

DECEMBER 19, 2016—REGULAR BOARD MEETING—7:00 P.M.
SAVAGE SCHOOL
LIBRARY

PRESENT: Charlene Jonsson by Skype, Lance Miller, Shawn Conradsen, Brandon Ler, Superintendent Lynne Peterson and Clerk Diana Miller. Angie Nelson and Michelle Smith were absent.

VISITORS: Henry Huber and Alan Hoffmann

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

2.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn Conradsen brought up the “Week in Review” said that the 4th and 5th grade are lacking the correct number of instructional hours according to the auditor. Lynne will address that in her Superintendent’s report.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

4.2 CLAIMS/WARRANTS-#952872-#952911, #18566-#18579

4.3 STUDENT ACTIVITY REPORT

There was some discussion about the student activity accounts and the claims and warrants. The Board would like to close the Track Redo account as there is no money in it now. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

5.0 ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Henry Huber discussed changing the practice schedule policy. He felt that it is not being followed as written at the present time. He handed out the revised schedule to the board. He also discussed using the auditorium for practice as long as it wasn’t being used for concerts. He would like to see the stage shortened and a basketball hoop installed on both ends. No action was taken on any of this information.

6.0 PRINCIPAL’S REPORT There was no report.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

See attached report.

1. Lynne reported on the heating system computer software upgrade that will cost over \$20,000.00. She suggested the board meet with the company involved to question what is actually needed.
2. She also mentioned that there are several students who may not be able to graduate because of chronic tardies and absences. Sarah Tuttle and Lynne have been discussing the situation.
3. The school has sold the commercial vacuum that was never usable for our school to Trinity school in Williston. They might also be interested in our surplus obsolete desks as well.
4. The water was frozen at the school on Saturday so the bathrooms were unusable for a short time. The hydrant and well are not covered by enough dirt. We will put hay bales over the area to try to keep it warm until spring. We will then bring in more dirt for coverage. At this time we are leaving water run in various places throughout the school to prevent freezing.
5. Lynne reported on the 4th and 5th grade lacking instruction hours. She is unwilling to take the recesses away from those students to add to their instructional hours. This will be a finding on the audit report.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS

8.1 PRESENTATION BY ALAN HOFFMANN

Alan Hoffmann presented what is going on in his English classes this semester and next semester. He then spoke about his presentation in Atlanta about teaching in a rural school and also about the Yellowstone Writing Project. He spoke about the competition to earn a \$30,000.00 grant which the Yellowstone Writing project did receive.

8.2 SET THE JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The next meeting was set for January 17th, 2017.

8.3 STATUS OF THE ACTIVITY BUS

There was some discussion about the activity bus needing to be replaced. The cost can range from \$90,000.00 up to \$210,000.00. At this point, Lynne and Diana feel that this amount will not fit in the budget, but realize that it is a safety need in the very near future. Shawn will check into getting the activity bus to Dakota Diesel for some repair work during the sports break.

9.0 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

9.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The board wants to table the evaluation until the end of the meeting at this time.

9.2 APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE TEACHER

Lynne Peterson made a recommendation to approve James Kessel as a substitute teacher. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve James as a substitute teacher. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. Charlene, Shawn and Brandon voted yes and Lance Miller abstained due to nepotism. The motion carried.

9.3 POSSIBLE POLICY CHANGE FOR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

The practice schedule policy change was discussed in the activities director's report. The policy will be amended as follows:

- A. Practice Schedules and Times: Varsity and J.V. combined practice shall be a MAXIMUM of three hours. If practicing separately, the Varsity portion will not exceed 2.25 hours and J.V. portion to be a minimum of 1.5 hours.
- B. Practice blocks for High School boys and girls early and late will be rotated weekly, (unless mutually agreed upon by the coaches and Title IX guidelines).
- C. Practice blocks for Elementary will be 1 hour.
- D. Practice on days with interference from other activities requiring the use of the gym will be scheduled as evenly as possible for boys and girls.
- E. Morning practices will be allowed and on a rotation that follows B guidelines.

Brandon Ler made a motion to accept the revised practice schedule policy as presented. Shawn Conradsen seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried. The new policy will be sent out in January.

9.4 CONSIDER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST ARCHITECT AND CONTRACTOR FOR NEW ADDITION

The discussion was how much money will this cost and if it is possible to win to make up the money spent on the lawsuit. No one wants to pursue it without that information if possible. Lynne will take with Kris Goss about it once more.

9.5 PERMISSION FOR SCHOOL CLERK TO DESTROY RUINED AND VOIDED CHECKS UP TO 2016-2016

The clerk has requested permission to destroy ruined and voided checks from the past. She will provide the numbers when she destroys them. Shawn Conradsen made a motion to approve the destruction of the checks. Brandon Ler seconded the motion. All voted yes. The motion carried.

9.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

There was a little discussion about doing the evaluation. It was the consensus of the board that they would like all members present to do the evaluation and also to have Superintendent Peterson do a self-evaluation. Lynne was agreeable to that. The board would like her to pick 5 areas of importance to self-evaluate. The board evaluation was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk