

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Independent School District No. 820
Sebeka, MN 56477
Regular meeting May 15, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. The following members were in attendance: Nathan Erickson, Kayla Frame, Charles Funk, Rodney Huttunen, Cheri Kangas, Eric Nelson and JoAnn Olson. Also present were Superintendent Dave Fjeldheim, Principal Amie Westberg, Business Manager Holly Paulson; staff members Dave Kerkvliet, Tom Smith and Ruth Johnson; Student Council Representative Anna Vargo, BPA students Brianna George and Kaylie Westberg; community member Randy Vandermay and Review Messenger Reporter Tim Bloomquist.

Frame moved, Erickson seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of 7.5.9 Approve Becky Hoefs resignation. Motion carried unanimously.

Student Council Representative Anna Vargo reported that Student Council held their elections for next school year; provided freebies for the color run, and served ice cream sundaes for the elementary MCA incentives. She also represented the senior class by sharing plans for their senior trip to Fargo on May 24th and asked if the school board would be willing to provide transportation for their trip.

BPA students Brianna George and Kailee Westberg reported on the National BPA convention held in Anaheim, California and thanked the school board for their support.

The Pairing Committee met with Menahga on April 12th to review winter paired activities of wrestling and speech; reviewed elementary sports programs; spring sports of track and golf; Foreign Language and ECFE; Family and Consumer Science will be filled from within in both districts to take care of the curriculum offering for the 2023-2024 school year; discussion took place regarding current violation practices enforced by both schools and it was decided that the recommendation by the committee was to follow the current penalty process for violations set forth by the MSHSL and this will be addressed in the student handbooks next year; it was also noted that the current agreement for the paired sports of Cross Country, Wrestling, Speech, Track and Golf is due for renewal starting with the 2023-2024 school year and will need to be approved by both school boards for another six-year agreement through 2028-2029 and the next Pairing Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023 in Menahga at 7:30 a.m.

Business Manager Holly Paulson reported on RFP's sent out for audit services and received quotes from Brady Martz & Associates and Widmer Roel and after reviewing quotes it was decided to accept the quote from Brady Martz and noted that the audit will be held the week of July 17th with Board approval taking place at the June board meeting; 1st quarter payroll reports have been submitted and working on Q-Comp payroll for a pay date of May 22nd; attended a virtual health insurance renewal meeting through LCSC and noted that plans will remain the same with only one small change to a prescription availability/use and received preliminary Title funding for FY2024.

Principal Westberg reported on registration for new classes was completed on May 15th; hoping to add some micro-credentials through M-State to some classes next year (Intro to Transportation Careers, Intro to Healthcare Careers, Intro to Construction Trade Careers and Commercial Driver's License); reviewed dates for Elementary Track and Field Day and elementary field trips and dates for finals for seniors and grades 9-12; Day of Caring for students in grades 7-12 will be held on the morning of May 17th with the Color Run for grades K-12 set for the afternoon of that day; Senior Class trip will be May 24th; and noted that MSBA will have new language/policies related to dress code, video and voice recordings in school plus new ones that may be heading once legislation is done so the first reading of the student handbook will not be until July due to those potential changes.

Superintendent Fjeldheim reported on legislative updates providing information on topics pertaining to educational issues; school board meetings held during June, July and August will begin at 7:00 p.m. with bill auditing at 6:30 p.m.; District Reimbursement for Nationals for SkillsUSA that will be held June 19th - June 24th in Atlanta, Georgia; received an award notification from Pathways II Early Learning Scholarship funds for FY2024 and FY2025 in the amount of \$37,500 for each year; end of year activities; Custodial department scheduling summer work; Transportation department running well with some maintenance repairs needing attention; and Food Service department will be serving meals in June and July during Targeted Services.

Randy Vandermay was present to provide information regarding Trap Shooting and asked the School Board to consider paying for registration fees and \$10 per participation for meal costs for the State Trap Shoot competition in Alexandria in June. He

reported that there would be 31 shooters at a cost of \$45 per shooter. He also noted that the Park Region Conference tournament was held with five teams participating. The School Board stated they will approve this request for registration and meal costs for the Trap Shoot State Championship Conference meet in Alexandria which will be held in June under new business.

Mrs. Becca Pulju and Ms. Donna Yliniemi reviewed the Q-Comp program and how the program works to improve instruction and student achievement.

Mr. Tom Smith, Industrial Tech/Skills Advisor had received a grant through LCSC to purchase a CNC Router and at the conclusion of the school board meeting, he demonstrated how the CNC router operates to the school board.

Funk moved, Olson seconded to approve the following consent agenda items: April 10th regular meeting minutes; Treasurer and Investment report for May; monthly bills in the amount of \$628,528.63; Summer Rec Director Jon Lillquist and helpers Sammi Stevens and Brayden Brinkman along with additional help if needed; summer contracts for band and Ag; letter of resignation from Social Studies Instructor Keegan McCorkell and wished him well on his new endeavor; summer activity ESSER contracts for Tanner Burgau and Bryson Vasey; assignment of Justin Ahrendt as Jr. High Baseball Coach; assignment of Alycia Johnson as Instrumental Music Instructor for school year 2023-2024; letter of resignation from Melissa Wattenhofer as Co-Prom Advisor; letter of resignation from Kendra Wattenhofer as paraprofessional and Co-Prom Advisor and wished her well on her new endeavor; resignation from Becky Hoefs and wished her well on her retirement; and May enrollment at 464 students K-12. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Huttunen seconded to approve the graduating class of 2023 as presented contingent upon all requirements completed at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Erickson moved, Frame seconded to approve the request for transportation costs for the senior class trip to Fargo on May 24th. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve revisions to the 2022-2023 budget showing revenues at \$7,625,208 and expenditures at \$7,842,197 and noted that the second revision of this year's budget indicates a deficit of \$216,989. Motion carried unanimously.

Huttunen moved, Kangas seconded to approve the sealed bid from Morris Benson in the amount of \$500 for the ½ acre parcel of land. Motion carried unanimously.

Olson moved, Kangas seconded to approve to pay \$1,775 in registration and meal costs for students and coaches for the Trap Shoot State Championship Conference meet in Alexandria which will be held in June. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Frame seconded to approve another six-year agreement with Menahga for the paired activities of Cross Country, Wrestling, Speech, Golf and Track for FY2024-FY2029. Motion carried unanimously.

Funk moved, Erickson seconded to approve a resolution accepting the following donations: 1. Sebek Baseball - \$200 from Ryan and Jessica Keddy; 2. BPA for Nationals - \$400 from Community First Bank; \$507.11 from G&T Sanitation; \$1,000 from Menahga VFW; \$60 from Johnson & Son; \$500 from Minnesota Valley Irrigation/RDO; \$1,500 from WCTA; \$500 from Wevley Funeral Home; \$200 from Sebek Lions Club; \$100 from Wes & Denise Borneman in memory of Carol Hooper; 3. Scholarship Fund - \$1,000 from Menahga VFW and \$515.85 from Sebek Legion Auxiliary Post Presidents Parley; 4. Lehmkuhl Scholarship - \$750 from the Tellers family; and 5. Westberg Scholarship - \$250 from Westberg/Muir family. The following members voted in favor: Erickson, Frame, Funk, Huttunen, Kangas, Nelson and Olson; against: none; therefore, the resolution was duly adopted.

Huttunen moved, Kangas seconded to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.