

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, December 12, 2022, 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 and Jonathan Hurd. Reno Brueggeman, Amy Howard, Rob Mullaney, and Tara Yost joined by zoom. Also in attendance were Eric Norden, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Sara Gates, Business Manager. Also on zoom were Elizabeth Steptoe and Kristina Luczak.

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

Congratulations to Tyra Gates for being named to the first team of the Class A all-state team and to Ally Mullaney for being named to Class A all-tournament team. Also, congratulations to Colby Kolda for being named Class B wrestler of the week through 605 sports. Mark Ketelhut was also congratulated for being awarded a \$100,000.00 grant to purchase a robotic welder.

Motion by Howard, second by Brueggeman to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

1. Minutes of the November 14, 2022 Board Meeting
2. Payment of Presented Bills
3. Financial Report
4. Approve Shawn Wik as Head Junior High Boys Basketball Coach and Karren Rogers as Assistant Junior High Boys Basketball Coach.

All voting aye.

Discussion on insurance with daycare. The District asked to be added to daycare's insurance policy for 20% of the coverage that we are being asked to pay.

Discussion on insurance deductible buy back. This would be for additional wind and hail coverage.

Discussion on COVID. There is currently one case.

Discussion on football co-op. Highmore/Harrold has agreed to return to the 75%/25% split.

Discussion on Apptegy. We are in the process of updating our school website and hoping to launch it during parent/teacher conferences.

An update was given on deeding ground. We are waiting to hear from the city's engineers.

An update was given on social studies standards. ASBSD would like the state of South Dakota to revisit.

An update was given on capital projects. Construction has begun on the ag shop and there is a dust collector and updated wiring totaling \$82,000.00 that will not be covered by insurance.

Eric Norden, Superintendent, presented the Elementary Principal/Special Ed Director's report. She thanked the music department for the wonderful job on the K-4 and 5-8 Christmas concerts. She has been in the classroom doing informal evaluations, and they are currently doing benchmark testing. The Elementary Student Council collected 1,458 items for their food drive and the class with the most items will get to name the inflatable dog in the library and have a pizza party. She reported that the data for the Special Education child count has been submitted.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported that semester tests are scheduled for December 20 & 21st. The High School Christmas concert will be on December 19th. Winter sports are underway, and Region One Act Play will be January 23rd.

Eric Norden, Superintendent, reported that the legislature proposed a 5% increase. Other items discussed included the voucher system, preschool/early childhood, juvenile reform act, open enrollment for extracurricular activities, and teacher availability. In-service will be January 3 & 4th. Emergency systems are working on implementing a program called Handle with Care. ESSER III learning loss funds will be used to upgrade the elementary playground. The 15-passenger transit was involved in a deer accident and will be repaired. He reported that the resolution for the Opt Out was inadvertently not published last April and we will be starting the process over in January. He is also getting quotes for rugs to go in front of the armory bleachers. Other projects to update include the armory locker rooms, the track, and the armory parking lot.

Motion by Hurd, second by Caffee to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of personnel SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:33 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 7:39 p.m.

Motion by Brueggeman, second by Yost to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4) at 7:39 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 7:49 p.m.

Motion by Hurd, second by Howard to accept the resignation of Megan Hopkins as One Act Contest Play Advisor effective February 10, 2023. All voting aye.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All voting aye.

Natalie Bertsch, President
Board of Education

Sara Gates
Business Manager