

Minutes of Board Business Meeting

School Board Shakopee Public Schools

A Board Business Meeting of the School Board of Shakopee Public Schools was held Monday, March 17, 2014, beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Office, Central Family Center at 505 S. Holmes St. South, Shakopee.

1. 5:00PM - Dinner Meeting was held with Ben Kusch at Turtle's Restaurant.

2. 6:00PM - CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL - CHAIR ROMANSKY.

PRESENT: Berg, Bowerman, Hallett, McKeand, Swanson, Tucker and Romansky

ABSENT:

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS TO BOARD MEETING.

3. 1. Hiring of Shakopee High School Principal

Personnel Committee Members introduced our new High School Principal Mr. Ben Kusch.

Recommended Action

Berg/Swanson moved to approve the High School Principal contract with Ben Kusch, \$130,750 effective 7/1/14; motion passed unanimously.

3. 2. Recognition of National Volunteer Week April 6-12, 2014

National Volunteer Week is April 6-12, 2014. In recognition of and appreciation for the tremendous work the district's more than 1800 volunteers do for the benefit of our students, Paulette Rislund requested the board move the Volunteer Appreciation Resolution. Copies of the signed resolution will be displayed in all the schools as part of the district's celebration of volunteers.

Bowerman/Hallett moved to approve the Volunteer Appreciation Resolution and thank all of the volunteers for their hard work and dedication to the district; motion passed unanimously.

3.3. International Science and Engineering Fair

Project Lead The Way students, Nick Anderson, Ronald Kitoy and Ryan Kupeitz presented information regarding their project for the International Science and Engineering Fair.

Berg/Bowerman moved to approve the PLTW International Science and Engineering Fair trip as presented; motion passed unanimously.

3.4. Recognition of our EPA ENERGY STAR Schools

Eagle Creek, Jackson, Pearson 6th Grade Center and Sun Path Elementary Schools have all received the ENERGY STAR Certification from the EPA. The EPA's ENERGY

STAR energy performance scale helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy. McKinstry has been working with our schools on various energy improvements including initiatives in lighting, controls and building envelope, and the physical separator between the interior and exterior environments of a building. Buildings that earn the EPA's ENERGY STAR certification use an average of 35 percent less energy than typical buildings and also release 35 percent less carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The board congratulated all our buildings for supporting this effort.

4. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA AS PRESENTED AND ADDITIONS.

McKeand/Tucker moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.1 Resolution Approving the Dissolution of the Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative No. 930 as presented; motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

Swanson/Berg moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously.

5. 1. Personnel Items

5.1.1 Acceptance of Retirements

Last Name, First Name , Position, Location, Effective Date

Gregus, Gary, Teacher, Social Studies, High School, 6/06/2014

Kangas, Susan, Program Support Assistant Media, Jackson Elementary School, 6/05/2014

Ramert, Mary, Teacher, Grade 2, Jackson Elementary School, 6/06/2014

Shelton, Joan, Teacher, Special Services, High School/Tokata Learning Center, 6/06/2014

Speaker, Stacey, Teacher, Grade 4, Red Oak Elementary School (leave), 6/06/2014

Swanson, Linda, Speech Language Pathologist, Jackson Elementary School, 6/06/2014

Recommended Action

Accepted the retirements and thanked them for their service to the district.

5.1.2 Acceptance of Resignations

Last Name, First Name , Position, Location, Effective Date

Allmann, Andrea, Teacher, KEI, Jackson Elementary School (currently on leave), 6/06/2014

Arnevik, Audrey, Teacher, Kindergarten, Red Oak Elementary School (currently on leave), 6/06/2014

Churchill, Brandyn, Office Assistant III, Tokata Learning Center, 6/13/2014

Toms, Ashley, Teacher, Physical Education, Red Oak Elementary School (currently on leave), 6/06/2014

Williams, Jolene, Teacher, Intervention, Eagle Creek Elementary School (currently on leave), 6/06/2014

Recommended Action

Accepted the resignations and thanked them for their service to the district.

5.1.3 Approval of Non-Certified Contracts for the 2013-14 School Year

Last Name, First Name, Position, Location, Salary, Effective

Anderson, Patrick, Program Support Assistant, High School, \$13.61/hr, 2/18/2014

Gregor, Alex, Technology Analyst, Districtwide, \$57,000.00, 3/31/2014

Recommended Action

Approved non-certified contracts as presented.

5.1.4 Approval of Long Term Substitute Contracts

Name LTS, Replacing, Position, Location, Approx. Dates, Grade/Step, Approx. Days, FTE, Salary

Barron, Thomas, Meyer, Julie, Teacher, Special Services, Jackson Elementary School, 3/06/2014 through 5/02/2014, MA Step 8, 37, 1.0, \$227.67/day

Bladow, Nicole, Watkins, Mary, Teacher, Special Services, Jackson Elementary School, 4/11/2014 through 6/06/2014, BA Step 3, 40, 1.0, \$199.34/day

Gordee, Jill, Givens, Carolyn, Guidance Counselor, High School, 3/10/2014 through 6/06/2014, MA + 30 Step 8, 59, 1.0, \$272.67/day

Landro, Kelsey, Wittenberg, Stacy, Teacher, Grade 1, Sun Path Elementary School, 2/17/2014 through 5/12/2014, BA Step 3, 57, 1.0, \$199.34/day

Minelli, Alexandra, Rients, Andrea, Teacher, Social Studies, High School, 1/27/2014 through 6/06/2014, BA + 30, Step 3, 90, .50, \$114.49/day

Recommended Action

Approved long term substitute contracts as presented.

5.1.5 Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Elizabeth Lindner, Music Teacher at Sun Path Elementary School, is requesting a one year unpaid leave of absence for the entire 2014-15 school year.

Recommended Action

Approved the unpaid leave of absence for the 2014-15 school year.

5.1.6 Request for Unpaid Leave of Absence

Amy Brotten, German Teacher at the High School, is requesting a 2 year unpaid leave of absence for the entire 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years. Amy has been presented with an opportunity to teach in Germany.

Recommended Action

Approved the unpaid leave of absence for the 2014-15 and 2015-16 school years.

5.1.7 Request for Extension of Unpaid Leave of Absence

Patricia Richards, a Family Literacy Teacher at Central Family Center, is requesting a one year extension to her unpaid leave of absence. Patricia was on leave the entire 2013-14 school year. She is now requesting to extend her leave of absence for the 2014-15 school year.

Recommended Action

Approved the unpaid leave of absence for the 2014-15 school year.

5. 2. Approved the minutes of the Board Business Meeting on February 10, 2014 and Board Learning Session on February 24, 2014.

5. 3. Approved the bills and authorized to pay same.

5. 4. Accepted the wires report.

5. 5. Accepted the community education update.

6. OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS

7. OLD BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

7. 1. Acceptance of Bids for the 2014 Kindergarten Addition Projects

The bid openings for the five 2014 Kindergarten Addition Projects were recently held.

Recommended Action

Berg/Tucker moved to approve a contract with Brennan Construction of Minnesota, Inc. of Mankato, MN for the total Bid amount of \$1,813,000.00 for the 2014 Eagle Creek Elementary Kindergarten Addition, a contract with Met-Con Companies, Inc. of Faribault, MN for the total Bid amount of \$1,768,000 for the 2014 Jackson Elementary Kindergarten Addition, a contract with Brennan Construction of Minnesota, Inc. of Mankato, MN for the total Bid amount of \$1,762,900 for the 2014 Red Oak Elementary Kindergarten Addition, a contract with Met-Con Companies, Inc. of Faribault, MN for the total Bid amount of \$1,859,000 for the 2014 Sun Path Elementary Kindergarten Addition and a contract with Kue Contractors, Inc. of Watkins, MN for the total Bid amount of \$2,178,108 for the 2014 Sweeney Elementary Kindergarten Addition as presented; motion passed unanimously.

7. 2. Canvassing of Election

The School Board was presented with the Resolution Canvassing Returns of Votes of School District Special Election along with an Abstract and Return of Votes Cast for the Special Election held March 11, 2014 for approval.

Recommended Action

McKeand/Tucker moved to BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 720, State of Minnesota, as follows: 1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this school district held on March 11, 2014, was in all respects duly and legally called and held and 2. As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 5,217 voters of the school district voted on the question of authorizing the issuance of school building bonds for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1), of which 1,947 voted in favor, 3,270 voted against the same, and there were 10 completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. Said proposition, having not received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have failed and 3. The clerk is hereby directed to certify the results of the election to the county auditors of each county in which the school district is located in whole or in part and to the Commissioner of Education as presented; motion passed unanimously.

8. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION

8. 1. Framework for Education Forward

Superintendent Thompson discussed Plan B with the School Board. School Board Members shared their thoughts and reflections on moving education forward in our school district. The district plan is to engage the community in long range facility planning. Our website will be the vehicle for self-nominating or nominating for our Guiding Coalition Team. It is our hope to have representation on this 60 person team that represents all of Shakopee. Targeted groups include alumni, parents, non-certified staff, teachers, students, administration, business leaders, city government and community members at-large.

Bowerman/McKeand moved to approve the Framework for Education Forward as presented; motion passed unanimously.

9. NEW BUSINESS ACTION ITEMS

9.1 Resolution Approving the Dissolution of the Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative No. 930

The Board was presented with a resolution recommending that 1. CSEC shall be dissolved effective the day after the date that CSEC's governing board approves the dissolution of CSEC; and 2. For the purpose of providing notice to the county auditor, as required by Minn. Stat. § 123A.22, subd. 9, the Clerk is hereby authorized to deliver to CSEC's Executive Director a copy of this Resolution along with a certification executed by the Clerk attesting that said Resolution is a true and correct copy of the Resolution approved by the School Board.

Recommended Action

McKeand/Tucker moved to approve the Resolution Approving the Dissolution of the Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative No. 930 as presented; motion passed unanimously.

10. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

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11. 1. 2014 Shakopee High School Hall of Fame

In partnership with SEEF, Superintendent Thompson presented information regarding the 2014 Shakopee High School Hall of Fame.

11. 2. Shakopee Alumni Directory Update

Superintendent Thompson provided an update regarding the Shakopee Alumni Directory to the Board.

12. COMMITTEE UPDATES

The board accepted a Shakopee City Council Meeting report from Tucker.

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

14. OTHER

15. Upcoming Meetings and Important Dates

April 14, 2014 Board Business Meeting 6:00PM

April 28, 2014 Board Learning Session 5:00PM

16. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:19PM, Berg/Tucker moved to adjourn as presented; motion passed unanimously.