

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

February 9, 2015

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on February 9, 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 Mrkvicka noted that notice of the meeting was published in the Phonograph Herald.

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

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

The motion to approve the bills as presented by Superintendent Poppert, with Scheer abstaining from item #36, 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 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 Daryl Anderson.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

Four parents were present to voice their concerns about the manner in which a recent threat to the school was handled. They were disappointed in the way that the students' book bags were searched, and disappointed in communication following the event. The administration stated that school procedures were followed, and that once Law Enforcement arrives on the scene, the administration follows their orders. The safety committee will review safety procedures following the recent threat, to determine if changes need to be made. The parents were thanked for expressing their concerns.

Mr. Alex Egger, social studies teacher, was present to inform the Board about an ALP strategy called Three Out of Four. He finds this strategy helpful for engaging all students in the classroom. He also reported on Student Council activities, including assisting with Jump Rope for Heart with the Elementary students.

Motion to select KSB School Law as the Law Firm for St. Paul Public School, passed with a motion by Kelvin Smith and a second by Daryl Anderson.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to accept the resignation of Jeff Buchanan, technology coordinator, with regret, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer 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 2015 Board/Administration Goals passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Daryl Anderson.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0

2015 School Board/Administrator Goals Board Processes Schedule a minimum of 2 work sessions
*Review/revise Board Self Assessment Document * Discussion of utilizing additional surveys to gather feedback on school climate, effectiveness of programs, etc. to help identify opportunities for improvement
Gain understanding of Education Foundation Expand Community Public Relation, utilizing newsletter, newspaper and other options Student Achievement Celebrate Successes 5-12 Social Studies and English alignment Review Textbook adoption Continue to increase K-12 reading skills and improve student growth in target areas Revise the Wall of Data to aid in analysis of student achievement Technology Continue to evaluate, update and expand technology equipment Consider additional technology personnel/reconfiguration of current personnel Continue training of students and staff Sustain elementary technology services Expand Services Explore avenues to provide mental health support to students Sustain the after school program Sustain/expand preschool program

Motion to approve Early Separation benefits for Mr. Jeff Buchanan, 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

Motion to approve the 2015-16 and 2016-17 Superintendent's Contracts as posted on the School website for the previous 27 days, passed with a motion by Dan Scheer and a second by Suzan DeCamp.

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

The Board discussed the Education Forum. A possible date is Monday, March 30, 2015. The administration will determine topics and Board members and administration will each give a list of invitees to the Superintendent's office.

Motion to adopt the 2015-16 School Calendar presented by the Superintendent 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 Coop with Elba Public School for Junior High and High School football, and Junior High and High School cross country, and High School boys and girls golf, 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

Bids for Ag room remodeling was discussed, as well as the process and work involved. Supt. Poppert will continue to get bids and obtain information for this project.

Motion to approve the following Option Enrollment applications: Aubry Hansen, K, (2015-2016), from Central Valley to St. Paul; Natalie Heuton, grade 2, (2015-16) from St. Paul to Centura; Alicia Thompson, grade 10, (2014-15) from St. Paul to Elba; 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 Board reviewed the 900 Section of the Policy Manual. Changes and revisions will be made as needed. The 1000 Section will be reviewed in March.

In the Principal's report, Mrs. Paider stated that methods of recognizing success are being discussed, as is replacement of the Data Wall. Preparation for the AdvancED review continues. MAPS testing is being completed this Spring as scheduled. The Elementary Reading Consultant is pleased with the implementation of the reading program. The possibility of a school resource officer is being considered

by the county. Upcoming events were mentioned, including assessments and staff development. Celebrate Success: Recognition of staff pursuing advanced degrees includes Sarah Sell, currently seeking an administrative degree from Doane College. Alex Egger and Chris Smith are currently in the application process to start that program. Mrs. Paider was asked to be on a state safety committee. Both Mrs. Paider and Mrs. Hagen have been asked to participate in the AdvancED External Review Teams for other schools. Sophomore Joelle Derner has received a regional art award and her exhibit will advance to the national competition.

No report.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Poppert stated that the camera system needs to be upgraded. Bids for the HVAC updates are being received. The balance of the loan for the boiler is \$62,976. The Board discussed the possibility of paying off the loan early. Supt. Poppert has been asked talk with other school districts about the importance of curriculum, reading standards, and test scores. DeCamp reported on the Educational Forum she attended.

The Board calendar was reviewed.

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:18pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Shelly Harrahill

Secretary