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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 13, 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.
 1. A binder labeled Public Copy of Board Materials and containing board meeting materials is available for public review at the table at the side of the room.
 2. Meeting agendas are available for the public at the table at the side of the room.
 3. The public may also access school board agendas by visiting the District web page and clicking on School Board: Agenda/Minutes.
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:

ACTION 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 September 22, 2014, regular meeting.

Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 2. Minutes of the October 6, 2014, working session.

Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 3. Payment of the bills.

Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

5. 4. \$261.87 donation for the school forest from Fran Shimmin.

We thank Ms. Shimmin for her donation. Please approve.

5. 5. Minnesota Service Cooperative Online Learning Project District Letter of Agreement.

This is the annual contract for online education services.

5. 6. Consider leave of absence for paraeducator Roberta Hietala commencing October 2, 2014 through December 1, 2014.

District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.

The leave is for approximately eight weeks of paid leave. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 7. Consider leave of absence for paraeducator Tracy Cornell commencing October 20, 2014 through November 2, 2014.

District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.

The leave is for approximately two weeks of paid leave. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 8. Consider unpaid leave of absence for ECFE teacher Shanon Kush-Jeffery commencing October 6, 2014 through December 2, 2014.

District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.

The leave request is for approximately six weeks. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 9. Consider leave of absence for elementary teacher Sarah Poppema commencing around December 25, 2014 through March 15, 2015.

District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.

The leave is for approximately 11 weeks and is a combination of paid and unpaid leave. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 10. Leave of absence for elementary teacher Samantha Caddy commencing around December 20, 2014 through April 7, 2015.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed.
Please approve this leave request and contact me with any questions.
5. 11. Resignation of paraeducator Tara Flatley effective September 22, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Tara Flatley. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
5. 12. Resignation of paraeducator Nathan Anderson effective September 26, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Nathan Anderson. We thank him for his time and service with the district.
5. 13. Resignation of paraeducator Elizabeth Niemi effective October 10, 2014.
Please accept the resignation of Elizabeth Niemi. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
5. 14. Hire Melissa Seliskar for the Playground Aide position at Parkview Learning Center.
Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. This position is not a part of the bargaining unit (under 14 hours). Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
6. Reports/Recognition:
 6. 1. EIP Director J. Silko.
 6. 2. Student Representative.
The student representative report is attached for your review.
 6. 3. Virginia High School Principal.
Mrs. Hakly's report is attached. Please contact Mrs. Hakly with any questions.
 6. 4. Superintendent.
The superintendents report is attached. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
 6. 5. MSBA Fall Regional Meeting.
Director Riordan and Superintendent Stender attended the MSBA Fall Area meeting on September 25, 2014 at the NESC and will report on the meeting.
Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.
 6. 6. RAMS Meeting.

Director Riordan and Superintendent Stender serve on the RAMS Executive Board. Director Riordan will report on the September 25, 2014 RAMS meeting. Please contact Mr. Stender if you have any questions.

6. 7. Facilities Committee Meeting.

Committee Chair Hafdahl will present a report. The minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting are attached for your review.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider music department trip to San Diego CA March 30-April 3, 2015.

Mr. Krage and representatives from the music department will be available to give the school board a brief summary and answer any questions school board members may have. Administration supports the request. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 2. Consider accepting a \$6,030.00 grant award from the Virginia Community Foundation Blue Pride Fund for the following: \$560.00 for the hockey locker room, \$1,900.00 for the baseball benches, \$1,070.00 for the basketball goals, and \$2,500.00 for new wrestling mats.

Mr. Bidle has received considerable funds from the Blue Pride Fund to assist District programs. We appreciate the generosity and support of Blue Devil activities. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Bidle with any questions.

7. 3. Consider 2014-2015 AFSCME Part-time and Full-time Seniority Lists.

ACTION

The AFSCME Seniority list has been posted in advance to allow AFSCME members to notify the district of any corrections. Please approve the seniority list for district record and future reference.

8. Public input regarding meeting agenda.

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

9. Meeting Announcements:

9. 1. Community Facility Advisory Committee meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014, at 11:45 A.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 2. Meet & Confer meeting on Thursday, October 23, 2014, at 3:15 P.M. in the Superintendent's office.

9. 3. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, October 27, 2014, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

9. 4. Community Finance Advisory Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at 11:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.
9. 5. Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 29, 2014, at 7:30 A.M. in the Superintendent's office.
9. 6. MREA Annual Conference November 16-18, 2014, Brainerd, MN.
9. 7. MSBA Leadership Conference, January 15-16, 2015, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Please contact Jane by October 31 if you plan on attending so necessary registration and arrangements can be made.

10. Adjournment.

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