

DECEMBER 18TH, 2017—REGULAR BOARD MEETING—7:00 P.M
SAVAGE SCHOOL
CLERK'S ROOM

PRESENT: Charlene Jonsson by Skype, Lance Miller, Michelle Smith, Shawn Conradsen, Brandon Ler, Superintendent Lynne Peterson, Principal Angella Nelson, and Clerk Diana Miller

VISITORS: Brandi Lien, Henry Huber

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandi Lien asked about the new policy for Kitchen Use. Lynne Peterson responded that the changes were no longer in affect.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 OCTOBER/NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

4.2 NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CLAIMS/WARRANTS--#19195-#19237, #19238-#19247, #953630-#953659

4.3 STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORTS

There were some questions about claims and warrants, especially in light of the two months being reported. There were also some questions about the Student Activity accounts. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Michelle Smith seconded the motion and all voted yes to approve the motion.

5.0 ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Henry Huber has sent paperwork to MHS A to move several 8th grade boys up into high school so that we can have a Junior Varsity team.

There will be the annual MHS A meeting on January 14th and 15th. Some things to be voted on are as follows:

1. All 8th graders move up except in Football even in cases of sufficient players. Some schools want a C Squad. It will still be Local Control however.
2. They are also talking about raising the amount of fines for rule infractions by districts.

The Board directed Henry to vote in the best interest for the District.

6.0 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

1.0 Angella Nelson reported that there has been a lot of staff sickness and surgeries. A lot of people have stepped up to cover each other's positions.

2.0 The Winter Program went well.

3.0 Teachers are helping to clean not only their own rooms but some have taken on other areas as well.

4.0 Our staff is very flexible.

5.0 Teacher evaluations have been completed.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. New heating platform is up with MTI. Wade and Lynne have been trained on it.

2. Charlene Jonsson applied for the Northern Lights Grant given my Midrivers and we were awarded \$2500.00 to be used for technology, laptops in particular.

3. Leslie has gotten her temporary Water Treatment License. She will attend training in the Spring. The new water system has to be approved by the State. The engineer is ready to send it to them.

4. There have been issues arising from Text Messaging, Cyber Bullying and Suicide Prevention.
5. There will be a presentation put on by a Fur Trapper Living History speaker on January 9th, 2018 for grades 5-12.
6. A Suicide Committee has been formed.
7. Amber Henwood, Alan Hoffmann and Cassandra Moos attended the St Louis Writing Conference. They had several presentations to give and learned a lot there.
8. Bozeman will be sending out Practicum Teachers again this year in various subjects.
9. The Driver's Education car will be equipped during the Christmas Break.
10. Pine Cove will be here during the Break as well.

8.0 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

8.1 SET JANUARY MEETING DATE

The January Board Meeting will be held on January 16th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

8.2 HIRE PRESCHOOL POSITION

Jill Madsen-Verhasselt has applied in house for the Preschool position for 2018-2019 school year. Lynne recommends that the Board hire Jill in this position. Michelle Smith made a motion to hire Jill as the Preschool teacher. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8.3 POSSIBLE COUNSELING CONTRACT

Angie and Lynne presented the issues that the administration and teachers have been dealing with this year including some issues far beyond their abilities or experience. Linda Farber of Glendive is willing to come to Savage for Counseling students or staff as needed. The contract will be for \$7500.00 for 15 days of service and mileage at the current rate. The contract will run from December 1st, 2017 until May 15th, 2018. Both Lynne and Angie feel this is very beneficial and necessary with some of the issues they have dealt with. There was some discussion. Michelle Smith made a motion to approve the Counseling Contract. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.

8.4 ACTIVITY BUS DRIVER TRAINING

MSGIA is offering Bus Driver Training for our Activity Bus Drivers. Ms. Peterson recommends that our bus drivers be paid to take the training online. Brandi Lien also spoke about the need to be paid for 15 hours of additional work. Shawn Conradsen wanted to know if there is an insurance break if they do take it. Unfortunately, it is a requirement by the state. Michelle Smith made a motion to pay the Activity Bus Drivers their \$12.00 an hour for training online. Brandon Ler seconded the motion and everyone voted yes and the motion carried.

8.5 LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Kari Knoop did not send in an actual letter but did resign by text message. The Board is just accepting this as a formal resignation.

8.6 CLEANING STIPEND FOR CERTIFIED STAFF AND CLASSIFIED STAFF PAY.

This was discussed some last month at a Special Meeting. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to pay each teacher who cleans their own room \$100.00 a month. The classified staff will be paid their regular wage with the possibility of overtime. Snow removal and teachers who do other areas will be paid \$12.00 an hour for those extra duties. Brandon Ler seconded the motion and all voted yes. The motion carried.

8.7 HIRE ELEMENTARY BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

This is not needed at this time. Brady Reuter is able to fulfill his contract after all. Henry however would like to have April Mcpherson approved as a volunteer for help in an emergency. Michelle Smith made a motion to approve April as a volunteer. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes.

8.8 REVIEW OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Board agreed that they reviewed the Preschool program by hiring a teacher to start planning.

8.9

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION/POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Lynne Peterson said that she will not seek renewal of her Superintendent's contract. She has given the Board a letter expressing that wish and listing some accomplishments and gratitude for the growth this position has given her.

Lynne left the room to email her staff. There was some discussion. Michelle made a motion to accept her letter. Charlene Jonsson seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk