

Pillager Public Schools – ISD #116

Pillager Board of Education Minutes

Monday, October 18, 2021

Chair Sara Nagel called the regular monthly meeting of the Pillager Board of Education to order on Monday, October 18, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the school media center. Board members present were Becky Bennett, Kassandra Nelson, Randy Posner and Steve Uban. Also present was Superintendent Michael Malmberg, School Board Secretary Lori Blumke and interested staff. Absent was Brian Grimsley.

First order of business was the Pledge of Allegiance
Cell Phone/Electronic Devices

Becky Bennett moved; Steve Uban seconded to accept the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor comments: NONE

Steve Uban moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to accept the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting
 - B. Monthly Cash Flow Including Investments
 - C. Monthly Bills Paid: #85254 – 85328, #85330 – 85368, #85370 – 85481 and the electronic transfers
 - D. Monthly Bills Paid – Activity Accounts: #4138 - 4141
 - E. Donations
 - Gene Giraffe Project – Sensory Decal Paths - \$195.60
 - F. Personnel Summary Sheet
 - Hires
 - Serena Greenwood, JH Volleyball Coach, effective 8/26/2021
 - Terah Glas, JH Volleyball Coach, effective 8/31/2021
 - Ben Horn, JH Football Coach, effective 8/30/2021
 - Dan Johnson, JH Football, effective 8/30/2021
 - Jessica Davoli, Volleyball Assistant Coach, effective 8/30/2021
 - Kelly Savage, Cross Country Assistant, effective 8/30/2021
 - Position Change/Addition
 - Claire Norlin, ASD/DD Teacher
 - Leave Requests
 - Lindsay Solheim, SLP, 2/27/2021 through the end of school year
- The motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum

Director of Teaching and Learning Ryan Krominga submitted a written report which included information regarding: PLC teams are developing their 2021-2022 goals; teacher growth and development process for non-tenured and tenured licensed staff; middle school science pilot update; Department Chairs have met and reviewed the current curriculum mapping process and the State of Minnesota's Standards review process; and Assessment schedule for PSAT and Pre-ACT.

Steve Uban moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to accept the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law Prohibiting Discrimination Statement as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Personnel

Steve Uban moved; Randy Posner seconded to approve the 2021-2022 Teacher Seniority List as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilities

Superintendent Malmberg reported that occupancy to the CTC Center will be on November 1st which will also be the first Band Concerts - middle school begins at 6:30 pm and high school at 7:30 pm.

Policy Committee met Friday, October 15, 2021

Committee Chair Cassandra Nelson reviewed MSBA changes to Policies #102, 406, 413, 425, 501, 503, 507, 515, 524 and 534 and proposed updates to Policy #509. This is the 1st Reading.

Budget

Business Manager Missy Berry reviewed that the Audit report will be presented in November; gathering information and a quote to digitize district retention records; and applied for two grants, one through the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) for COVID-19 testing kits and through the America Rescue Plan for summer academics and mental health support.

Other

Superintendent Malmberg shared with board members that there have been some updates to the Mitigation Guidance Plan that was presented in August. Tier II Indicators that were updated are the number of positive cases per school building from 7-10 to 10-14 and 5% of the building out with influenza-like illness/COVID-19 symptoms to 7%. Also updated was a change to Precautions and Interventions to add that staff would possibly mask for 14 days using KN95 mask if Indicators were to reach updated guidelines. Cassandra Nelson moved; Becky Bennett seconded to approve changes to the Mitigation Guidance Plan. After much discussion, the motion presented was opposed by all members: Cassandra Nelson, Randy Posner, Becky Bennett, Steve Uban and Sara Nagel so that Superintendent Malmberg and District Administration will continue to have the flexibility to make changes to the Mitigation Guidance Plan when necessary. The motion failed.

Steve Uban moved; Randy Posner seconded to approve the Cass County Children's Initiative Interagency Agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Malmbergs' report:

- MEA Break – (October 25 and 26) No School
- CTC Center Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
Thank you and Good Job to the ProStart students, Jenny Wise, A'Viand's, Kat Perkins, Tonic Sol Fa, John Gordon, Adam Henrick with Nor-Son and CTC
- Veteran's Day Program November 11th at 9:30 am
- Public Open House for the CTC Center will be November 9th 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
- District newsletter will go out November 1st
- Summer school discussion for next year

With no further business to come before this meeting, Cassandra Nelson moved; Steve Uban seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, School Board Secretary Lori Blumke