BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president, Denise McBride. Present: Tom Gross, Erin Ludwig, Curt Gottschalk, Brian Locke, Bob Pasch, Rod Cole, and Denise McBride.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Erin Ludwig read the Board’s Mission Statement from our Strategic Plan regarding physical and mental health and wellness.

Motion by Rod Cole seconded by Erin Ludwig to approve the agenda as is. Motion carried 7/0.

Recognition of guests/public participation: Stacie Pratt, Veena Cole

There was no student/staff spotlight this month.

This month there were no board business presentations.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the Regular Meeting of February 20, 2023 as presented. Motion passed 7/0.

Bill Chilman presented the Board with the following correspondence: CMCHD Immunization report, MASB CBA course 214 on Open Meetings Act booklet, RESD Dinner flyer, Pupil Accounting Report, March Aggie Express, SEC Newsletter, Educational magazines, and a few pieces of mail.

Bill relayed to the board that BMG&T met and went thru the Treasury application and budget process. He is pleased and feels that they have a solid budget put together to move forward. Bill let the board know that our school and our processes have been receiving high praise with how quickly we have gotten stakeholder information turned around into a Bond Issue Treasury Application.

Informational: Rod Cole suggested that we start promoting local schools’ extracurricular activities and in turn they can help promote for our activities. Rod visited a play at Mt. Pleasant and wish that we would have let more people here become aware of this opportunity. Bill said that he would have a discussion with local Sups on this matter.

Erin Ludwig presented on DSIT. There was no new information on the State budget. There was follow up conversation regarding the safety assessment from the list Bill sent us. A few ideas on that list we are either completed or are working on such as; how we can incorporate Deputy Bailey more. The group discussed the option of him going to another district to obtain some ideas on implementation, a one-page lock down sheet created for the classroom and sub folders. ESIT had a conversation about summer school. It looks like as of right now grades K-2 will be covered, but they are still actively recruiting for the remaining grades. The secondary is also sending out student, parent, and staff surveys. They discussed the 11T tutoring and possible using some certified and uncertified staff for this. The math interventionist program is going well and they are seeing improvements.

Ben Eggenberger briefed the board on the new camera system that he is getting up and running. Ben stated that the cameras should all be up, running, and focused by tomorrow, March 21, 2023. Ben said that more cameras will be added to better cover areas such as the parking lot, playground and pavilion.

Jake Johnston informed the board that Kindergarten registration went great. He said that they had about 37 kids and he expects more to trickle in over the summer. Jake thank staff who came into help with Kindergarten Registration. This allowed him to focus on the parents and the staff to focus on the kids down in the classrooms. This will help in classroom splits, placement of students, student interventions and seeing how student play together. Jake also said that reading month has been a huge success and the kids are having a blast. Special thanks to Mr. Boyer for arranging for a magician to come to the school for reading months. This was a huge hit amongst all the students.

Dan Boyer reported that the band has been on a roll. He is very proud of the teacher, Mrs. Socola, and all of the students. They just received a Division One rating at District festival and it may be one of the best years in a very long time. It is also exciting that the band has around 30 students going on the Spring band trip. Curt Gottschalk also informed the board that the HS Robotics team has a competition in Midland for anyone who would like to come show their support.

Rod Freeze reported that things have been busy in Central Office trying to make changes to make work more efficient. Some of the changes happening are that staff are able to check their paystubs on their phones thru an app, April and Rod have been working on implementing the budget into Munis to help centralize all of our financials within our new software, and Sarah has been busy implementing on a quicker, more efficient way of paying our Amazon invoices. Rod wanted to publicly recognize Sarah for her work on this. Rod stated that count has been submitted and it looks like we will be down about 10 kids. This will result in about $50,000 less revenue than budgeted.

Bill Chilman included everything in his update. Please reach out with questions.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Curt Gottschalk to approve the financial reports/payment of the bills as a presented in detail in the board packet. General Fund payment of $613,818.71. Hot Lunch Payment of $14,490.13 Student Activity Payments of $10,546.04. Athletic Fund payments of $10,664.50.

Arbiter Sports Payments $4,222.00. Capital Project Payments of $0.00. Capital Project 2021 Checking $112,673.82. Motion carried 7/0.

Old Business:

Current and Proposed Bond Issue: We are getting places with the current bond project. Ben gave a thorough update on our security measures with our new camera system, door locks are only missing some key card readers which is scheduled to be done on spring break, fire panels will also be installed over spring break. Bill sent out the proposal to the board regarding the new proposed bond project. Bill reviewed the project by going through the 1st set of preliminary drawings of the project. Everyone was in agreement with the proposed bond. Bob Pasch inquired about possibly dividing up the lunch room into two sections to help separate the grades and help with the flow of traffic. There were also some concerns with bringing the lunch room out to the existing sidewalk, thus eliminating the sidewalk. Bill said we will further discuss barrier options for safety. Another item that was brought up was the concern of no heat to the field house. Bill said that he will check into a furnace to heat the field house and concessions.

BCEF: Rod, Bill and Denise reported that the BCEF will be hosting a 75-year Anniversary of Beal City Schools to help celebrate 75 years of excellence and also to help promote the new bond project. The plan entails a walk thru with the public with different stations where board members and school staff can help educate the public on all of the positive changes that were made with our previous bond, and all of the great assets the school would obtain should this new bond pass. Regarding scholarships, it looks like we will have roughly 13, $500 scholarships to give out to qualified students going into college, the trades, or the military.

Superintendent’s Evaluation: Bill will be scheduling a Personnel Meeting after Spring Break to discuss his evaluation.

Motion by Rod Cole, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the August 2023 Bond Issue Treasury Application as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

New Business:

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Brian Locke to approve the First Reading of Sex Ed Curriculum as presented. Motion carried 7/0.

Motion by Erin Ludwig, seconded by Tom Gross to approve the BCPS Coaching Recommendations of the following coaches: Scott Leppert- Middle School Track, Kendall Flaugher JV/V Baseball Asst Volunteer, Kaidan Andrews as JV/V Baseball Asst Volunteer, Denny Bechtel as JV/V Baseball Asst Volunteer, Jason Johnston as the Varsity Softball Coach, Kristin Schafer as the Varsity Softball Assistant Volunteer Coach, Brooke Bowlby as the Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach. Motion carried 7/0.

PCMI coaches were discussed. Jen Davis for Boys Varsity Track and Field, Stefanie Locke for Girls Varsity Track and Field, Wyatt McCoy for Boys Middle School Track, Brad Antcliff for Varsity Baseball, and Dan Walcutt for JV Baseball.

Motion to adjourn by Rod Cole, seconded by Bob Pasch. Meeting adjourned at 8:28.

Recording Secretary

Sarah Block

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Denise McBride, President

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Curt Gottschalk, Secretary