MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SD #4

The trustees met in regular session Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chair Manny Zuniga, trustees Rhonda Hogstad, Mark Berg, Superintendent Brent Lipp, and Business Manager Suzie Zentz. Tom Bradford and Sheri Boelter were absent. There was one visitor (list attached).

Manny called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Mark Berg made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion. The chair called for a short recess at 6:32 p.m. to print an additional copy of the board packet. The meeting resumed at 6:44 p.m. All voted in favor of the motion.

There was no correspondence.

Superintendent Brent Lipp recapped his administrative report:

- Maintenance work is continuing around the building. Floors are being waxed and carpets have been shampooed around the building. The custodians are putting the finishing touches on the classrooms. We are going to move two of the paras and Loris Friesen to SRO’s room and move him to the former speech room.
- Fisher Construction has finished the sidewalk and is waiting for the metal siding to arrive. They did provide a drawing as requested. Fisher will install insulation on the exterior walls under the metal siding.
- We have added a water spigot on the north side of the building so we are able to water the grass there. Previously, we used the spigot on the west side of the building for hoses, but it has been usurped for the drip line system in the front beds.
- The bench purchased by Student Council/MBI was received and has been installed. Earl prepared the forms and Fisher poured and finished the slab for us when they were pouring the gym sidewalk. It is a great addition to the front entrance.
- Brent and Jeramie have just returned from San Diego after four days at PowerSchool University. It is one of the best conferences either had ever attended. It was very intense, but great information and resources were provided. Brent feels the training will be put to good use as we upgrade PowerSchool and more fully utilize the program.

There were no committee reports.
OLD BUSINESS
There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Berg made a motion to approve the increase of $.05 to both student lunch rates; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion. Suzie Zentz explained the need to raise the rate slightly to meet the Federal average cost of production requirement. All voted in favor of the motion.

Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to contract with an IT company to handle technology services for the District; Mark Berg seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding this change for the District. The superintendent complimented Patrick Cates for the hard work he has done providing technology services in addition to teaching. However, because of the growth of the District, he is needed in the classroom full-time. Both technology services quotes would provide 20 hours of tech time/month. Rimrock Computers would use any unused time to provide training, etc.; Sundry Solutions would allow unused hours to roll over to the next month. Rimrock will also set up and manage our website as an extra. We did not find other companies that really would meet our needs. Rhonda Hogstad amended her previous motion to contract with Rimrock Computers for 20 hours/month at $1375.00/month; Mark Berg seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion.

Mark Berg made a motion to approve the changes to the Student Handbook for 2011-12 as presented by the Superintendent; Rhonda Hogstad seconded the motion. Superintendent Lipp reviewed the changes to the Student Handbook and explained his rationale for each change. After some discussion, the trustees talked about adding more detail under “bullying” regarding “sexting” and cell phone use. Mr. Lipp said that these specific issues will be addressed in proposed policy changes to our existing policy which he will present to the board. All voted in favor of the motion.

Brent noted that the composition of the board has changed quite a bit in the course of one year. He stressed that the Strategic Plan should be utilized to develop goals. He asked that each trustee bring a set of goals (3) to the next meeting and he will build off the trustees’ goals to develop his goals for the year.

The trustees tabled adoption of annual goals until the August regular meeting.

The trustees agreed to change the date of the August regular meeting from August 15th to August 18th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will include the Budget Hearing and final 2011-12 budget adoption.

Brent also noted that we hope to hold a staff barbeque prior to the start of school.
PUBLIC COMMENT
There was no public comment.

ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Trustees Financial Summary
Final Budget Hearing
Co-op participation
Annual board goals
Update on Rimrock Computers & Fisher Construction

There being no further business, Rhonda Hogstad made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Zentz, Clerk   Manuel Zuniga, Chair