



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS

Regular Monthly School Board Meeting

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, November 28, 2022

6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: IMC



- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Nordskog called the meeting to order. Members Present, Keith Nordskog, Brad Hunter, Ryan Smith, and Jason Clifton. Others Present – John Swanberg, Ben Kidder, Jerry Namaste, Brittany Hager, Dene Muller, LeeAnn Garay, Frank Helquist, and students Penelope Burfield & Sophia Smith.
- II. REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING**
 - Agenda was published in the Superior Telegram, posted on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting is on the third Monday, December 19, 2022 at 6:00 pm
- IV. AGENDA** – Motion by Hunter & Clifton to approve the Agenda. Motion carried 4-0.
- V. FILLING OF BOARD MEMBER VACANCY** – John Swanberg and Ben Kidder, who applied to fill the remainder of Angela Botner’s third year in her term met with the Board. By use of written ballots, Ben Kidder received 3 votes and John Swanberg received 1 vote. Kidder was administered the Oath of Office.
- VI. MINUTES** – Motion by Clifton and second by Hunter to approve October 24 Regular Meeting, approve November 3 Special Meeting Minutes, and accept October 24 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- VII. EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith to approve the Expenditures Report. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT** – Clifton presented the Treasurer’s Report. It will be filed for the Auditor.
- IX. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Frank Helquist shared updated end of month financial history showing continuing positive figures. He also provided 14 Year Open Enrollment history showing District has improved the net number of students and resulting financial improvement.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None
- XI. REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
 - A. Board President - None
 - B. Student Council - None
 - C. Athletic Director - Athletic Director’s report was presented by Helquist as Nathan Ahlberg was coaching a game. activities including fall tournaments, winter sports and re-naming of athletic conference.
 - D. Principal Report – Holly Jones distributed State Assessment results.
 - E. Superintendent Report:
 - 1) Charter School – Dene Muller provided update Nov. 14 Governance Board Meeting. Ida Sampson is the new Chair as Dene Muller is moving. Brittany Hager gave an Eagles’ Academy update, included Sophia Smith and Penelope Burfield sharing a student project to improve two bathroom areas.
 - 2) Facilities Committee – Surveys have been sent to all community members, parents and staff – due December 14. Helquist reviewed possible future referendum dates and information on statewide November referendum results.
 - 3) Snowplowing – District received 1 bid that will be discussed in Closed Session.
 - 4) Daycare – Kylli Rajala is returning to Eagles’ Nest – this time as a Lead Teacher. The Day Care Director will provide an update at the December meeting, including answers to special issues arising out of emergency and snow closings.
 - 5) Wall of Honor – Wall of Honor Selection Committee met on November 14 and will be seeking nominations through February 15. Induction will be at the April 21 Fish Fry.
 - 6) Foundation – The April Fish Fry will feature Noah Lottig as guest speaker
 - 7) Policy Committee – Next Meeting will be Thursday, Dec. 8 at 5:30 pm.
 - 8) Resilience Project – District continues to work with others to develop a resiliency grant.
 - 9) Spring Election – The seats held by Ryan Smith and newly seated Ben Kidder are up for election. Candidates may file paperwork on December 1 for the April 4 Spring Election.
 - 10) Health Related Matters – No health-related matters discussed.
 - 11) WASB – Thus far Hunter, Smith and Helquist are attending. Motion by Clifton and second by Kidder to appoint Smith as Delegate and Hunter as Alternate to the WASB Convention. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 12) Policy – Updated information travel reimbursement rates and District paid cell phone service will be discussed at the Dec. 19 meeting. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve list of policies as presented. Motion carried 5-0.
 - 13) Others as Appropriate – School Forest cutting project will be seeking bids, which will be due on December 19 at 4:30 pm. Also Julie Fromm is seeking half matching \$7,500 funds for erosion project at north end of school property.
- XII. OLD BUSINESS:** None
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. Personnel – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve hiring Angela MacLellan as Day Care Director. Motion carried 5-0.
 - B. Donation – Motion by Clifton and second by Hunter to accept \$2,000 donation from the American Endowment Foundation. Motion carried 5-0.
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton at 7:39 pm pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) and (f) for the purpose of discussing Personnel matters including update on employee request, updated leave request, and staffing updates. Motion carried 5-0.
- XV. REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter and second by Smith at 8:28 pm to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to hold off on employee request until the December 19 meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Smith to approve extended leave of an employee. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder at approve contract with Solon Springs Concrete for snow plowing. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to accept the June 30, 2023 resignation request submitted by the Superintendent. Motion carried 5-0.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton at 8:29 pm to Adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.