

PILLAGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ISD - #116
Board of Education – Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2021

Chair Sara Nagel called the regular monthly meeting of the Pillager Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021 in the school media center. Other board members present were Becky Bennett, Brian Grimsley, Kassandra Nelson, Randy Posner and Steve Uban. 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 add: VII. A. #2 – Approve to remove Scott Mudgett as a check signer from Unity Bank accounts and add Steve Uban - ACTION and VII. G. #3 – Strategic Plan Document Update. Steve Uban moved; Becky Bennett seconded to accept the agenda with these additions. The motion passed unanimously.

Visitor Comments: NONE

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

- A. Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Re-Organizational/Regular Meeting
 - B. Monthly Cash Flow Including Investments
 - C. Monthly Bills Paid number 84001 through 84188 and electronic transfers
 - D. Monthly Bills Paid - Student Activity number 4097 through 4099
 - E. Donations
 - Andersen Windows & Doors – Donation of Face Shields
 - F. Personnel
 - Retirement
 - Gabrielle Schmidt, High School History Teacher, effective 5/25/2021
- The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee

Superintendent Malmberg reported that work is in process to complete the 2nd revision of the current budget, wrapping up ESSR funding and started planning for the 2021-2022 budget. A Budget committee meeting will be scheduled in the next couple weeks.

Kassandra Nelson moved; Steve Uban seconded to remove Scott Mudgett as a check signer from Unity Bank accounts and add Steve Uban. The motion passed unanimously.

Curriculum Committee

Steve Uban moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to approve the official school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Chair Steve Uban reported that discussed at this meeting was the STAR Assessment Data comparing fall and winter. Mr. Uban reviewed with members the percent of students in the Meets and Exceeds categories. Also discussed was curriculum grants applied for, new online college level classes for high school students for 2nd semester 2020-2021 and for next school year 2021-2022 and Gifted and Talented update.

Director of Teaching and Learning Dave Olson reported that another standard that will be implemented is science and moving to an inquiry based approach to teaching. Science Chair Beth Streit will be leading ACP projects to help adopt the curriculum.

Technology committee had a two-day retreat to attend the virtual Educational Technology Conference.

Policy Committee

Steve Uban moved; Kassandra Nelson seconded to accept updates to Policy #808 – COVID-19 Face Coverings Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

Minnesota State High School League ExCEL and Triple "A" Award Recipients Recognition

Activities Director Matt Moen recognized juniors Tatum Scull and Quintin Laveau who were nominated for the ExCEL Award and seniors Sadie Hopman and Paul Freelove who were nominated for the AAA Award. Both awards are sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League and recognize students who are active in fine arts, athletics, show leadership and are model citizens in their communities.

Facilities Committee Meeting held Monday, February 2nd

Committee Chair Brian Grimsley reported that the committee reviewed a breakdown of the construction project budget and proposed future plan for LTFM and capital projects. Committee also took a tour of the construction site.

Future Learning Model Plan

Superintendent Malmberg explained that students in grades 10 and 11 will return to in-person learning on February 16th and at that point all grade levels will be in the building with secondary students going 4 days per week.

Current Enrollment

Superintendent Malmberg reviewed that current enrollment numbers are at 1142 – 154 of these students are distance learning.

Strategic Plan

Superintendent Malmberg reviewed that the administration team is currently updating the Strategic Plan and will be presented to the school board in March.

Superintendent Malmbergs' report:

- Student survey from Foodservice Management company A'viands.
- February is "I Love to Read" month and the 100th day of school is this week.
- A postcard will go out to families of students who have left school and the Paw Press will be in mailboxes soon.
- Virtual conferences – feedback was good and well attended.
- MSBA school board recognition week is February 22-26. Superintendent Malmberg thanked members for their commitment to the school and community.
- ESSR Fund letter sent to Representative Paul Gazelka.

With no further business to come before this meeting, Chair Sara Nagel called for a motion to adjourn. Brian Grimsley so moved with a second from Becky Bennett. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted, School Board Secretary Lori Blumke