

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, March 13, 2017, in the Elementary School Library. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Tim Zacher, President of the Board. Other members in attendance were Natalie Bertsch, Bryan Breitling, Jonathan Hurd, Rob Mullaney, Cindy Rombough, and Connie Schroeder. Also in attendance were Dan Trefz, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Amy Johnson, Elementary Principal and Sara Gates, Business Manager.

Motion by Bertsch, second by Rombough to approve the agenda as amended. All voting aye.

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

1. Minutes of the February 13, 2017 Regular Meeting
2. Financial Report
3. Payment of presented bills

All voting aye.

Tammy Caffee from On Hand Economic Development was recognized. She was promoting Magnificent Miller that will take place on March 23rd.

Amy Johnson, Elementary Principal, reported there was a good turnout for the parent involvement night that was on March 7th. The Parent/Community Stakeholder Group Meeting will be March 21st, the elementary vocal contest will be March 31st, and the Kindergarten screening will be held April 6th & 7th. She recognized Eric Ames for qualifying for the state geography bee.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported that last week was the end of the 3rd quarter and students will be starting the Smarter Balanced testing. He recognized the Miller Pep Band for their performance at the Class A State Girls Basketball tournament. Kadye Fernholz, Steven Fernholz, and Karst Hunter were selected for the Big Dakota All Conference teams and Shaly Werdel was an honorable mention.

Dan Trefz, Superintendent, reported on State Wrestling results with Connor Bertsch placing 2nd and Blade Forman placing 6th. A legislative update was presented. He has applied for a Homeland Security Grant to cover the cost of updating the surveillance cameras. There will be a Full Scale Emergency Management Drill on May 25th and volunteers are needed. He reported that there were three vacancies for school board members and two nominating petitions were filed with the business office. Bryan Breitling and Rob Mullaney will start another three year term in July. There will be no school board election in April and Miller School District will be accepting school board member applications for one position for a one year term. Ryan Resel and David Harvey were inducted into the SD Wrestling Hall of Fame, and Ron Bertsch and Mike Sisk were inducted into the SD Basketball Hall of Fame.

Motion by Rombough, second by Hurd to approve the request from the Miller Music Parents to use the kitchen and commons on March 4th and 5th, 2017 for the baked potato supper in conjunction with the pops concert. All voting aye.

Discussion on the cooperative effort to employ a school psychologist with the Redfield School District.

Motion by Hurd, second by Rombough to advertise for a school psychologist that will be shared with the Redfield School District. All voting aye.

Second reading of the 2016-2017 Miller School District Improvement Plan.

Motion by Bertsch, second by Rombough to approve the Miller School District Improvement Plan as presented. All voting aye.

Motion by Rombough, second by Breitling to approve Ron Rembold and Chad Rembold as Volunteer Golf Coaches for the 2016-2017 school year. All voting aye.

Second reading of the proposed 2017-2018 school calendar.

Motion by Rombough, second by Mullaney to approve the school calendar as presented with the correction of Pheasant Day to be October 23, 2017. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Rombough to approve the surplus property list and appraisal report. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Bertsch to approve the Special Education Comprehensive Plan as presented. All voting aye.

Motion by Rombough, second by Breitling to approve the advertisement for a food service management contract through the RFP process. All voting aye.

Discussion on Food Service fund balance.

Motion by Breitling, second by Schroeder to offer free seconds effective March 14, 2017 till the end of the 2016-2017 school year. All voting aye.

Discussion on five member board verses seven member board.

Personnel committee report on staff surveys. Additional surveys will be sent out in the near future.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to approve Lee Conkey as Volunteer Assistant Junior High Track Coach for the 2016-2017 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Rombough, second by Bertsch to enter into executive session for the express purpose of personnel issues and negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (1) & (4) at 7:55 p.m. All voting aye.

President Zacher declared return to regular session at 9:34 p.m.

Motion by Bertsch, second by Rombough to approve the resignation of Stephanie Dietterle as Boys Basketball Cheer Advisor effective upon the completion of the 2016-2017 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to approve the teaching contract for Kathy Wendt as Millerdale Teacher for the 2017-2018 school year, with a salary to be set at a later date as per the 2017-2018 negotiated agreement. All voting aye.

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Motion by Hurd, second by Schroeder to approve Darin Hunter as Driver's Education Instructor for the 2017-2018 school year at \$195.00 per student minus the fuel expense. All voting aye.

Motion by Rombough, second by Hurd to approve the resignation of Brent Markus as Math Teacher, Head Golf Coach, and Junior High Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, effective upon the completion of the 2016-2017 school year. All voting aye.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary school library.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Rombough to adjourn at 9:41 p.m. All voting aye.

Tim Zacher, President
Board of Education

Sara Gates
Business Manager