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**Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2016
Board Room, Roosevelt 104, 7:00 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 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.

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 February 08, 2016, recognition session.

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

5. 2. Minutes of the February 08, 2016, regular meeting.

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

5. 3. Minutes of the February 16, 2016, working session.

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

5. 4. Cash on Hand Finance Report.

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

5. 5. Electronic Transfer Report for January 2016.

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

5. 6. Request for out of state and overnight travel for ELL teacher Debra Meissner for March 7th and 8th, 2016.

Ms. Meissner has been invited to serve on the review panel for the ELL test.

In accordance with District policy, the school board approves all out of state and overnight travel. There is no cost to the District and student services will be rescheduled. Administration recommends approval. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

5. 7. Resignation of Lori LaLonde from the school readiness aide position effective February 4, 2016.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Lori LaLonde from the school readiness aide position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 8. Resignation of Jessica Avikainen from the ECFE aide position effective February 25, 2016.

Recommendation is to accept the resignation of Jessica Avikainen from the ECFE aide position. We thank her for her service with the district.

5. 9. Hire Laurie McDowell for the Paraprofessional LPN position effective February 22, 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.

5. 10. Hire Michael Plesha III for Co-Head Boys Golf Coach position 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.

5. 11. Amend the January 11, 2016, hire of Jeffrey Anderson for a Part-Time Bus Driver position to reflect the correct effective date as January 4, 2016.

Jeffrey Anderson was hired as a part-time bus driver at the January 11th meeting with an incorrect start date of January 16, 2016. The correct start date is January 4, 2016. This is necessary only to correct the clerical error. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. Recognition/reports:

6. 1. Virginia High School Principal.

Principal Perkovich's report is attached. Please contact Ms. Perkovich with any questions.

6. 2. Superintendent.

Superintendent Stender's report is attached for your review. Please contact him with any questions.

6. 3. Finance Committee.

Finance Committee Chair Stokes will report on the February 17 Finance Committee meeting. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

6. 4. RAMS Meeting.

Chair Sundquist attended the RAMS meeting on January 28 and will report on the meeting.

7. Administration:

7. 1. Consider tabled resignation of Jenna Sandnas from the paraprofessional position effective January 22, 2016.

This item was tabled at the February 8th meeting. Administration has met with her and heard her case and recommends termination (item 5.7). Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 2. Consider termination of paraprofessional Jenna Sandnas effective January 22, 2016.

ACTION

Administration has been advised by MSBA and legal Council that termination is the appropriate practice. Administration recommends termination. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 3. Consider Boys & Girls Track & Field 2016 Practice Use Agreement with Eveleth-Gilbert & Mt. Iron-Buhl.

ACTION

Mr. Bidle has submitted the 2016 track agreement for Eveleth-Gilbert & Mt. Iron-Buhl. Please contact Supt. Stender with any questions.

7. 4. Consider establishing "Exploratory Committee" to meet with representatives from the Nett Lake school board and administration to discuss enrollment options.

ACTION

The District has received a formal request from the Nett Lake Superintendent to have discussions on the possibility of an enrollment or tuition contract for Nett Lake students to attend school at Virginia. I recommend that an exploratory committee of three board members and the superintendent be established to meet and explore this request. Please contact Mr. Stender with any questions.

7. 5. Consider amending the February 8, 2016, approved one (1) year leave of absence request for the 2016-2017 school year from Assistant Principal John Vukmanich to include without pay or fringe benefits, the 2016-2017 school year will not be counted towards seniority or steps on the teachers salary schedule, and he must inform the district of his intent to return no later than January 1, 2017.

ACTION

8. Public comment 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. Special meeting to evaluate the performance of Superintendent Stender on Monday, February 29, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.
9. 2. Our next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2016, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room, Roosevelt 104.

10. Adjournment.

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