

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

The trustees met in regular session, January 21, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Chairman Jason Matt, Brent Lipp, Superintendent, Amanda Agyeman-Budu, Trustee, Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager, Joel Junso, Trustee, and Jamie Wegner, Trustee.

The chairman called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge of **CONSENT AGENDA** allegiance. Jason added under #9 Superintendent Evaluation add 2 year Contract renewal. Joel *moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Jamie seconded. All in favor.*

CORRESPONDENCE

1. *Joel moved to approve Dawn Shrinarine's resignation. Amanda seconded. All in favor.*
2. *Jamie moved to approve Brenda Hess-Bissell, retirement/resignation. Joel seconded. All in favor.* Brent asked her for her letter early so he could start advertising as it will be hard to replace her as she has done an excellent job. He doesn't want to do contract services. He described some of her duties. She is always here. Brent talked about the process with the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MONTH IN REVIEW

*Professional Development: Brent said he just put out summer professional development for our teachers, understanding standards, assessments, etc. So far the response has been very good. Unlocking the Code is something else people are signing up to do. A new thing is an administrative strand he will be attending as well. One little snafu, is that some staff are ready for the next stage, and nothing else has come out just yet. This is about a week commitment from their summer that he pays for.

*MCT: Is across the hall. We have 64 plus kids participating, so MCT is creating extra parts.

*Midterms: Brent said these just went out. We are halfway through.

*SOS Training: This is suicide prevention training. Staff has just completed training and the next step is parent training. A whole workshop is also done with our kids and a screening is also done. This is coming up in February.

Trustee Training (2 Evenings): Brent said we have a couple of evenings we need to schedule. He like to see if members have suggestions. Board prefers suggested dates to be emailed to them, perhaps Monday/Tuesday.

Yellowstone West Sped Coop: Brent explained for new members, that the board decided not to renew at this time, as it sounded like it should be year to year. That was not how the Coop looks at it. Laurel school district, which is about 40% of their budget, decided not to be a member. Brent said we have been promised to still receive services, but they would look different as they had to RIF staff. Under IDEA, if a student is identified as needing services, we are obligated to provide services to them. We then put them in an IEP and get early intervention. This is very important. The coop has been doing this as this will go away after next year. He met with schools involved with this last week and they talked about perhaps cooping these preschool services among ourselves. The other option is to push our funds to the coop and let them still run it. They don't really want to do it as they are trying to save money. Administratively, everyone has a different view of what they want for a preschool classroom. We have to make a decision in 18 months. We are the only school with an empty classroom. He doesn't want that burden to land on our already burdened special ed teacher. He is looking at legislative bills and other options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy Sironi is present to interview for the trustee position. **INTERVIEW AND APPOINT NEW TRUSTEE**
Jamie moved to appoint Amy Sironi as a trustee. She will serve until May and then run for a one year position. Amanda seconded.. All in favor.

Approval Resolution Calling For Election and County to Conduct **APPROVE RESOLUTION FOR ELECTION**
Joel moved to approve the Resolution Calling for Election and the County to Conduct. Amanda seconded. Jeanne explained this to the trustees. Jamie will serve until May and then run for election in May for a three year term. Amanda will do the same and run for a three year term. At a later date, the board can discuss mill levy, technology levy, etc. All in favor.

APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT RENEWAL

The board adjourned into Executive Session for the Superintendent evaluation at 7:24 p.m. They came back into regular session at 7:59 p.m. *Jamie moved to renew Brent Lipp's contract for two years with a 4% raise each year. Joel seconded. All in favor.*

APPROVE SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY

Brent talked with John Eisen, who does school demographic studies, and has a proposal for \$3,800. Brent feels like this would give the district a better idea of the growth and possible student populations, and we need more tangible information to make decisions and look to the future. From there, the board can better decide the direction they need to go. *Joel moved to approve the school demographic study. Amanda seconded. All in favor.*

UPDATE ON THE GRAVEL PIT

He attended a planning committee meeting on this and presented on how a gravel pit would affect our bus routes and student safety with the roads. He asked them to put contingencies in the plan to handle these. Amy Sironi and several community members are working on zoning contingencies for the district. There will be a community meeting tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. here in the library. There is a meeting with the commissioners on the 29th at 9 a.m. that Brent will be attending as well. He felt the community members he has met have been very supportive of the school. Amy said the meeting tomorrow night is for a special zoning district, so that it offers those homeowners some protections. They are also trying to re-zone this area where the gravel pit is proposed. County commissioners can't say no to the gravel pit, but they can impose conditions. Those would also then go in the rules to DEQ, before their permit is approved.

There being no further business, *Jamie moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Amanda seconded. All in favor.*

The February board meeting will be February 18th, 2019.

Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager/Clerk

Jason Matt, Chairman