter Balanced testing and elementary student council fundraisers.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal reported on Prom, State FFA, and spring sports.

Dr. Kimberly Cypher, SPED Director, reported that she received a letter from the state that all requirements have been met.

Sara Gates, Business Manager reported on a 0% increase to the school's health insurance. There have been additional expenses that have incurred this year such as boiler/heating repairs, roof leaks, walk-in cooler repairs, and daycare improvements totaling \$37,146.00.

Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent, reported on capital outlay projects.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4) at 7:06 p.m. All voting aye.

Amy Howard left the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 9:20 p.m.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Yost to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of personnel issues SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 9:21 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 9:26 p.m.

Motion by Caffee, second by Yost to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of student issues SDCL 1-25-2 (2) at 9:27 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 9:31 p.m.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to accept the resignation with commendation of Mark Ketelhut as Ag Teacher, FFA Advisor, and Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Hurd to accept the resignation of Michael Ketchen as SPED Teacher and Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Caffee to accept the resignation of Robin Sivertsen as Yearbook Advisor at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to accept the resignation with commendation of Renee Clement as Elementary Teacher at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to accept the resignation of Emily VanGerpen as Elementary Counselor at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to accept the resignation with commendation of Kathy Harvey as High School Teacher at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Engle as Prom Advisor at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to approve the work agreement for Pam Hadrick as Assistant Track Coach in the amount of \$2,832.00 for the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Caffee to approve the certified contract for Jerica Zemlicka as Junior High Math Teacher in the amount of \$41,250.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to approve the administrative contract for Drake Bachmeier as Elementary Principal in the amount of \$58,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

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Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to approve the work agreement for Drake Bachmeier as Assistant Golf Coach in the amount of \$1,486.50 for the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to approve Riley Pugh as a volunteer golf coach for the 2020-2021 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Caffee to approve the administrative contract for Steve Schumacher as JH/HS Principal in the amount of \$66,076.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to approve the administrative contract for Sara Gates as Business Manager in the amount of \$51,157.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Schroeder to approve the administrative contract for Kimberly Cypher as SPED Director in the amount of \$62,092.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Mullaney to approve the administrative contract for Charlene Crosswait as Superintendent in the amount of \$102,000.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. All voting aye.

Natalie Bertsch, President
Board of Education

Sara Gates
Business Manager