

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, March 13, 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 Reno Brueggeman, Vance Caffee, Amy Howard, Jonathan Hurd, and Tara Yost. Rob Mullaney was absent. Also in attendance were Eric Norden, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Jennifer Boomsma-Kelsey, Elementary Principal/Special Education Director and Sara Gates, Business Manager, Jan Kittleson, and Jodi Baumberger.

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

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

1. Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Presented Bills
3. Financial Report

All voting aye.

Second Reading of Policies:

- a. CI-Administrative Staff Evaluations
- b. CIA-Principal Qualifications
- c. GBM-Teacher Grievance Policies
- d. GCBD-Staff Leaves and Absences
- e. IIBGB-Computer Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy
- f. IKA-Grading System
- g. ILB-State Assessments
- h. JFCA-Student Appropriate Dress
- i. JFCD-Bullying
- j. KL-Complaint Procedure Policy

Motion by Brueggeman, second by Yost to accept the following policies:

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All voting aye.

Motion by Howard, second by Hurd to recognize the Miller Education Association as the official bargaining organization for the 2023-2024 negotiations. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Yost to create a David Sivertsen Scholarship fund within the Activity Fund. All voting aye.

Discussion on girls wrestling.

Discussion on accumulated snow days.

Motion by Brueggeman, second by Yost to not makeup the missed snow days currently. All voting aye.

Discussion on Easter Monday board meeting.

Jennifer Boomsma-Kelsey, Elementary Principal/Sped Director, thanked the SD Community Foundation, Miller Class of 1952, for their donation of \$113.75. She reported that the elementary had a successful book fair and 5th-8th vocal contest. She also reported on Rustler Rewards, kindergarten screening, and snow packets. She congratulated the AAU wrestlers that qualified for state. She stated that they had a good report from the Title I review and said they are preparing for the Special Education review that will take place next school year.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, congratulated Tyra Gates, Morgan Kolda, Jaden Werdel, Alex Schumacher, and Trevor Werdel for being named to the Big Dakota Conference first team for basketball. Honorable Mentions were Spencer Fernholz and Isaac Hunter. He also congratulated the wrestling team for their 8th place finish at state and to Kellan Hurd for placing 1st in his weight class. A big thank you to Collin Otteson for being the DJ for the junior high dance that was held on Friday, February 17, 2023. On Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Dusty Johnson will be visiting and the Miller National Honor Society members will be hosting a blood drive. The Pops Concert will be held Sunday, March 19, 2023. The Miller FFA will be hosting their CDE on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. Staff are planning a possible incentive for students that will be taking the Smarter Balanced Testing in March. There will also be math students attending a math contest at Northern State University in April.

Eric Norden, Superintendent, reported that they are currently working on the ag shop and they are hoping to have the roof completed by the end of the week. The track is ready to go and the armory sound system is being replaced. The armory parking lot will be on hold until the city begins working on the road in front of the school to save costs. He is getting a quote for tearing out walls in the SPED resource room to possibly make more room to have our board meetings there. The new webpage is almost complete, and he is working on implementing a leadership program for high school students to work on projects with elementary students. He stressed how tough it is to find teachers and the shortage is growing.

Motion by Howard, second by Yost to enter executive session for the express purpose of personnel issues SDCL 1-25-2 (1) at 7:19 p.m. All voting aye.

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

Motion by Howard, second by Brueggeman to enter executive session for the express purpose of student issues SDCL 1-25-2 (2) at 7:48 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Yost, second by Hurd to enter executive session for the express purpose of negotiations SDCL 1-25-2 (4) at 7:55 p.m. All voting aye.

President Bertsch declared return to regular session at 8:36 p.m.

Motion by Hurd, second by Howard to approve the certified contract for Jodi Norden as JH/HS Science Teacher in the amount of \$48,050.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Caffee to approve the certified contract for Connor DeRouchey as Technology Coordinator in the amount of \$52,250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Brueggeman, second by Howard to approve the work agreement for Jackie Fauth as Drama Coach in the amount of \$2,724.75 for the 2023-2024 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Howard, second by Yost to approve the certified contract for Ann Clarke as Elementary Teacher in the amount of \$47,050.00 for the 2023-2024 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Hurd, second by Brueggeman to accept the resignation of Stephanie Edwards as Assistant Volleyball Coach at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Yost, second by Hurd to offer contracts to certified, classified and administrative staff for 2023-2024 school year: Issuance to come after negotiations have been completed and salary and benefits for the 2023-2024 school year have been established and agreed upon. All voting aye.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary School Library.

Motion by Caffee, second by Brueggeman to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. All voting aye.

Natalie Bertsch, President
Board of Education

Sara Gates
Business Manager

