

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, January 9, 2023, 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, Amy Howard, Jonathan Hurd, Rob Mullaney, and Tara Yost. Reno Brueggeman attended by teleconference. Also in attendance were Eric Norden, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Jennifer Boomsma-Kelsey, Elementary Principal/SPED Director, Sara Gates, Business Manager, Jan Kittelson, Jodi Baumberger, Kristina Luczak, Roxanne Stevens, and Terice Ketelhut.

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

Motion by Hurd, second by Mullaney to approve the Consent Agenda Items.

1. Minutes of the December 12, 2022 Board Meeting
2. Payment of Presented Bills
3. Financial Report

All voting aye.

Explanation was given on the Opt Out.

Motion by Hurd, second by Howard to have the Board of Miller School District vote on the resolution for the Opt Out of the general fund tax levy limitation as set by the legislature. Roll call vote, voting aye: Brueggeman, Caffee, Howard, Hurd, Mullaney, Yost, and Bertsch.

### RESOLUTION FOR OPT OUT

The Governing Board of the Miller School District does state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$585,000.00 starting with calendar year 2023 taxes payable in the calendar year 2024. This opt out will be for 3 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2026. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless the action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such a vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

Rob Mullaney and Tara Yost were appointed as ASBSD Legislative Action Network (LAN) members.

Discussion on COVID.

Motion by Brueggeman, second by Mullaney to set the date for the 2023 school board election to be on April 11, 2023. All voting aye.

Eric Norden, Superintendent, reported that Vance Caffee, Robert Mullaney, and Tara Yost's terms will be expiring. Circulation of nominating petitions may begin on January 27, 2023. Forms will be available in the business office. The deadline to file petitions is February 24, 2023.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to approve the payment to G&R Controls in the amount \$46,817.00 for materials and work on the new shop addition. All voting aye.

Discussion on snow days.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to have school on April 11, 2023, to make up a snow day that was missed. All voting aye.

Jennifer Boomsma-Kelsey, Elementary Principal/SPED Director, reported on Benchmark Testing, In-service, and a big shipment of library books that came in.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported on students taking Dual Credits, CPR course being offered, and the One Act Play public performance will be January 20, 2023.

Eric Norden, Superintendent, reported that they have started building the walls on the Ag Shop, the doors & cameras have been fixed, the sound system needs replaced in the armory, and there is a section of the fire alarm that is not working properly.

Motion by Howard, second by Yost to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of personnel issues SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:04 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 7:18 p.m.

Motion by Caffee, second by Brueggeman to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of student issues SDCL 1-25-2 (2) at 7:18 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 7:22 p.m.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Howard to enter Executive Session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4) at 7:23 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

Motion by Howard, second by Caffee to accept the resignation of Dick Palmer as SPED Aide effective December 21, 2022. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to accept the resignation by Megan Hopkins as One Act Play Advisor at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Howard to accept the resignation of David Sivertsen with commendation as Technology Coordinator at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to approve the certified contract for Hillary Smith in the amount of \$26,143.84 for the 2022-2023 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Brueggeman, second by Mullaney to donate the board members' December salaries to help pay for the staff Christmas party. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to retain Rodney Freeman, Jr., for the negotiation process. All voting aye.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Motion by Howard, second by Yost to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. All voting aye.

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Natalie Bertsch, President  
Board of Education

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Sara Gates  
Business Manager