

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

January 12, 2015

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on January 12, 2015 at 7:30 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Daryl Anderson: Present, Suzan DeCamp: Present, Shelly Hueftle: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, Kelvin Smith: Present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

President Anderson noted that notice of the meeting was published in the Phonograph Herald.

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

Anderson nominated Mrkvicka for the office of President. The motion that nominations cease and that Mrkvicka be elected President by acclamation, passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Suzan DeCamp.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Smith nominated Anderson for the office of vice president. The motion that nominations cease and that Anderson be elected vice president by acclamation, passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Kelvin Smith.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

DeCamp nominated Harrahill for the office of Secretary. The motion that nominations cease and that Harrahill be elected secretary by acclamation passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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, with Smith abstaining from item #40, passed with a motion by Daryl Anderson and a second by Suzan DeCamp.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to pay the Building Maintenance Fund bill to Citizen's Bank for monthly loan payment, for \$2,971.57 passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Shelly Hueftle.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

There were no communications from the public.

President Mrkvicka nominated the following people to committees: Americanism: Scheer; Building Committee: Anderson, Scheer, Smith; Curriculum Committee: DeCamp, Harrahill and Mrkvicka.

Mrs. Fitzgerald was present to discuss the second grade field trip to Stuhr Musuem. Second graders learn about life on the plains in the late 1800s, and about Christmas celebrations of that era.

Motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jessica McClure-Holt, teacher, with regret, passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to ratify an administrative contract for Mrs. Sara Paider, Elementary Principal, effective August 1, 2015 passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to ratify an administrative contract for Mrs. Jennifer Hagen, Secondary Principal, effective August 1, 2015, passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Dan Scheer.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Board reviewed section 800 of the Policy Manual. The 900 section will be reviewed in February.

Motion to accept a maximum of 3 Early Separation applications according to Policy 408.06, passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Kelvin Smith.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the Option Enrollment of Destynie Hymer to Elba, (10th grade) passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The motion to approve the Board Retreat agenda, passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The agenda for the Board retreat was established. Transportation to the retreat from the school with leave at 4:20pm on January 30.

Mrs. Hagen presented the report on upcoming assessments, professional development, and curriculum issues. She also stated that she and Mrs. Paider had recently given a presentation on Emotional Wellness to the Rotary. The presentation educated the group on the many ways that the school promotes and assists students with emotional wellness, including the Respect, Courage, and upcoming Kindness retreats, Morning Meeting, 3b sessions, the UNL challenge course, visits by Family Resources to assist students, PBIS, Rock'n Prevention, All Stars program, Second Steps program, Owning Up, and a variety of speaker presentations offered to the students.

Supt. Poppert presented the report from the Building Committee. Upcoming projects may include the HVAC system improvements, playground resurfacing, gym repainting, and Ag room remodeling. A long term goal continues to be improving the elementary parking lot, and cement work that will need to be completed as the city widens Howard Avenue.

The Educational Forum sponsored by NASB is being held in Kearney. School Board members wanting to attend can notify Supt. Poppert. The time of the August 2015 board meeting may need to be moved. This will be considered closer to August.

The Board calendar was reviewed.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss administrative salary increases, to protect the public interest, passed with a motion by Suzan DeCamp and a second by Daryl Anderson.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

President Mrkvicka restated the motion and indicated that only Administrative Salaries would be discussed. The Board entered executive session at 9:48pm, and came out of executive session at 10:18pm.

Motion to approve a 4.17% increase for the Elementary and High School principals, passed with a motion by Daryl Anderson and a second by Suzan DeCamp.

Anderson: Yea, DeCamp: Yea, Hueftle: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Smith: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Following the Executive Session, the Board and Superintendent agreed to a 2.5% salary increase for the 2016-17 year, and a 2.5% salary increase for the 2017-18 school year, for the Superintendent. This information will be posted in compliance with the Transparency Act.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Shelly Harrahill

Secretary