

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, February 16, 2022, in the Miller Community Center. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Jonathan Hurd, Vice-President of the Board. Other members in attendance were Vance Caffee, Amy Howard, Rob Mullaney, Connie Schroeder, and Tara Yost. Absent was Natalie Bertsch. Also in attendance were Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Drake Bachmeier, Elementary Principal, Dr. Kim Cypher, Special Education Director, Sara Gates, Business Manager, Karren Rogers, and Jan Kittelson.

Motion by Howard, second by Yost to approve the board agenda as amended. All voting aye.

Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent, recognized February 7-11, 2022 as School Counselors Week and February 21-25, 2022 as School Board Recognition Week and thanked them for all they do for our district. Special thanks to Treg Cowan, Greg Droz, Chris Howard, Derek & Ali Kilker, Kim Blackwell, the Harrold Fire Department, and all those who helped our basketball team and cheerleaders get home after a game and very icy roads. She also thanked the First Responders, Arlen Gortmaker, Emergency Management, Miller, Wessington, and Ree Heights Fire Departments, Hughes Electric, City of Miller electric, water, and street departments, Hand County Sheriff, Miller Police Department, Hand County Ambulance, Hand County Highway Department, Pump and Pak, Mainstreet Lunchbox and the community for taking care of our school with the explosion/fire on February 2, 2022. Sunshine Bible has also welcomed us to the use of their gym.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Schroeder to approve the consent agenda items.

1. Minutes of the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the January 25, 2022 Special Meeting
3. Minutes of the February 10, 2022 Special Meeting
4. Payment of presented bills
5. Financial Report

All voting aye.

Motion by Caffee, second by Mullaney to approve the use of a school vehicle and a classroom for driver's education training. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Schroeder to set the fee for Driver's Education for the summer of 2022 at \$220.00. All voting aye.

Discussion on SDHSAA softball intent.

Motion by Howard, second by Mullaney to not participate in SDHSAA sanctioned softball. All voting aye.

The calendar for the 2022-2023 school year will be tabled to next month's regular meeting.

Discussion on COVID.

Motion by Yost, second by Howard to approve that the Miller School District shall continue to make payroll payments to hourly staff for any scheduled hours that were missed due to the explosion /fire effective February 2, 2022 through February 15, 2022. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Howard to approve the contract with Dakota Education Consulting in the amount of \$5,995.00 plus mileage. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to approve the proposal from Kohlman, Bierschbach, & Anderson LLP to perform the Miller School District's 2021-2022 school year audit in the amount of \$18,700.00. All voting aye.

Motion by Caffee, second by Mullaney to approve the preventative maintenance agreement with G&R Controls in the amount of \$11,236.00 for year one, \$18,300.00 for year two, and \$21,260.00 for year three. All voting aye.

Drake Bachmeier, Elementary Principal, reported on new student council members, CORE training, and creating four new schools in two weeks. He thanked Paula Schwartz and her kitchen staff, Foreman's Bus Service, and Highmore/Harrold School and Wolsey/Wessington School for the use of their old curriculum.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported on parent meetings, having laptops cleaned and creating four new schools. He thanked White River School and DeSmet School for the use of their old curriculum. He also thanked the community for all their support.

Dr. Kim Cypher, Special Education Director, thanked her staff in the Special Education Department for keeping things running smoothly.

Sara Gates, Business Manager, was grateful for all the donations that have be given to the school. There has been an account set up at American Bank & Trust to keep track of donations.

Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent, reported on cleaning crews, meeting with structural engineers, and the ag shop being torn down. She also explained that the kitchen was a total loss and all the equipment will have to be replaced.

Motion by Howard, second by Mullaney to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:11 p.m. All voting aye.

Vice-President Hurd declared return to regular session at 7:24 p.m.

Supper was provided by the Hand County Crop and Livestock Improvement Association.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to approve the work agreement for Shae Knox as Assistant Varsity Track Coach in the amount of \$2,880.00 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Howard, to approve the work agreement for Alona Lewellen as Lunchroom Monitor at the rate of \$20.00 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Caffee to approve the work agreement for Paula Schwartz as District Secretary at the rate of \$16.00 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Caffee to approve the certified contract for Katie Shipley as Special Education Teacher in the amount of \$14,551.70 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to approve the resignation of Aaron Zeller with commendation as Paraprofessional and Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach effective March 10, 2022. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Mullaney to approve the resignation of Kari Sargent with commendation as Elementary Teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Howard, second by Yost to approve Harriet Chipman to be paid \$18.05 per hour for the additional hours worked after January 15, 2022. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Howard to approve the resignation of Barb Bates as Lunchroom Monitor effective February 14, 2022. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4) at 8:03 p.m. All voting aye.

Vice-President Hurd declared return to regular session at 9:03 p.m.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Community Center.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. All voting aye.

Jonathan Hurd, Vice-President
Board of Education

Sara Gates
Business Manager