

The Bismarck School Board met on April 24, 2023, in the Tom Baker Room of the City/County Office Building.

Board President Lee called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. President Lee requested that Darin Scherr, Business and Operations Manager, call the roll.

Members present: Jon Lee, Dan Eastgate, Josh Hager, Amanda Peterson, and Donnell Preskey.

Superintendent Hornbacher led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Lee asked for any additions, deletions, or changes to the Agenda. It was moved by Ms. Preskey and seconded by Mr. Eastgate to adopt the agenda as presented. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Hager, Peterson, Preskey, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

As the Focus on Success, Steve Koontz, Community Relations Director, presented the Board Community Survey results.

President Lee announced the time for public appearances. There was no public comment.

Mr. Koontz presented the OE-3 *Treatment of Community Stakeholders* Monitoring Report. It was moved by Mr. Eastgate to accept the monitoring report for Policy OE-3 *Treatment of Community Stakeholders*, as In Compliance, seconded by Ms. Preskey. Upon roll call vote, Hager, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Koontz then presented the OE-9 *Communicating with the Public* Monitoring Report. It was moved by Mr. Eastgate to accept the monitoring report for Policy OE-9 *Communicating with the Public*, as In Compliance, with a change to 9.2, Indicator 1, to a reporting timeframe of spring, seconded by Mr. Hager. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, Hager, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Board/Superintendent Relationship Policy B/SR-2 *Single Unit Control*. Ms. Preskey moved to retain B/SR-2 *Single Unit Control* as presented, and determine the Board as In Compliance, seconded by Ms. Peterson. Upon roll call vote, Preskey, Eastgate, Hager, Peterson, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Peterson, and seconded by Ms. Preskey, that since there has not been a petition filed challenging the validity of the petition from the Bismarck Association of School Administrators, the Bismarck School Board determine that the Bismarck Association of School Administrators does, in fact, represent a majority of the contracted certificated personnel employed by the Board and engaged in positions which are administrative or supervisory in nature, and recognizes the Bismarck Association of School Administrators as the exclusive representative organization for a minimum of one year beginning July 1, 2023. Upon roll call vote, Eastgate, Hager, Peterson, Preskey, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

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It was moved by Ms. Preskey to appoint Jon Lee and Dan Eastgate to begin negotiations with the Bismarck Association of School Administrators, seconded by Mr. Hager. Upon roll call vote, Hager, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

Superintendent Hornbacher and Mr. Scherr provided 2023-2024 budget updates on transportation, employee benefit packages, and employee insurance packages. The Board directed administration to publish an RFP to review transportation operations.

Superintendent Hornbacher and Mr. Scherr reviewed 2023-2024 budget enhancements regarding taxation, staffing, workload, and current enhancements. The Board directed administration to provide updated budget projections.

Mr. Eastgate shared information on his visit Northridge Elementary School.

It was moved by Mr. Eastgate and seconded by Ms. Preskey to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: the minutes of the April 10, 2023 regular Board meeting and April 17, 2023 special meeting, new contracts, and resignations. Upon roll call vote, Peterson, Preskey, Eastgate, Hager, and Lee voted aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Scherr reviewed the financial report.

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

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President – Jon Lee

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Business and Operations Manager – Darin M. Scherr