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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2014
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 6:00 PM**

AGENDA

AMENDED

ROHIAN pictures prior to the start of the meeting.

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 October 27, 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. Out of state and overnight trip for Close-Up at Washington, D.C.
Mr. Mauston is requesting school board approval for an out of state and overnight trip to Washington, D.C. through a program called Close-Up. The program dates are March 25-30, 2015. He anticipates 8-10 seniors to participate. The cost of the program is the responsibility of each individual. Attached is Mr. Mauston's proposal. The District has a history of participating in this event and administration supports the request and learning opportunity for our students. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
 5. 4. MSBA BoardBook renewal subscription December 14, 2014 to December 14, 2015, in the sum of \$2,000.00.
This is an annual subscription that allows the District to utilize the electronic version to organize school board packets, schedule meetings, and provide notification. The price is the same as last year. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
 5. 5. \$500.00 donation for the Virginia High School music department from Saturday Night Country...Live.
We thank Saturday Night Country...Live for the donation. Please approve.
 5. 6. Leave of absence for paraeducator Sarah Childs commencing November 4, 2014 through November 14, 2014.
District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed. The leave is for a paid leave. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.
 5. 7. Leave of absence for paraeducator Linda Wattnem commencing November

20, 2014 through January 4, 2015.

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

The leave is for a paid leave. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 8. Leave of absence for paraeducator Irene Gibson commencing October 14, 2014 through February 27, 2015.

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

The leave is for a paid leave until that is exhausted and unpaid leave thereafter. Please approve this leave request and contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 9. Resignation of Parkview Learning Center playground aide Amanda Lambert effective October 23, 2014.

Please accept the resignation of Amanda Lambert. We thank her for her time and service with the district.

5. 10. Resignation of paraeducator Mary Thompson effective October 30, 2014.

Please accept the resignation of Mary Thompson. We thank her for her time and service with the district.

5. 11. Hire Amanda Lambert for ECFE aide.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 12. Hire Peter Krasaway for playground aide at Parkview Learning Center.

Administration has conducted the hiring process in accordance with district policy and practice. Please accept the following recommendations for hire to meet district staffing needs. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. Reports/Recognition:

6. 1. Student Representative.

The student representative report is attached for your review.

6. 2. Curriculum & Instruction Report.

Mr. Abrahamson's report is attached. Please contact Mr. Abrahamson with any questions.

6. 3. Roosevelt Elementary School Principal.

Mr. Spelts' report is attached. Please contact Mr. Spelts with any questions.

6. 4. Superintendent.

The superintendents report is attached. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 5. Facilities Advisory Committee.

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6. 7. Finance Committee.

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6. 9. Health & Safety Committee.

Attached are the minutes from the October 29, 2014 Healthy & Safety Committee meeting. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider approving District procedure establishing a practice of running FMLA leave concurrently with any leave of absence for those who qualify.

ACTION

The District's legal council has advised administration that it should have an approved practice to run FMLA leave concurrently with any District approved and qualified leave of absence. This would condense the length of leave and provide for more efficient and effective operations. If approved, all leaves that qualify will be subject to this change and will be notified accordingly.

Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions. Administration recommends approval.

7. 2. Consider approving revised 2014-2015 budget.

ACTION

Attached is the 2014-2015 revised budget for school board approval. The finance committee and the finance advisory committee have reviewed the revised budget and recommend approval. Mr. Aune will review the preliminary budget at the meeting. Administration recommends approve.

Please contact Mr. Aune with any questions.

7. 3. Consider Resolution in Support of Legislative Action Requiring the Governor to Appoint the School Trust Lands Director.

ACTION (Roll Call Vote)

Director Riordan will address this at the meeting.

8. Election:

8. 1. Consider Resolution Canvassing Return of Votes of the General Election.

ACTION

The resolution has been updated per election results from the St. Louis County Auditor and Minnesota Secretary of State. Please approve.

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. Community Education Advisory Committee meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2014, at 11:30 A.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. 2. School Board Working Session on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. 3. MREA Annual Conference November 16-18, 2014, Brainerd, MN.

10. 4. The regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2014, has been canceled.

10. 5. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2014, including Truth in Taxation, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. 6. MSBA Leadership Conference, January 16-17, 2014, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Please contact Jane by November 29 if you plan on attending so necessary registration and arrangements can be made. There is no fee for the conference, but I must register you for the Recognition Luncheon and Early Bird sessions.

11. Adjournment.

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