

December 23, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on December 23, 2020, via a Zoom Meeting. Members present: The following members were present by a Zoom Meeting Directors McLaughlin, Martin, Polcher, Nyberg, Egan and Chair Berklich.

Members Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Being a Zoom Meeting, a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Nyberg, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Director Nyberg, supported by Director Martin and approved unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda for the Month of November, 2020 which consists of Consideration of Claims for the month of November \$677,692.52. Electronic Fund Transfers for the month of November in the amount of \$1,938.50. Treasurer's and Investment Report for the month of November. Payrolls for the month of November in the amount of \$1,987,872.00.

Being a Zoom Meeting, a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Nyberg, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: None

PRESENTATION STERLE & CO.

Sterle & Co. presented the fiscal year 2020 audit.

COVID-19 UPDATE: POTENTIAL RETURN TO SCHOOL SCENARIOS

Superintendent Aldrich presented the potential return to school scenario:

Hibbing cannot move to a new model before January 18, 2021.

Schools must implement additional mitigation strategies – this includes COVID testing for staff and staff required to wear face shields and masks when they work with students.

Recommendation to return to in person grades PK-5 on January 18, 2021 and in person Grade 6 on January 26, 2021.

Complete a required MDH consult on January 14, 2021 if this is a positive call a return for Grades 7-12 to Hybrid on January 26, 2021.

January 4, 2021 sports can start practices.

A motion at the January 6, 2021 board meeting will be made for this plan. MDE requires K-12 transition planning days which will be January 14-15, 2021.

Current bi-weekly number is 128 the state recommends full distance learning at or above 50.

Public Comment:

Justin Schoeben –

Request after Christmas break to get kids back to school based on numbers Dropping since end of November. Concerned about Governor’s verbiage about January 18th return date.

Paul Ciochetto –

Thanks staff and school board and asked people to sign up as a substitute. Encouraged transparency, use resources available attend teacher open google meets sessions for education and mental health.

Abby Dietrich –

Thanks school board and Mr. Aldrich.

Impressed with staff.

Parent group has close to 1200 students that they represent and encouraged those parents to make choices for their family.

Personnel: None

Administrative Reports:

Directors / Student Director:

Director McLaughlin – Dylan Committee recap.

Principals / Assistant Principals:

Committee Report:

Administrative Business:

ADOPT RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS

Moved by Director Martin, supported by Chair Berklich to adopt resolution to accept donations. Being a Zoom Meeting, a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Nyberg, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: None

APPROVE THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 AUDIT FINANCIAL REPORT

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Nyberg to approve the fiscal year 2020 audit financial report. Being a Zoom Meeting, a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Nyberg, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: None

Discussion Items:

Superintendent Aldrich – thanks the school board, staff, parents and committee members and those on the Zoom call. Happy Holidays to all.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Egan to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 A.M. Being a Zoom Meeting, a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Nyberg, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: None

JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

MICHAEL EGAN, Clerk