

Pillager Public Schools - ISD #116

Board of Education

Regular School Board Meeting

Monday, April 19, 2021

Vice Chair Becky Bennett called the regular monthly meeting of the Pillager Board of Education to order on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the school media center. Other board members present were Brian Grimsley, Kassandra Nelson, Randy Posner and Steve Uban. Member Sara Nagel 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

Vice Chair Becky Bennett began by asking if there are any additions/deletions/changes to the agenda. Superintendent Malmberg requested to remove VII. Robotics Presentation. Brian Grimsley moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to accept the agenda with this deletion. And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kassandra Nelson, Steve Uban, Randy Posner, Brian Grimsley, Becky Bennett, and Sara Nagel
And the following voted against the same: NONE
The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments

Parent Randi Anderson provided input to the Board regarding transfer of credits for classes taken outside of the school building.

Sara Nagel moved; Steve Uban seconded to accept the Consent Agenda with the following items:

- A. Minutes of the March 15, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting
- B. Monthly Cash Flow Including Investments
- C. Monthly Bills paid from number 84309 through 84453; number 9980019 and electronic transfers
- D. Monthly Bills paid – Activity Accounts number 4105 through 4111
- E. Donations
Pillager Lions Club – donation of treat bags for grades K-2
- F. Personnel
Hires
Joyce Seymour, Junior High Track Coach, effective 3/29/2021
Jacob Russell, Secondary Math Teacher, effective 8/30/2021
Alissa Anderson, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, effective 8/30/2021
Paul Peterson, PE/Health Department Chair, effective 8/30/2021
Brent Zeise, Technology/Business/CTE Department Chair, effective 8/30/2021
Jim Bentson, Social Studies Department Chair, effective 8/30/2021
Alissa Ailts, Special Education Department Chair, effective 8/30/2021
Resignations
Kim Lund, PE/Health Department Chair, effective 5/24/2021
Aubrey Kleinschmidt, Technology Department Chair, effective 5/24/2021
Mike Parrish, ELA Department Chair, effective 5/24/2021
Gabrielle Schmidt, Social Studies Department Chair, effective 5/24/2021
Nathan Weisenburger, Secondary Math Teacher, effective 5/24/2021
Cole Oslin, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective 5/24/2021
Leave Requests
Johanna Rudbeck, Elementary Special Education Teacher, 8/30/2021 through 10/01/2021

And upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Kassandra Nelson, Steve Uban, Randy Posner, Brian Grimsley, Sara Nagel, and Becky Bennett.

And the following voted against the same: NONE

The motion passed unanimously.

5th Grade Transition Plan

Middle School Principal Wade Mortenson shared an overview about implementing a middle school orientation and transition program that welcomes 5th graders and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their middle school experience.

Curriculum Committee

Director of Teaching and Learning Dave Olson reported on: K-3 STEM kits have been delivered; MCA testing is underway; Math Masters, Science Fair, Word Masters, Spelling Bee and Young Authors activities are wrapping up; Middle School Standards Based Reporting update and new department chairs for next year are in place.

Facilities Committee met Thursday, April 15, 2021

Brian Grimsley, Chair of the Committee noted that the topics of discussion included construction project update and timeline, contingency and FFE Budgets and north parking lot/retaining wall.

Personnel Committee met Thursday, March 18, 2021

Sara Nagel, Chair of the Committee noted that the topics of discussion included special education staffing update and a closed session for contract negotiations.

Policy Committee met Monday, March 29, 2021

Kassandra Nelson, Chair of the Committee noted that this is the 1st Reading of proposed updates to Policy #606 - Textbooks and Instructional Materials.

Budget Committee

Business Manager Missy Berry reported that planning continues for the 2021-2022 Budget and also working on drawing funds from the Coronavirus funding received.

Learning Model Plan and COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Malmberg informed the board that all grade levels are still in-person even though the county cases have risen. There have been 8 cases in the past two weeks, 24 students in quarantine, no staff in quarantine but 3 staff are out waiting test results. Hopeful to be able to stay in-person the last five weeks of school.

Superintendent Malmbergs' Report

- Congratulations to the Pro-Start team for winning 2nd place at state competition
- High School Musical finished performances this past weekend – Congratulations to the cast and crew
- Congratulations to the Robotics team – they competed this past weekend and finished 18th
- Prom is this weekend – COVID guidelines and rules will be followed
- MCA testing is currently underway
- Meetings with senior parents regarding graduation which is May 21st
- Annual Arbor Day plant sale is May 5th from 9 am – 2 pm

With no further business to come before this meeting, Brian Grimsley moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Respectfully submitted, School Board Secretary Lori Blumke.