

**Pillager Public Schools – ISD #116**

**Pillager Board of Education Minutes**

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, May 17, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Pillager Board of Education was called to order by Chair Sara Nagel on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Other board members present were Brian Grimsley, Kassandra Nelson, Randy Posner and Steve Uban. Member Becky Bennett present by interactive live stream. Also present was Superintendent Michael Malmberg, School Board Secretary Lori Blumke and interested staff.

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

Chair Sara Nagel began by asking if there are any additions/deletions/changes to the agenda.

Superintendent Malmberg requested to:

REMOVE - VII. D. Personnel #6 - Approve 2021-2023 Education MN Pillager Master Contract and Memorandum of Understanding Updates – ACTION.

ADD - VII. D. Personnel #9 – Approve 2021-2023 Contract for Director of Teaching and Learning- ACTION and VII. G. Other #5 - Guideline Decision for District Summer Programming for COVID-19 Restrictions – ACTION.

Steve Uban moved; Randy Posner seconded to accept the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Visitor comments: NONE

Brian Grimsley moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to accept the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Minutes of the April 19, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting
  - B. Monthly Cash Flow Including Investments
  - C. Monthly Paid Bills from number 84455 through 84648 and electronic transfers
  - D. Monthly Paid Bills – Activity Accounts from number 4112 through 4116
  - E. Donations
    - Pillager Area Fire and Rescue - \$1,100.00
    - Lincoln Area Business Association - \$500.00
    - Todd Wright and Country Financial - \$1,200.00
  - F. Personnel
    - Hires
      - Kanyaphat Takoon – CIS Math Instructor (.27 FTE), effective 8/30/2021
      - Andrea Langhoff – Middle School Social Studies, effective 8/30/2021
    - Non-Renewal
      - David Peterson, Long Term Substitute, effective 5/24/2021
    - Position Changes
      - Ashley Watzke, Elementary Online Teacher to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 8/30/2021
      - Keanna Thompson-Andrews, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, effective 8/30/2021
    - Resignations/Retirement
      - Mike Parrish, Middle School ELA Teacher, effective 8/30/2021
    - Leave Requests
      - Kelsie Jares, Middle School Special Education, 8/30/2021 - 11/8/2021
- Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

**Curriculum Committee met Monday, May 17, 2021**

Committee Chair Steve Uban noted that the topics of discussion included: changes to Policy #620-Credit for Learning which will be forwarded to the Policy committee for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading; Driver's Education class discussion – credit vs. community education offering; Sourcewell staff development days will be offered this summer to teaching staff; Aubrey Kleinschmidt and Brent Zeise put together a teacher academy for google certification; STAR and MCA data review; and science curriculum review for grades K – 5.

Director of Teaching and Learning Dave Olson reported on: testing is wrapped up for the year and results are being reviewed; three teams for 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Masters participated in a virtual competition at Camp Jim and did well; science pilots have concluded and tentative approval is for the purchase of Building Blocks of Science curriculum; curriculum writing for arts, media arts and drama; and elementary starts Personalized Learning Approach.

#### HillRAP Reading Presentation

Special Education Teachers Holly Thom and Johanna Rudbeck shared with the board that as part of an ACP project, they piloted an intensive, remedial reading program from MDE called Hill Learning. Hill reading program provides effective instruction in phonological awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension and is designed as an intervention for students with reading difficulties. Mrs. Thom and Mrs. Rudbeck shared details of the program as well as examples of student growth throughout the year.

#### **Activities Committee met Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

Committee Chair Randy Posner noted that topics of discussion included: good spring activity participation numbers; activity upgrade needs; Pillager elementary wrestling program start up; wrestling cooperative; increase in girls JH softball numbers and the need for an additional coach; and participation fees for 2021-2022 will remain the same.

Randy Posner moved; Becky Bennett seconded to dissolve the wrestling cooperative with the Brainerd School District and enter into a cooperative with the Little Falls School District. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **Facilities**

Superintendent Malmberg reported that the building construction project is on course. There are a few backordered items for the wood/metal shop and tear down for Kindergarten room remodel to start next week.

#### **Personnel Committee met Monday, May 17th**

Committee Chair Sara Nagel noted that topics of discussion included: Education Minnesota Pillager Master Contract update; ACP and Online Memorandum of Understanding updates, principal contracts, district employee contracts and Superintendent evaluation process.

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to approve the 2021-2023 contract for elementary principal. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to approve the 2021-2023 contract for middle school principal. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to approve the 2021-2023 contract for high school principal. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to approve the 2021-2023 contract for Dean of Students. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to approve to extended the contract for Technology Integrationist an additional 10 days. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Superintendent Malmberg recognized Pillager School nominees for Sourcewell 2021 Educators of Excellence:

Kellie Klimek, Elementary School Teacher

Jayne Finstad, Middle School Special Education Teacher

Zach Karelis, High School Teacher

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to approve the 2021-2023 contract for Director of Teaching and Learning, Ryan Krominga. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

#### **Policy**

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of proposed updates to Policy #606 – Textbooks and Instruction Materials.

#### **Budget**

Business Manager Missy Berry reported that the state legislator has not set a budget yet and will go into a special session in June. This will affect the school's FY 2021-22 budget approval in June as revenue amounts will be estimates.

## **Other**

### Learning Model Plan and COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Malmberg reviewed that the Governor has lifted the mask mandate except for schools, so students and staff will continue to wear masks through Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, the last day of school.

### Summer School and ESY Update

Superintendent Malmberg reported on ESY and summer school programs for the elementary and middle school grades. All programs will take place but still looking for elementary summer school staff.

### Pillager School Forest Report

Brian Grimsley moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to name the main route through the school forest the "Enberg Trail Loop". Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Brian Grimsley moved; Randy Posner seconded to name the Aspen Regeneration Area the "Al Sharp Aspen Regeneration Area". Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Graduation Commencement will be Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm

### Guideline for Summer Programming and COVID-19 Restrictions

Brian Grimsley moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to change the safe learning plan for summer programming and activities so that masks will not be required, relaxed social distancing and students with symptoms should be kept at home. After discussion, the motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

## **Superintendent Malmbergs' Report**

- Softball, baseball and track teams are all home tomorrow evening
- District Leadership Team meeting tomorrow
- Administrative Leadership Retreat is June 21-23
- Health Insurance meeting for Bids
- Mr. Koel and Video Editing class are finishing up a video to promote Pillager School

With no further business to come before this meeting, Chair Sara Nagel called for a motion to adjourn. Brian Grimsley so moved; seconded by Kassandra Nelson and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm. Respectfully submitted, School Board Secretary Lori Blumke

