

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Independent School District No. 820  
Sebeka, MN 56477  
Regular meeting April 10, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office with the following members in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Cheri Kangas, Eric Nelson, and JoAnn Olson. Absent member Rod Huttunen. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim; K-12 Principal Amie Westberg; Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Dave Kerkvliet, Melissa Koch, Nikki Ament, Ruth Johnson, and Kendra Wattenhofer Review Messenger Reporter Tim Bloomquist.

Olson moved, Funk seconded to approve the agenda with the following additions: 5.2.1 Board Negotiations Seminar report, 6.4 Discussion of the one-half acre land bid and 7.5.4 Resignation of Science Instructor Kristopher Olson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed information regarding the unassigned fund balance trend that has taken place since 2019 to the projected balance at the end of this school year, revenue projections, formula increases, special education cross subsidy increases and other expenditure savings.

School Board member Charles Funk noted that he had attended a negotiations seminar in St. Cloud on March 24<sup>th</sup> and that a lot of the discussion pertained to the unfunded mandates.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported that health insurance bid packets were received from our current provider Medica through LCSC and Blue Cross Blue Shield noting that our increase from LCSC was 5.8% for the Passport Plan and only 1.97% for the Essentia Network Plan and BCBS sent several options to match the current plan offerings but at a higher cost and she also received renewals for Delta Dental and Ameritas (vision) voluntary plans noting Delta Dental has a sizable increase in the premium and no increase in premiums for Ameritas and noted that there will be an open enrollment period until approximately the middle of May if they choose to make changes; ACA forms 1095C have been accepted by the IRS; completed a mandatory survey sent out by MDE for FY2022 GEER and ESSER funds and one from Education MN regarding the district health insurance offerings, participation and board share contributions; sent out a request for proposals to auditing firms after receiving notification that Eide Bailly was withdrawing as our district auditors and updated SPED payroll coding for FY2023 and reviewed Title budgets in Servs.

Jon Lillquist's Dean of Students/Activities Director report included the following Spring sports participation numbers: Baseball grades 9-12 have 12 participants and 6th-8th grades have 20 participants; Golf - Sebeka has 6 participants and Menahga has 25 participants; Softball grades 9-12 have 15 participants and 6th-8th grades have 18 participants; Track 7-12 has 54 participants with 26 from Sebeka and 28 from Menahga and he will be attending a DOS Network on April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Westberg reported that MCA testing will begin the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>; April 5<sup>th</sup> in-service day turned into a virtual staff development day due to the winter weather; School of Excellence program will be held on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>; the free field desks will be delivered on April 26<sup>th</sup> to the second grade classrooms; will be starting the Metier program for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> next year noting that Metier is a program that runs through Sourcewell and they will provide the training, coaching and materials for our staff and students in grades 5 & 6 will learn about what type of person they are and how best they communicate with others and students in grades 7 & 8 will learn about the six different areas of careers based on MDE's career wheel; and will be attending the MASSP Handbook Workshop on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on the district reimbursement on costs for the 2023 National BPA conference; a PSEO/Concurrent/Online College Course Policy draft put together by Mrs. Kern noting that the state is now allowing freshman the opportunity to take college credits with a GPA of 3.8 noting that freshman can take one CTE class and up to two as a sophomore; reviewed LCSC Health and Safety inspection report noting what an inspection follow-up looks like when our facilitator has completed his walkthrough and the Health and Safety report on Lead in Water testing; received a rebate from Minnesota Power in the amount of \$1,457.68; and Food Service, Custodial and Transportation departments are all running well.

Under Discussion Items, Superintendent Fjeldheim reviewed some current legislative updates for the next biennium; summer programming for students in grades K-12, end of year responsibilities to fulfill contracts and the sale of a one-half acre of school land east of Sebeka.

Olson moved, Kangas approved the following consent agenda items with the exception of 7.5.1 Letter of Resignation of Instrumental Band Instructor Dave Kerkvliet: regular meeting minutes from the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; Treasurer and Investment report for April; monthly bills totaling \$661,200.53; assignment of Mrs. Amanda Klipping as Special Education instructor the 2023-2024 school year; assignments of summer contracts for band and ag; resignation of Science Instructor Kristopher Olson and wished him well on his new endeavor; and K-12 enrollment at 466 students. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Erickson approve the resignation of Dave Kerkvliet as Instrumental Music director with regret and thanked him for his 27 years of dedicated service to the Sebeka School band program and students and wished him well on his new responsibility as the next Superintendent of Sebeka School District. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the budget cost containments as recommended for FY24.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve the resolution accepting the following donations:

1. Sebeka General Scholarship Fund - \$100 from John Hafer for the Linda Smith Scholarship, \$1,000 from Coca Cola; and \$12,000 from Tom and Kyle Schulz;
2. Student Council - \$1,031.66 from Coca Cola Powerade for Schools;
3. Fishing Club - \$300 from Community First Bank of Menahga and Sebeka and \$300 from WCTA.

The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Kangas, Nelson, Olson; voted against: none; absent: Huttunen; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Erickson moved, Frame seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

JoAnn Olson  
Clerk of Sebeka School District