

September 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 3:30 P.M. on September 9, 2020, in the High School Board Room. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Nyberg, Martin, Polcher, Egan and Chair Berklich.
Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the agenda. Director Martin requested an update on the first day back and Director Nyberg requested adding a COVID discussion during the Administrative Report. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda for the Month of August, 2020 which consists of the Minutes from the August 5th and 19, 2020 Regular Meetings Postings or transfers in the Non-Certified Bargaining Unit for the month of August- None.

Public Comment: None

Old Business: None

Personnel:

RESIGNATION OF ANGIE BESTE

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to accept the resignation of Angie Beste, elementary teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 24, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION FOR PURPOSES OF RETIREMENT FROM LAURIE JERULLE

Moved by Director Nyberg supported by Director Polcher to accept the resignation for purposes of retirement from Laurie Jerulle, pupil support assistant, High School, effective September 8, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE CANDIDA RENAUD

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Candida Renaud, elementary teacher, Lincoln Elementary, effective August 31, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

RESIGNATION OF LAUREN PETERSON

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to accept the resignation of Lauren Peterson, assistant varsity volleyball coach, effective August 20, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE LAUREN PETERSON

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the hiring of Lauren Peterson, head volleyball coach, effective September 14, 2020 contingent upon receiving the proper certification. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE MARGARET ROEBUCK

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the hiring of Margaret Roebuck as a Form “B” Long-term substitute teacher at the Washington Elementary from approximately October 22, 2020 – January 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE AARON JAMNICK

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the hiring of Aaron Jamnick as assistant varsity boys’ hockey coach, effective November 11, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE CHRIS ZUBICH

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the hiring of Chris Zubich as JV boys’ hockey coach, effective November 11, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE JADYN COLBAUGH

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the hiring of Jadyn Colbaugh as 7th grade boys’ basketball coach, effective November 16, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

HIRE THOMAS BITTMANN

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the hiring of Thomas Bittmann as junior high football coach, effective March 15, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin thanked group of individuals that made masks for the district (over 2,700)

Director McLaughlin Acknowledged the Fire Dept. for First day of school keeping our kids safe.

Director Egan – Discussed where we should be taking Temperatures.

Director Nyberg – Have a standing Administrative Report for COVID at all meetings during this time.

Principals / Assistant Principals:

Mr. Finco – Great first day back with kids all went well. Kudos to Tyler Glad and his staff.

Mrs. Seykora – Student Support Team – weekly meetings

Committee Report: Superintendent Aldrich, Directors Polcher, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich are on Central Range Collaborative Committee. They are moving forward and will keep board updated.

First Day of School:

Superintendent Aldrich discussed how supporting distance learning parents was something to improve on. First day enrollment numbers were down approximately 25 from the conclusion of the previous year.

Mr. Aldrich updated the board that the decrease was related to parent choice.

COVID Updates:

Superintendent Aldrich discussed we have approximately 14% distance learning.

There has been a spike in COVID County numbers and we could possibly be in Hybrid soon.

Administrative Business:

APPROVE PAYMENT TO IRON RANGE PLUMBING AND HEATING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,000.00 FOR WORK DONE ON THE HIGH SCHOOL KITCHEN PROJECT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg to approve payment to Iron Range Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$38,000.00 for work done on the High School Kitchen Project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PAYMENT TO MAX GRAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,179.18 FOR WORK COMPLETED ON THE LINCOLN LONG TERM FACILITY PROJECT

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to approve payment to Max Gray Construction in the amount of \$123,179.18 for work completed on the Lincoln Long term facility Project. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE PLATINUM BLUE AND SENIOR GOLD GROUP MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT RATES AS PRESENTED EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to approve Platinum Blue and Senior Gold Group Medicare supplement rates as presented effective January 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

HOLD THE 2021 TAX LEVY HEARING DURING THE DECEMBER 9, 2020 MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to hold the 2021 tax levy hearing during the December 9, 2020 meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

CHANGE THE STARTING TIME OF THE DECEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING TO 6:00 P.M.

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to change the starting time of the December 9, 2020 regular school board meeting to 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2022

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Martin to approve the Purchase of service Agreement for the Transportation of Children and Youth in Foster Care Placement for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE HIBBING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR YEAR 2020-2021

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the Hibbing High School Student Handbook for school year 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HANDBOOK FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the Lincoln Elementary Student Handbook for school year 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE GREENHAVEN AND WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Martin to approve the Greenhaven and Washington Elementary Student Handbook for school year 2020-2021. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN I.S.D. NO. 701 AND INFINITY TO ESTABLISH A DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Polcher to approve the Joint Powers Agreement between I.S.D. No. 701 and INFINITY to establish a Distance Learning Program for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE A 1% ONE-TIME BONUS TO ALL BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS AND 14 HOUR-WEEK STAFF BASED ON A YEARLY SALARY FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE SUBSTITUTES, EXTRA-CURRICULAR OR COACHING CONTRACTS

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve a 1% one-time bonus to all bargaining unit members and 14 hour-week staff based on yearly salary for the 2020-2021 school year. This does not include substitutes, extra-curricular or coaching contract. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Items: Superintendent Aldrich gave an update on Facilities Projects. Finance options possibly by the next board meeting or the first meeting in November.

Support from Owens Foundation on these projects. School Board agreed to have Mr. Aldrich report back instead of a committee meeting with Owens Foundation.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the meeting at 5:03 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

MICHAEL EGAN, Clerk