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“Committed to excellence in academics and extracurricular activities fostering high academic achievement and enabling lifelong learning, preparing students to be engaged citizens ready for their future.”

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 14, 2014
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM

AGENDA

1. Call to order of regular meeting.
The Chair will call the meeting to order using the gavel if necessary. **The Chair will request those with communication devices to either turn them off or place them on silent mode.** This may be a good time to introduce any special guests.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
The Chair will ask the members and audience to face the flag for the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consider additions or deletions to the agenda.
If members have items to be added to the agenda, now is the time. **If you have items that you want removed from the agenda, or removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion, make the request at this time.** The Chair will call for a motion and second to approve the agenda.
4. Recognition of visitors and public input regarding the meeting agenda.
The Chair will ask the audience if they have any comments on the items on the agenda. This gives the public the opportunity to comment on issues prior to Board decisions/action.
5. Consider Consent Agenda:
The Chair will ask for a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented or amended. With a motion and a second, the Chair will call for the vote.
 5. 1. Minutes of the March 24, 2014, regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
 5. 2. Payment of the bills.
Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 3. Leave of absence for custodian Timothy Tamaro commencing March 24, 2014 for approximately two to four weeks after April 17, 2014.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
 5. 4. Leave of absence for custodian Jeffrey Pelletier commencing April 28, 2014 for approximately four to six weeks.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
 5. 5. Extend leave of absence for part time bus driver Lyndon Nelson through April 29, 2014.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
 5. 6. Resignation for the purpose of retirement effective May 30, 2014, of paraeducator Carolyn Lawyer.
Please accept the resignation for the purpose of retirement of Ms. Lawyer.
We thank her for the many years of service.
 5. 7. Resignation of social studies teacher Curtis Foxley at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
Please accept the resignation of Mr. Foxley. We thank him for his service.
6. Recognition/reports:
6. 1. Recognition: ExCEL Awards, AAA Awards, National Merit Scholarships, Nordic Ski, Boys Swimming, and Basketball Coach Rich Odell.
Mr. Bidle and Mrs. Hakly will present the winter awards and programs.
 6. 2. Student Representative.
The student report is attached.
 6. 3. Virginia High School Principal.
Ms. Hakly has attached her report. Please contact Ms. Hakly with any questions.
 6. 4. Superintendent.
The Superintendent's report is attached. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
 6. 5. Facilities Committee Report.
The minutes of the facilities committee meeting are attached for your review.
Committee Chair Hafdahl will give a report. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 6. Finance Advisory Committee.

The minutes of the finance committee meeting are attached for your review. Committee Chair Hafdahl will give a report. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 7. Activities Committee Report.

The minutes of the activities committee meeting are attached for your review. Committee Chair Rioran will give a report. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 8. EG-MIB-Virginia Collaborative Committee Report.

The minutes of the collaborative committee meeting are attached for your review. Committee Chair Riordan will give a report. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 9. Healthy and Safety Committee.

The minutes of the health & safety committee meeting are attached for your review. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 10. Virginia Teacher Evaluation Report.

Mrs. Lutzka will review the work that has been done by the local team to develop a plan for the district. The attached Powerpoint will be used in her presentation. I appreciate the work of the team in the development of a quality plan.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider accepting the following grants/donations to the Virginia Engineering Club for the solar boat project: \$1,000 from Youth in Philanthropy- a Northland Foundation program, \$500 from Joy Global, \$500 from Access Broadband, and \$150 from Ziegler; along with a \$500 Carl Perkins Foundation mini-grant and \$3,000 from ALI.

ACTION Recommend approval.

7. 2. Consider recommendation to purchase two conventional buses from Hoglund Bus Company for a total of \$165,618.18.

ACTION

The finance and facilities (capital outlay) committee have reviewed and recommend approval of the proposed bid. Mr. Judnick has respectfully and legally completed the bid process. This is a budgeted item and approved in the capital outlay plan. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 3. Consider recommendation to accept the low bid for roof repairs from Range Cornice for a total cost of \$210,200, that includes the base bid along with

alternates #1 and #2, but not accepting alternate #3 at this time.

ACTION

The finance and facilities (capital outlay) committee have reviewed and recommend approval of the proposed roofing bid. Mr. Judnick has respectfully and legally completed the bid process with DSGW. This is a budgeted item and approved in the capital outlay plan. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 4. Consider Amended Agreement for Cooperative Sponsorship of Boy's and Girl's Soccer.

ACTION

Attached is the amended agreement for cooperative sponsorship of boy's and girl's soccer. The agreement has been reviewed by district legal counsel and the activities committee and approval is recommended. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.

7. 5. Consider Facilities Use Agreement with the City of Biwabik.

ACTION

Attached is the amended agreement for a facilities use agreement for boy's and girl's soccer. The agreement has been reviewed by district legal counsel and the activities committee and approval is recommended. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.

7. 6. Consider preliminary review of Teacher Evaluation MOU and plan documents.

Action

The teacher evaluation committee has productively worked at developing a quality plan that meets the requirements as outlined by MN statute 122A.40. This is the first reading and review of the proposed plan. This action is preliminary and the final plan and MOU will be brought to the board for approval at a later date. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.

8. Personnel:

8. 1. Consider Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Educational Programs and Positions.

ROLL CALL VOTE On January 13, 2014, the School Board passed a Resolution directing the administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions. Based on student registration, there is a decreased interest and participation in foreign language. Administration recommends a

reduction of 0.0FTE in _____. The second step is for the Board to approve a Resolution Proposing to Place Employee(s) on Unrequested Leave of Absence. Please see the attached resolution and contact Superintendent Stender with any questions. Please approve.

8. 2. Consider Resolution Relating to the Termination and Nonrenewal of a Teaching Contract.

ROLL CALL VOTE. This is a result of the reduction in English per the above reduction resolution. Please review the attached resolution and contact Superintendent Stender with any questions. Please approve.

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ROLL CALL VOTE. This is a result of the reduction in Music per the above reduction resolution. This teacher will be hired back for the 2014-2015 school year at 0.6 FTE- which is a 0.2 FTE reduction from the current year. Please review the attached resolution and contact Superintendent Stender with any questions. Please approve.

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9. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

The Chair will request comments from the audience regarding actions on agenda items from tonight's Board meeting.

10. Meeting Announcements:

10. 1. EG-MIB-Virginia Collaborative Committee meeting on April 15, 2014, at 4:30 P.M. at the Northeast Service Cooperative, Mt. Iron, MN.

10. 2. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, 2013, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

11. Adjournment.

The Chair will call for a motion and a second to adjourn the meeting.