

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

The trustees met in regular session, July 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Those present throughout the meeting were Brent Lipp, Superintendent, Amanda Agyeman-Budu, Trustee, Jason Matt, Chairman, Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager, Amy Sironi, Trustee, and Jamie Wegner, Trustee.

The chairman, Jason Matt called the meeting to order and led the group in the **CONSENT AGENDA** pledge of allegiance. Amy *moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Amanda seconded. All in favor.* Jason said he was sorry he could not be here for the July 22 meeting that was re-scheduled, due to a family member with a terminal illness. He said he understood Joel could not attend as well due to a work conflict.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason asked if there was any public comment. There was public comment.

CORRESPONDENCE

Jamie *moved to approve Jeanne Carroll's letter of resignation/retirement. Her last day will be December 31, 2019. Amanda seconded.* The board and Brent thanked Jeanne for all she's done for the district and 30 plus years. No public comment. *All in favor.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Brent talked about the maintenance staff and wants to recognize them for all the work they've done getting the building ready. Everything will be ready for the teachers to come in. Wax was stripped from the floors for the first time in about 3 years. That was very difficult and the floors look very nice. Mrs. Tennant will be moving across the hall for her office and she is excited to have a window.

We are on track, as far as staffing, however, we probably will need an additional paraprofessional. He will keep the board posted. Mrs. Morales starts August 5th as Dean of Students as soon as we can get her moved in. He just received a bunch of policy updates and so he will start on this in September with the legislation.

Open House is Aug 19th and he said parents can stick around and visit.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROVE STUDENT HANDBOOK

Brent recommends to the board to approve the student handbook for the 2019-20 school year. The only change is the year. *Jamie made a motion to approve the 2019-20 student handbook. Amy seconded.* The public had a comment. *All in favor.*

APPROVE STAFF HANDBOOK

Jamie made a motion to approve the staff handbook for the 2019-20 school year. Again, the only change is the year. Amanda seconded. There was public comment. *All in favor.*

APPROVE COMMITMENT TO THE SPECIAL ED COOP

Amanda made a motion to approve the commitment to the special ed coop for preschool for the 2019-20 school year. Amy seconded. Brent said this is an annual commitment even though it says it is for a three-year commitment for preschool, and other special services and work with our staff. Last year there was concerns that the memo says it's a three-year commitment and he challenged it last year. They got upset about it but all we wanted was not to re-up for three years. So we are doing it year by year. Laurel left them and they have been in a bit of disarray. They did have staff reductions. There was no public comment. *All in favor.*

APPROVE OUT-OF-DISTRICT STUDENTS

Jason asked for a motion to approve the 70 out-of-district students. *Amy made a motion to approve the out-of-district students. Jamie seconded the motion.* Brent said basically anyone can ask to attend our school, but he looks at outstanding behaviors or problems. Most do great. Other than denying a few due to classroom

sizes, he has only denied 4 students over the years. We actually benefit from having these students. Without them, we would have larger class sizes. With them, we reduce the class sizes to small ones. It mainly affects our lower grades.

He looked at pupil-instruction time and at 15 students it drops minutes to 78 annually. With more it drops student contact time to 50 hours annually. He listed the numbers of out-of-district students from 2012-13, which keeps increasing. K-6 grade we receive \$5602 per student in ANB, and \$7189.75 for each MS student. Just from those students, we bring in \$409,605.25 or approx. 23% of our budget. He took a higher average of teacher salaries with benefits costs us around \$180,000 for four classrooms. Brent then stated what he feels brings them in with great staff, installed safety equipment from the front to the back of the school and several other things. The extra money they bring in helps keep costs down for parents and students. He recommends approving the 70 out-of-district students. Jason asked if there was any public comment. There was comment. Jason also stated that if anyone had any questions or specifics, to call him. Amanda also talked about the school demographic study that was done. More public comment was made. Brent said his figures are from this morning. Jason also put out the Board's emails for additional comments. There was more public comment. *All in favor.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

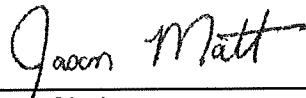
There was public comment. Jason thanked the public for their comments.

The August board meeting will be August 19, 2019 at 7 p.m.

There being no further business, *Amanda moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.*
Amy seconded. All in favor



Jeanne Carroll, Business Manager/Clerk



Jason Matt, Chairman