

VIRGINIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 14, 2015
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.
ACTION
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. Presentation of Truth in Taxation information.
Attached is the Pay 16 Truth in Taxation Presentation. The Truth in Taxation presentation is required by the state. Please contact Mr. Aune if you have any

questions.

5. Recognition of visitors and public comment 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. The Board Chair will direct questions to the superintendent or the appropriate staff for discussion after the meeting. Questions regarding the Truth in Taxation presentation may be asked at this time.

6. 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.

6. 1. Minutes of the November 23, 2015, working session.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
6. 2. Minutes of the November 23, 2015, regular meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
6. 3. Minutes of the November 30, 2015 special meeting.
Please call Jane prior to the meeting if you have any questions.
6. 4. Payment of the bills.
The bill listing is attached for your review. **Please call Spencer prior to the meeting if you have any questions.**
6. 5. MSBA BoardBook renewal subscription December 14, 2015 to December 14, 2016, 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 Supt. Stender with any questions
6. 6. Education Innovation Partners FY2016 membership dues in the sum of \$7,678.00.
The dues are calculated as a flat fee of \$6,000.00 and \$1.00 per ADM. Last year the District received \$180,000 that was for approved technology. The dues allow the organization to continue the work of providing access and opportunities for all students across the Iron Range. Please contact Supt. Stender with any questions.
6. 7. Approve 2015-2016 Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Mesabi Range College.

The attached agreement is an annual agreement for concurrent enrollment/PSEO students who attend Mesabi Range College. The contracted rate remains the same as the 2014-2015 school year (\$1,500.) Please contact Supt. Stender with any questions.

6. 8. \$500.00 anonymous donation for Roosevelt Elementary School.
The donator wishes to remain anonymous. We thank them for their generosity and support of Roosevelt Elementary School.
6. 9. \$500.00 grant from CN Railroaders in the Community recognizing the volunteer efforts of T. Squires for boys basketball.
We thank CN Railroaders in the Community and T. Squires for their generosity and support of boys basketball.
6. 10. Resignation of playground aide Melissa Seliskar effective November 6, 2015.
Please accept the resignation of Melissa Seliskar. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
6. 11. Resignation of paraeducator Rebecca Edstrom effective December 2, 2015.
Please accept the resignation of Rebecca Edstrom. We thank her for her time and service with the district.
6. 12. Resignation of playground aide Marilyn Dimberio effective December 18, 2015.
Please accept the resignation of Marilyn Dimberio . We thank her for her time and service with the district.
6. 13. Hire Angela Pike for a Playground Aide position at Parkview effective November 23, 2015.
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. 14. Hire Melissa Smith for a Title I Aide position at Roosevelt Elementary effective November 30, 2015.
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. 15. Hire Doreen Maki for a Playground Aide at Parkview effective December 2, 2015.
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. 16. Hire Sabrina Mansur for 1.0 FTE Elementary Physical Education Teacher at BA 1 effective January 4, 2016.

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. 17. Hire Garrett Benz for Assistant Wrestling Coach for 2015-2016 school year. 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. 18. Hire Steven Golobich for Assistant (B) Baseball Coach for 2015-2016 school year.

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. 19. Unpaid leave of absence for Elementary Teacher Kimberly Plesha effective January 8, 2016 up to the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year.

The leave request may be through the end of the school year or in accordance with state, federal, and District policy. District policy, procedures, and the master agreement have been followed. Per State, Federal and Department of Labor guidelines administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. Reports:

7. 1. Student Representative Report.

7. 2. Roosevelt Elementary School Principal.

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

7. 3. Superintendent.

7. 4. Strategic Planning.

In a concentrated effort to be transparent with Strategic Planning, the District has used all of its media sources (newsletter, webpage, Facebook, Twitter, newspapers, cable TV) to keep the public informed throughout every step of the process. As we prepare for public comment, the District will mail a survey to every resident of the District and will have the survey instrument available online. The survey/public comment will be released the first week in January.

Anyone wanting more information can contact my office or visit any District office, the public library, or the District website. Attached are is the summary, draft vision & mission, and focus group teams. Please contact Superintendent

Stender with any questions.

7. 5. RAMS.

Director Stokes and Superintendent Stender serve on the RAMS Board and will report on the December 3 meeting.

7. 6. MSBA Delegate Assembly.

Director Sundquist will report on the MSBA Delegate Assembly.

8. Administration:

8. 1. Consider approving transportation agreement with ISD 2154 Eveleth-Gilbert for Alpine and Nordic Skiing.

ACTION

This is an annual agreement for transportation services for Alpine and Nordic Skiing. The agreement is attached for your review. Administration recommends school board approval. Please contact Supt. Stender if you have any questions.

8. 2. Consider approving 2015-2016 district/superintendent goals.

ACTION

Attached are the 2015-2016 goals developed by the school board and superintendent. These goals shall serve as the primary link to the superintendent's annual evaluation. Recommendation for approval. Please contact Supt Stender with any questions.

8. 3. Consider accepting \$14,571.95 from Virginia Band Boosters, Inc. for the following: \$1,523.95 for speakers, wire, mount, and CD player for the band room, \$3,021.00 for a Jupiter Baritone Saxophone, and \$10,027.00 for one hundred Nota music chairs, thirty music stands, and two tuba stands.

ACTION

We thank Virginia Band Boosters, Inc. for their generous donations for the band program. Recommendation is to accept.

8. 4. Consider Minnesota Rural Education Association School Board Representative Ballot.

ACTION

You will need to vote for one.

8. 5. Consider EIP board member nomination/s.

ACTIONThis is an opportunity for interested board members to serve on the EIP Board. Kim has indicated interest in serving as the school board representative and will be seeking a nomination from the board on Monday. I have served on the EIP Board three of the last four years and would like to

continue my service on the board. This is open for discussion. The School Board will then vote for candidates in January. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

8. 6. Consider approving out-of-state Technology Conference for Information Technology Administrator Mike Hoche.

ACTION

Mike has requested to attend the Brainstorm 2.0 Technology Conference in Wisconsin Dells, WI on February 28-March 1. Per District policy, school board approval is required for out-of-state travel. Please contact Spencer with any questions.

8. 7. Consider approving Superintendents' request to attend out-of-state District Administration Leadership Institute.

ACTION

The District Administration Leadership Institute: Created by District Administration magazine, the District Administration Leadership Institute is a research and professional development organization for leading school district executives. The Institute produces events, publications, and interactive forums designed to increase the excellence of K12 education.

Travel expenses (airfare up to \$400) plus my hotel, meals, and program costs will be covered by DALI. The Institute is in Colorado Springs, CO from April 6-9.

This ground-breaking professional development event attracts a nationwide audience of superintendents for three days of energized networking and critical insights addressing the future of K12 education. It's an outstanding, productive, and conference that will strengthen my leadership, at the district.

The District may have some limited secondary expenses (i.e. mileage to airport, etc.).

Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

9. Finance:

9. 1. Consider Pay 2016 Final Levy Limitation and Certification.

ACTION Certification of the Pay 2016 Levy is required. The levy reflects an decrease of 5.8% on the local levy. The levy summary and MDE Certification

are attached. Administration recommends board approval. Please approve the levy and contact Mr. Aune prior to the meeting if you have any questions.

10. Public comment regarding meeting agenda.

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

11. Meeting Announcements:

11. 1. RAMS Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2016, starting at 5:00 P.M. at the Mt. Iron Community Center- RSVP by December 27th.

11. 2. Our next reorganization and regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 11, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

11. 3. MSBA Leadership Conference, January 14-15, 2016, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

12. Adjournment.

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