

## Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

March 9, 2020

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on March 9, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Shelly Hueftle: Present, Jason Meinecke: Present, Janelle Morgan: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, Philip Thede: Present.

President Mrkvicka stated that notice of the meeting was properly published in the Phonograph Herald and/or in 3 public places, per policy.

President Mrkvicka noted that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room.

President Mrkvicka asked Scheer to read the Americanism quote, which was "Men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants". (William Penn)

President Mrkvicka asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were made, and the minutes were declared approved.

The motion to approve the bills as presented by Superintendent Poppert passed with a motion by Philip Thede and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the following bills from the Depreciation fund: CEI in the amount of \$4,219.00 for 6 Wireless handheld sets; CEI in the amount of \$2,371.00 for 3 wireless headsets, one additional microphone and other repairs; and Midwest Restaurant in the amount of \$4,903.31 for repairs to the compressor in the walk-in the cooler, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve payment of the credit card bill as presented passed with a motion by Jason Meinecke and a second by Philip Thede.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

There were no communications from the public.

Motion to accept the resignations of Mrs. Taylor Schoneman and Mr. Jerod Schoneman passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea  
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to offer Sarah Nilson a certified contract for the 2020-21 school year passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Philip Thede.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to offer a certified contract to Mrs. Tara Sjuts passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Philip Thede.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Mrs. Sjuts has been teaching for seventeen years.

Motion to purchase 40 additional chromebooks passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The purchase of additional chromebooks is necessary due to a large incoming 7th grade class and the need to have some extras for new students, loaners, and testing.

Motion to accept the low bid (from Mark Starkey) for the addition of a cement parking lot for the WAC building, in the amount of \$28,500.00 passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Marty Mrkvicka.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

In the Principal's report, Mrs. Paider and Mrs. Hagen reported that State testing for students will continue as previously scheduled. The need for a schedule change resulting from the coronavirus outbreak will be carefully monitored. The Ambassadors program will be rescheduled due to the boys basketball team qualifying for the State Tournament. Mrs. Hagen informed the Board of the decision to limit cell phone use for Jr. high students. Phones will not be allowed on their persons during the school day, but instead must be in their lockers or vehicles. The change will be implemented as soon as the school attorney has reviewed the new policy. Eventually, the rule will apply to all 7-12 students. Mrs. Paider updated the Board on the progress toward adoption of a new elementary reading curriculum.

In his report, Supt. Poppert mentioned that he is working on setting a date for the Board Retreat. He updated the Board on the re-roofing project. He and the Board discussed what would happen if the school must close due to coronavirus. Thede asked if the school's policies are adequate for covering a situation such as the coronavirus outbreak. Mr. Poppert reported that the policies are appropriate, but if necessary, the school's law firm would send additional policies or revisions to the school. Beginning next week, traffic will be disrupted on the north side of the school as Howard Avenue will be torn up from the Library to the Senior Center. Finally, Mr. Poppert stated that interviews are upcoming for a new Business Manager.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M.

The meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_.

Shelly Harrahill  
Secretary