

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, March 14, 2022, in the Miller Community Center. 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. Connie Schroeder was absent. 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 and Sara Gates, Business Manager, Jan Kittleson, Katie Otteson, Marissa Resel, Lisa Anson, Eric Norden, Tim Bode, and Diane Goetz.

Tim Bode and Diane Goetz presented the Spirit Card donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 which will be used to replace the wood in the bleachers at the football field.

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

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

1. Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Special Meeting
3. Minutes of the February 19, 2022 Special Meeting
4. Minutes of the February 21, 2022 Special Meeting
5. Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Special Meeting
6. Payment of presented bills
7. Financial Report

All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Mullaney to approve the quotes from Venture communication for IP phones in the amount of \$1,169.83 per month and Hughes Electric for Cat 5 cable in the amount of \$13,059.48. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Howard to recognize the Miller Education Association as the official bargaining organization for the 2022-2023 negotiations. All voting aye.

Motion by Howard, second by Hurd to approve the District Calendar as presented for the 2022-2023 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to excuse the elementary, junior high, and high school students from taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment, Science Assessment and NAEP Assessment for the 2021-2022 school year due to the school emergency. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Howard to approve the hourly pay for the bus drivers and lunch people while out of school for the fire/explosion that are a contracted service. All voting aye.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Hurd to approve paying eligible staff mileage when driving to the various schools at \$50.00 per month. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Hurd to approve paying eligible staff to help serve food in the different churches for one hour per day at \$10.00 per hour in addition to their salary. All voting aye.

Discussion on COVID.

Motion by Mullaney, second by Caffee to approve the quote from Builder's Solutions for new wood for the bleachers at the football field in the amount of \$17,062.16. All voting aye.

Drake Bachmeier, Elementary Principal, thanked the staff for all they are doing and Kimball School District for donuts and pizza for our students.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported on winter sports, parent teacher conferences, and thanked staff for doing amazing during the transition and while teaching may have a different approach than normal, they are still doing a great job of educating our kids.

Dr. Kim Cypher, Special Education Director, reported that staff and students are adjusting to their new environment.

Sara Gates, Business Manager, reported on school board petitions that were turned in. Jon Hurd will be returning, and Reno Brueggemann will be replacing Connie Schroeder in July.

Dr. Charlene Crosswait, Superintendent, stated that we are truly blessed by all the donations. She reported on the cleaning that is being done at the school. The kitchen will be replaced with all new equipment and the ag shop will be torn down in two phases. Prom and graduation will be held in the Armory, the civil rights data collection has been completed and there will be a presentation given beginning of April explaining the opt out.

Motion by Yost, second by Mullaney to enter executive session for the express purpose of personnel issues SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:28 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 8:02 p.m.

Motion by Hurd, second by Mullaney to enter executive session for the express purpose of student issues SDCL 1-25-2 (2) at 8:02 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Howard, second by Caffee to enter executive session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4) at 8:11 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion by Hurd, second by Howard to approve the resignation of Dr. Kim Cypher with commendation as Special Education Director effective June 10, 2022. All voting aye.

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Motion by Mullaney, second by Yost to approve Ryan Engle as Assistant Golf Coach in the amount of \$1,486.50 for the 2021-2022 school year. All voting aye.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. in the Miller Community Center.

Motion by Hurd, second by Mullaney to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. All voting aye.

Natalie Bertsch, President
Board of Education

Sara Gates
Business Manager