

MOHALL LANSFORD SHERWOOD
BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING – October 12, 2023
MLS BOARD ROOM/STEM ROOM – 7:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Thurstan Johnson, President; Matt Undlin, Roger Hutchinson, Andrew Grondahl, Vance Undlin, Terry Savelkoul. ABSENT: Sheldon Ackerson. ADM: Keith Campbell, Janet Asheim, and Heidi Newgard. OTHERS: Trevor Savelkoul, Sarah Knutson.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 a.m. by President Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Mr. Hutchinson, second by Mr. Matt Undlin to approve the September 12th, 2023 regular meeting minutes. M/C. Motion was made by Mr. Terry Savelkoul, second by Mr. Hutchinson to approve the August 9th, 2023 special board meeting minutes. M/C. Motion made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Terry Savelkoul to approve the financial reports and payment of the payables as presented. Fund balances for the following funds will be presented at or before the November Board Meeting: General Fund, Food Services Fund, Activity Fund. M/C. It was noted that our annual audit is scheduled for Monday, November 13th, 2023.

ADM. REPORTS:

- A. Mrs. Asheim, Elementary Principal: Gave an update on parent/teacher conferences coming up, elementary schedule, professional development and upcoming events. Introduced Sarah Knutson who shared information on the ND State Standards for Report Cards which is what the Elementary will be utilizing.
 - a. This will help students retain the information. Mr. Hutchinson asked about buyin from parents on the standards reporting. It was shared that parent newsletters, the school website, and primarily conversations are essential in explaining to parents that the goal of these standards are to set students up for success. There will likely be a lot of explaining about the “why” at parent teacher conferences next week. Note: Yale & Harvard accept standards based grades.
- B. Mrs. Newgard, High School Principal: Next year 7th & 8th grade will be moving to standards based grading. Power School will also be doing a constant conversion into a letter grade for High School students because unfortunately, not all universities accept standards based grading at this time. Homecoming was a success. NDSL Grant representatives were here and were impressed with our grades 7-12 reading intervention program. Update was given on Cyber Security, but we are still looking into who is qualified to teach it.

- C. Mr. Savelkoul, Athletic Director: Update was given stating that many of the fall sports are, or will be wrapping up soon. Almost all of next fall's schedule is set for next year. We will need a new shot clock person for home games. If you happen to know of anyone that may be interested, please have them contact Mr. Savelkoul.
- D. Mr. Campbell, Superintendent: A Defensive Driving Workshop is being offered this Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 from 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. These are typically fairly well attended. We expect to have about 40 people in attendance. As a reminder, the NDSBA Conference is scheduled for October 26th & 27th in Bismarck, if there are any last minute registration requests, please let us know. Mr. Campbell shared that he had received one negative comment about the time of graduation last year with it being held at 1:00 p.m. Discussion was made regarding the many positive comments and feedback that had been received about the time and it was agreed that there would be no change to the time for graduation this year, it will remain at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Campbell explained that his evaluations have been sent to Thurstan and the Board which will need to be completed at the November Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. RESIGNATION: Supt. Campbell recommends the following resignations:
 - a. Gianna Genareo, Assistant Cook. Motion made by Mr. Grondahl, second by Mr. Vance Undlin to approve the resignation. M/C.
- B. HIRING: Supt. Campbell recommends the following hires:
 - a. Mrs. Rhonda Undlin, Mrs. Sarah Knutson, & Mrs. Kim Brown, Elementary Mentors. Motion made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Hutchinson to approve as recommended. M/C.
 - b. Assistant Cook position – An offer was made but unfortunately it was not accepted so there isn't any recommendations for hiring at this time.
 - c. Track Coaches – Cody Beaver as head coach, Ben Aasen as assistant and Christa Scott as the Junior High coach. Motion was made by Mr. Terry Savelkoul, second by Mr. Grondahl to hire the track coaches as recommended by Supt. Campbell. M/C.
- C. EXPAND PRE-PAID STATUS: Supt. Campbell explained that we would like to move all activity fund 06 accounts to pre-paid status, meaning they would not need to come to the board for approval before writing the check. This would also include MDU, Ottertail, Blue Cross, Horace Mann, Verizon, and the City of Mohall. Many of these are already pre-paid as they are paid during the week of payroll. This would help ensure that we stay current on monthly utilities and benefit plans. Motion was

made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Terry Savelkoul to approve the pre-paid bills expansion as presented. M/C.

- D. SNOW PLOW: Supt. Campbell shared that Francis Hall has requested the purchase of a snowplow for the school pickup. The cost of installation is about \$10,000 and it would help with bigger areas such as the parking lots, playground, bus parking area, etc. Currently we use a tractor and must change between the plow blade, blower, and broom attachments. This would allow the plow to stay on all winter. This would be an expenditure out of the building fund. Motion was made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Hutchinson to approve the purchase of the snow plow for the school pickup as presented. M/C.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Terry Savelkoul, second by Mr. Hutchinson to adjourn the meeting. M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Thurstan Johnson, President
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Claudia Dean, Business Manager
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