

Minutes of Maple Valley School Board

Meeting: Regular

Location: Tower City, ND

When: February 8, 2024

Present: Joey Bata, George Richman, Megan McKay, Dustin Theurer, Chris Tofsrud, Dan Wendel, Bryce Kasowski, Jennifer Koller. Sara Zaun Attending: Cathy Janish, Dan Larson, Mike Nygaard.

1. Call to Order: 6:31 pm.

2. Agenda:

Addition to the Agenda: For New Business: #G. Parking Lot discussion.

A motion was made by D. Theurer and seconded by D. Wendel to approve the amended Agenda. MCU.

3. Minutes: A motion was made by G. Richman and seconded by B. Kasowski to approve the as amended minutes from 12/13 regular . MCU.

4. Bills to Approve:

A motion was made by Dustin Theurer and seconded by Sara Zaun to approve the the bills as presented. MCU

ADVANCED BUSINESS METHODS 1,422.62, AFLAC 56.16, BAASCH, MELISSA 167.78, BANK OF NORTH DAKOTA 442.23, BEK COMMUNICATIONS 200.92, BESETTE, DARCI 268.29, BCBS- ND374.22, BCBS 92.50, BUSINESS ESSENTIALS 1,008.98, CINTAS CORPORATION 798.86, CITY OF ORISKA 38.00, CITY OF TOWER CITY 221.27, COMBS, JODI 117.90, CORPORATE TECHNOLOGIES 250.00, CROPP, CORINNA 178.86, FAT MAN TRASH 556.50, FIDELITY SECURITY LIFE INS CO 33.11, HANDY HOME & HARDWARE 94.81, HIGH PLAINS WATER 34.00, HOBART SERVICE 330.40, HOOTS, NATHAN 20.51, HOPE AUTO GLASS 2,812.20, JIMS TOW.INC 977.50, KASOWSKI-GUBRUD 2,740.08, KEITH'S AIR CONDITIONING 650.60, KRJB-FM 141.09, KUZNIA, DIANA 178.86, LARSON, DAN 85.72, LERUD, TIM 178.86, MV ACTIVITY FUND 489.00, MIKES CONSTRUCTION 235.00, NAPA Auto 12.99, ND UNITED 40.38, OTTERTAIL POWER 1,571.97, POMMERER, RICK 178.86, QUADIENT FINANCE USA 150.00, R&H MAINTENANCE 3,975.00, RICHARDS, TONY 445.26, RICHMAN, GEORGE 28.72, RICHMAN, RACHEL 178.86, SAMS CLUB 380.05, SANFORD HEALTH OCC MED 108.00, SATROM, KAYLA 445.26, SMITH LUMBER 139.11, SMITH, LINDA 496.88, STEIN'S INC 841.76, SUPERPUMPER / PARKLAND USA 4,354.85, SYLLING, JAMIE 178.86, THEURER, JESSICA 306.16, TIM'S PLUMBING 150.00, VALLEY OFFICEWORKS 288.49, VILLAGE FAMILY SERVICE CENTER 1,333.00, WARREN, HALLIE 270.00, WATERS, ETHAN 461.76, WEX HEALTH 50.00, WINDSTREAM 49.72, XCEL ENERGY 2,308.85, Total: 33,641.62

5. Accounts:

A motion was made by Bryce Kasowski and seconded by Dan Wendel to approve the General Fund, Activities and Hot Lunch accounts as presented. MCU.

6. Reports:

Superintendent:

General information- Looking to get quotes on tree removals on the west side-damaged by ice storm and possibly the one in the north side as well. Submitted insurance claims on vehicle damage. Pursuing money credited back from O.Anderson regarding the supplemental heating -which was part of the bid. Working on bus grant, have training coming up including CPR, Health as well as Apple technology. Reviewed the preferred start date and Aug.21st is most popular- with Memorial Day graduation. FYI- Cyber Security Course offering coming, Technology coordinator secured Grant to upgrade our infrastructure. Teachers contracts ready to go out March 4th. Need hiring committee to fill open positions- interviews by next Friday possible.

HS Principal:

7-12 Lyceum on Peer Pressure- Making Good Choices well received, National Honor Society induction scheduled, Snow Week is next week already, and SADD has a retreat scheduled.

EL Principal: Had a visit from Wishek DOT- brought a snow plow and students the event. Spelling Bee for Barnes County and Maple Valley brought home several awards.

AD: Not in attendance.

SRO: Not in attendance.

Career & Tech: Have calendar set for next year. IT & AG positions still open. Open House event well attended. Cyber Class being pursued, Online IT class possible.

President: Discussion points to be presented as part of this meetings agenda.

Board: Building Committee-presented the decisions made on gym floor colors, stripes, lines, dividing curtain colors <Red half curtain with gray netting top- by Tarp Pro>. Discussed sponsorship names/logos placement on court, scoreboards etc.

7. Old Business:

A. Building Project

1. Concrete poured, roof sealed, 'above' tin is going up. Next up duct work, sheetings, and sprinklers. March 1st getting ready for hoops & scoreboard to go in. April will see floor going in, have sensors monitoring floor temps to maintain tem – get concrete dry. Looking to find solution to door overhead cover on East Exit by music room. Architects & Contractors did not have that space in their plans, looking to them for resolution. May 1st -bleacher installation scheduled- but crew may not be available until beginning of June. When concrete team is done in gym they will schedule pour for sidewalks and landscaping curbs.

8. New Business

A. Superintendent Evaluation

Will be using Survey Monkey process again this year. Will send it out soon. Due by Mar. 15.

B. Board Member position.

Current make up of board is 2 from each district and 1 at large member- per the results of the consolidation of districts at the time of the Oriska move into Maple Valley District. In order to make any changes to the make up of the board there would need to be an amendment to the Consolidation agreement on the Oriska merge. Considering to have 1 member per community and 5 at large members. Interest in community members getting on the board but limited opportunities in current structure, but concern over uneven distribution and/or getting candidates on the ballot from some areas.

A motion was made by Joey Bata to change the board composition to FOUR community members and FIVE at-large members to be put on the June ballot.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J.Bata-yes, D.Wendel-yes, G.Richman-no, D.Theurer-yes, B.Kasowski-yes, C.Tofsrud-abstain, M.McKay-yes, S.Zaun-no, J.Koller-no. 5-Yes, 3-No, 1-Abstain.
Motion Carries.

C. Resignation.

Letter of resignation for Brooke Devitt read to the board.

A motion was made by Dan Wendel and seconded by George Richman to accept Brooke Devitt's resignation as Teacher at the end of the current school year. MCU.

The Board wishes to thank Mrs. Devitt for her many years of service to Maple Valley Public School.

D. School Board Open Seat.

Christopher Tofsrud has resigned his seat on the Board representing the Fingal community as he's recently move outside of the district.

A motion was made by Dustin Theurer and seconded by Jennifer Koller to open the Fingal seat for applications to fill the current year and then place on the ballot for the remaining 2 years of the term. MCU.

E. Publishing of Minutes.

A motion was made by Dustin Theurer and seconded by Bryce Kasowski to approve publishing minutes on the Website rather than in the newspaper which would then be placed on the Ballot for public to approve. A "YES" vote would be to publish on Schools Website, a "NO" vote to publish in the newspaper.

ROLL CALL VOTE: J.Bata-yes, D.Wendel-yes, G.Richman-yes, D.Theurer-yes, B.Kasowski-yes, C.Tofsrud-abstain, M.McKay-yes, S.Zaun-yes, J.Koller-yes. 8-Yes, 1-Abstain.
Motion Carries.

F. Smart Start Stay Open Plan.

A motion was made by Jennifer Koller and seconded by Megan McKay to approve the Maple Valley School and Wheatland Colony 's Smart Start Stay Open Plan. MCU.

G. Parking Lot Discussion.

G.Richman did a review of current parking lot conditions, worked with local business to work through needs to bring in what it would take to stabilize the grounds for parking and foot traffic -roughly 110' long and 30' wide along the south side fence area. Estimated cost: \$1900-\$2800. No Motion needed.

9. Next Meetings:

March 6th 6:00pm -Wednesday- Regular Board Meeting

10. Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dan Wendel and seconded by Bryce Kasowski to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm MCU.

Business Manager: _____ date: _____

Board President : _____ date: _____