School Board Meeting

Thursday, October 5, 2023

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM

Hinsdale Conference Room

Present: Justin Strommen, Sherri Idler, Gordon Hawks, Jared Sloan, and Trish Handley

Superintendent: Adam Zopp.

Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairperson J. Strommen. J. Strommen led everyone in the Pledge.

Minutes were taken by Debbie Skaggs via Google Meet.

The board toured the school where discussion about the concrete took place.

**Agenda Item:**

1. **Approval of Consent Agenda**: G Hawks moved to accept the Consent Agenda and the minutes from the September 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting. Second: S Idler. Passed: 5/0.
2. **Public Comment:**

No public comment

1. **Action Agenda Items:**

**Agenda Item:**

1. **Walk around the building, concrete discussion:**

Discussion of the board: water drainage problem needs to be fixed first, we need to check with the county to make sure we are following regulations. We should get someone else to look at it, perhaps starting with a general contractor. Dave Jones has a grader. Mr. Zopp and Paul will follow up on the board’s suggestions.

1. **Hire Paraprofessional Assistant**

G Hawks motioned to approve hiring Danette O’Connor with the maximum allowable experience according to school policy. Second: S Idler passed:5/0.

1. **Athletics – 8th grade participation discussion**

Discussion of the board: Co-op meeting should be called to discuss 8th graders playing with the high school teams, such meeting should include community members present. Staff members contacted Mr. Zopp with concerns about this subject. Heidi Johnson wrote a letter to the board which was read at the meeting. The main concern of the staff was that there has been a lack of transparency in the co-op processes. Gordon Hawks volunteered to be the Board of Trustees representative at any athletic co-op meetings. At the next Board meeting we will include on the agenda choosing an athletic representative from the board to the co-op. The overall consensus of the board was that coaches should make these decisions, also that the co-op needs to be transparent about the process and decision made regarding 8th graders playing.

The main concern was that the Co-op committee did not meet and three members were left off the voting.

1. **Consider MTSBA training for the Board of Trustees**

The MTSBA website was checked. Mr. Zopp recommended that the board watch the videos supplied by MTSBA. Discussion will follow regarding the video at the following board meeting. The board will start with the Trustees and Board Responsibilities Video.

1. **Quality of playground equipment discussion**A committee will be assembled to research new playground equipment. An MDU grant will be looked into to finance the improvement.
2. **Gym floor discussion**

A quote for refinishing the gym floor was looked over at the meeting. The contractor suggested two processes, one to lightly refinish the floor which would take 2-3 days and the other would be a 3-week process to strip the floor, sand and refinish. We will look into the person who finished the floor about 3 years ago as well.

1. **Bear Paw Cooperative agreement**

G Hawks motioned to approve paying late claims. Second: J Sloan. Passed 5/0.

1. **Closed Session – student enrollment**

Board chairman J Strommen called the Board to closed session at 7:10 p.m. The board came out of closed session at 7:30 PM.

Superintendent’s Report

Chairperson J. Strommen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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Chairperson Clerk of the Board