



# South Washington County Schools

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### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board  
Keith Jacobus, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Dayna Bentdahl, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

DATE: August 4, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Approval of the August 3, 2017, School Board Minutes

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Policy 204, School Board Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approval

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: August 17, 2017

### REPORT

District 833  
School Board Regular Meeting  
Unofficial Clerk's Summary

August 3, 2017

- 1.0 Call to Order; Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 833, South Washington County, was held on Thursday, August 3, 2017. The meeting was called to order by Chair Katy McElwee-Stevens, at 6:30pm at the District Service Center, located at 7362 East Point Douglas Road South, Cottage Grove, Minnesota. School Board Members present were: Tracy Brunnette, Ron Kath, Katy McElwee-Stevens, Katie Schwartz, Sharon Van Leer and Michelle Witte. Keith Jacobus was present.
- 2.0 Pledge of Allegiance
- 3.0 Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Sharon Van Leer and seconded by Tracy Brunnette to approve the agenda. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
- 4.0 District Highlights: Agenda item scheduled for the August 17, 2017 meeting.
- 5.0 Public Comment: Agenda item scheduled for the August 17, 2017 meeting.
- 6.0 Consent Items: It was moved by Sharon Van Leer and seconded by Katie Schwartz to approve the following Consent Agenda items. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.
  - 6.1 Approval of Retirements, Resignations and Terminations
  - 6.2 Approval of Leaves of Absence
  - 6.3 Approval of New Employees/Change of Status
  - 6.4 Approval of contract with Version 3, LLC
  - 6.5 Approval of Addendum to Nutrition Services contract
  - 6.6 Approval of bids for Waste Disposal and Recycling
- 7.0 Workshop Items:
  - 7.1 SWAHS & AVID Update, presented by Mike Johnson, Assistant Superintendent, Molly Lester AVID District Director,

Anne Piasecki AVID Coordinator and Charlie Cauthorn, Math Teacher. They presented data directly related to the South Washington Alternative High School (SWAHS) and highlighted the expansion of the skills used to help all students. Ms. Lester presented data from the remaining secondary schools in the district.

8.0 Information Items:

8.1 Construction Update, presented by Mike Vogel, Interim Director of Facilities and Construction Management. He reviewed the Middle School projects progress for the three existing middle schools and the new Oltman Middle School.

8.2 Middle School Attendance Boundaries presented by Mike Johnson, Assistant Superintendent and Mike Vogel, Interim Director of Facilities and Construction Management. Mr. Johnson presented three plans as a result of the community feedback. They reviewed Plans C, G and a new plan referred to as C3. A discussion was held. The Board is favoring plan C or C3 and has requested that Plan G not be brought forth for a vote on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Following the presentation, public comment was held. The following individuals addressed the Board:

1. Natasha Mishacoff, W12
2. Jason Sufka, W40
3. Jen Boyle, W40
4. David Sayers, W64
5. Casey Anderson, W64
6. Douglas Hoffman, W64
7. Terry Goldin, W63
8. David Pyrz, W64
9. Emily McKloskey, W64
10. Garry Du, W12
11. Josh Delson, W64

9.0 Discussion Items:

9.1 First Reading of Proposed Updates to Policies required for Yearly Review, presented by Keith Jacobus, Superintendent. A discussion was held. These policies will return with some minor changes for approval at the August 17, 2017 meeting.

9.2 First Reading of Proposed Updates to Policy 515, presented by Julie Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent. The Board had no additional suggested changes. This policy will return for approval at the August 17, 2017 meeting.

9.3 First Reading of Proposed Updates to Policy 721.1, presented by Julie Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent. A discussion was held. This policy will return with some changes for approval at the August 17, 2017 meeting.

9.4 First Reading of Proposed Updates to the 200 Series of Policies, presented by Keith Jacobus, Superintendent. A discussion was held. These policies will return for approval at the August 17, 2017 meeting.

Following presentations 9.1-9.4, public comment was accepted regarding the proposed policy changes. No individuals addressed the board.

10.0 Action Items:

10.1 Approval of Parameters for the November Election Referendum Questions, presented by Keith Jacobus, Superintendent.

A discussion was held and it was determined to 1. Request a renewal of the expiring levy. 2. Request an additional \$375 per pupil. 3. Request a \$2M Capital Projects Levy for technology. It was agreed to keep each question independent of each other. Ron Kath moved to approve the 3 questions as presented. Seconded by Tracy Brunnette All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

10.2 Approval of Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Locations, presented by Keith Jacobus, Superintendent. It was moved by Katie Schwartz, seconded by Tracy Brunnette to approve the combined polling locations. Tracy Brunnette, Ron Kath, Katy McElwee-Stevens, Katie Schwartz, Sharon Van Leer and Michelle Witte voted in favor, none opposed, motion passed.

11.0 Reports and Comments:

11.1 Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jacobus thanked Mike Vogel for his work on boundaries and his knowledge. He reported on summer curriculum work for staff and students.

11.2 School Board Member Reports:

Tracy Brunnette: attended the 916 Board Meeting at the new Pankalo Education Center. She encouraged people to tour the building.

Ron Kath: provided some community updates for Cottage Grove, noting the Hy-Vee is opening next week, the inclusive playground at Woodridge is progressing and the watering ban has been lifted.

Katy McElwee-Stevens: attended the Paint the Bus event. The board agreed the next meeting packet would be posted on Monday, 8/14.

Katie Schwartz: thanked Mike Vogel for his work and knowledge. She attended the Pullman Paint the Bus event.

Sharon Van Leer: participated on the 200 Series Policy Review and she thanked Mike Vogel.  
Michelle Witte: is attending a Robotics gathering at 3M tomorrow.

12.0 Future Meeting Dates:

12.1 August 17, 2017 – School Board Meeting (DSC/6:30 p.m.)

12.2 September 7, 2017 – School Board Meeting (DSC/6:30 p.m.)

13.0 Adjournment: Michelle Witte motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Sharon Van Leer. All in favor, none opposed.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:05pm.