



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 9, 2016

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Approval of the July 14, 2016, School Board Minutes

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

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Approval

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: August 18, 2016

REPORT

District 833
School Board Regular Meeting
Unofficial Clerk's Summary

July 14, 2016

- 1.0 Call to Order; Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District 833, South Washington County, was held on Thursday, July 14, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ron Kath, 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, Joe Slavin, Sharon Van Leer and Michelle Witte (arrived at 6:32pm). Superintendent 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: Woodbury Middle School History Day Winners
- 5.0 Public Comment:
Laura Meyer, from Cottage Grove, regarding Pre-K Transportation
- 6.0 Consent Items: It was moved by Katie McElwee-Stevens and seconded by Sharon Van Leer 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 Extended Field Trips
 - 6.5 Approval of contract with NE Metro 916
 - 6.6 Approval of June 23, 2016 School Board meeting minutes
 - 6.7 Approval of student teacher agreement with the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire
 - 6.8 Approval of 10-year Long-Term Facilities Maintenance Plan

- 7.0 Workshop Items: Agenda item scheduled for the August 4, 2016 meeting.
- 8.0 Information Items:
- 8.1 Update on Summer Curriculum Redesign Work presented by Matt Dorschner, Director of Teaching and Learning Services and Todd Hyland, Teaching and Learning Specialist. They briefly highlighted the work being done this summer which included 130 teachers across the district to start the process of the design thinking process. They will return in the fall with a final presentation.
- 8.2 Valley Crossing Monthly Update presented by Assistant Superintendent, Julie Nielsen. She highlighted the beginning of the changes occurring, including: new phone numbers, wireless access, converting the library database, exterior signs, student information has been migrated, the new website has been rolled out and includes a temporary logo. They're working on a mascot and final logo for the school. Communication continues to meet with the PTA on how to enhance communication. Staff will continue to be trained on communication. Responsive classroom training will start next week. Dr. Olson will be present at the next meeting.
- 8.3 Update on Negotiations presented by Ron Kath, School Board Chair. The Board has continued to get several questions regarding teacher negotiations and he highlighted the 3 most common questions surrounding salary, timing of negotiations and contract language surrounding the transfer article. He used 2014-15 statistics from MDE for salary, explained the union representatives were not available to meet until the end of July and noted the transfer article is one of very few left in teacher contracts throughout the metro.
- 9.0 Discussion Items: None.
- 10.0 Action Items:
- 10.1 Approval of Contract Renewal HealthPartners for Group Health Insurance, presented by Denise Griffith, Director of Human Resources. The district's current contract expires on December 21, 2016. HealthPartners offered a bid which results in an aggregate 13% reduction in premiums, with a max increase in cost of 6% for 2018. It was moved by Katie Schwartz and seconded by Katy McElwee-Stevens to approve the group health insurance plan. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- 10.2 Approval of Authorization to close on the property with Bailey Nurseries presented by Keith Jacobus, Superintendent. It was moved by Tracy Brunnette and seconded by Katie Schwartz to approve parties to close on the Bailey property for the Middle School. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- 10.3 Approval of the NE Metro 916 Long Term Facilities Maintenance Levy, presented by Dan Pyan, Director of Finance. It was moved by Tracy Brunnette and seconded by Sharon Van Leer to approve the plan. A roll call vote was taken, all in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- 10.4 was added following the closed session. Approval of the tentative agreement with bus mechanics Local 70 for the 2016-18 school years, presented by Denise Griffith, Director of Human Resources. It was moved by Katy McElwee-Stevens and seconded by Katie Schwartz to approve the contract. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
- 11.0 Reports and Comments:
- 11.1 Superintendent's Report: Dr. Jacobus highlighted summer school programs and a power outage that affected all of the district's servers this week; however the technology team restored 122 out of 133 servers within hours and he thanked them for their work.
- 12.0 Future Meeting Dates:
- 12.1 July 21, 2016 – School Board/Cabinet Retreat (DSC/5:00p.m.)
- 12.2 August 4, 2016 – Regular School Board Meeting (DSC/6:30 p.m.)
- 12.3 August 18, 2016 – Regular School Board Meeting (DSC/6:30 p.m.)
- 13.0 Closed Session:
- 13.1 Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.03 for Labor Negotiations. It was moved by Sharon Van Leer and seconded by Katy McElwee-Stevens to move closed session at 7:29pm. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. The Board returned from closed session at 8:25pm. Sharon Van Leer moved to return to the meeting, seconded by Tracy Brunnette, all in favor, none opposed. Joe Slavin moved to add Action Item 10.4 Approval of the agreement with Local 70, Bus Mechanics for the 2016-18 school years. It was seconded by Katy McElwee-Stevens to add the action item. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.
- 14.0 Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.