



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SOLON SPRINGS
Regular Monthly School Board Meeting Minutes



MINUTES

DATE: Monday, June 12, 2023

6:00 p.m. LOCATION: IMC

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, AND ROLL CALL** – Keith Nordskog called the meeting to order. Board members present - Jason Clifton, Brad Hunter, Ben Kidder, and John Swanberg (present via zoom). Also Present - LeeAnn Garay, Holly Jones, Frank Helquist (zoom) and 10 others.
- II. REPORT ON HOW THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED OF THE MEETING** - Agenda was published in the Superior Telegram, posted it on High School Door, Bennett Town Hall, & Solon Springs Post Office.
- III. ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next meeting is on the 3rd Monday, July 17, 2023.
- IV. AGENDA** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the posted agenda. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- V. MEETING DATES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve the 2023-24 Regular Meeting dates. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- VI. MINUTES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Kidder to approve the Minutes for the May 15 Regular Board meeting. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- VII. EXPENDITURES** – Motion by Hunter and second by Clifton to approve the Expenditures Report. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- VIII. TREASURER’S REPORT** – Kidder presented the Treasurer’s Report that will be filed for the Auditors.
- IX. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION** – Helquist gave an update on monthly balances including fund balance history.
- X. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Dr. Jenny Rose spoke to thank the board for considering ways to accommodate the open enrollment students.
- XI. REPORTS (Discussion & Action)**
 - A. Board President - Nordskog acknowledged Helquist as his last meeting and thanked him for his service.
 - B. Student Council - Kelsey Timm reported on a leadership conference attended in the Dells and future plans for the Student Council.
 - C. Athletic Director - Nathan Ahlberg updated on conclusion of Spring Sports, Awards, coaching salaries, extracurricular Committee Meeting, and positions. Opening of the fitness center to the public will be discussed at the next facilities meeting in more detail.
 - D. Principal Report – Holly Jones gave an update on positions to be filled, year end activities, and student enrollment. Governance Board gave the report to recommend the addition of an E1 classroom to the 2023-2024 school year with an emphasis given to staff support in this change. Amanda Guttormson gave an update on further Yurt research.
 - E. Superintendent Report:
 - 1) WASB – Keith Nordskog was awarded the Level 1 Recognition
 - 2) School Safety Liaison – Commitment to continue conversations on the possible development of Liaison from future safety team input.
 - 3) Snow Day/Virtual Learning Days – Helquist gave an update on staff & parent survey and policy development that is needed
 - 4) DNR Grant Award – Helquist gave an update on Angler R3 grant award - approved but funding is available within a year
 - 5) Maintenance Plan – Reviewed the Maintenance Plan with approval sought in July, Esser funds, and new phone system. Motion by hunter second by Kidder to approve the purchase of new phone systems. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
 - 6) Policy – Update from the May 30 meeting.
 - 7) Extra-Curricular Committee – Hunter motioned second by Kidder to approve new salaries for coaches. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
 - 8) Improvement Plan – Helquist gave an update on required low level improvement plan. Internal review of information will be needed.
 - 9) Northern Trust – At the May meeting, the Trust decided to go with National Insurance Services to consult, moving away from M3.
 - 10) Others as Appropriate – Middle School teachers requested a Student Activity Fund Account for special events, trips, etc. Motion by Hunter second by Clifton. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- XII. OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Timber Sale – The total sales were still much higher than expected. The total came to \$108,302.96, which is \$49,218.56 more than the bid.
 - B. Policies - Motion by Hunter second by Swanberg to approve policy changes as presented. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS:**
 - A. CESA Contract – Motion by Hunter second by Swanberg to approve the 23-24 CESA 12 Shared Services Contract. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
 - B. Personnel – Motion by Hunter second by Clifton to approve the hiring of Colin Wiita as Art Teacher. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
 - C. Personnel – Motion by Hunter second by Kidder to approve the resignation of English Teacher Nikk Adams. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
 - D. Personnel – Motion by Hunter second by Clifton to approve internal transfer of Kaylea Davis from SPED to elementary. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- XIV. CLOSED SESSION** - Motion by Hunter second by Clifton at 8:02 pm to move to pursuant to s. 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f) for the purpose of considering employee salaries, Administer Expectations, and legal advice discussion
- XV. REGULAR SESSION** – Motion by Hunter second by Kidder at 9:10 pm to return to Regular Session for the purpose of taking action on Closed Session discussions and/or for Adjournment. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0. Motion by Hunter second by Clifton to add an E1 classroom. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0. Motion by Hunter second by Clifton to combine grades 3 and 4 for the 23-24 school year. Motion carried on roll call vote 4-1, with Swanberg voting No. Motion by Hunter second by Swanberg to authorize the issuance of a teacher contract as discussed in closed session. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0. Motioned by Hunter second by Kidder to approve personnel items as discussed in Closed Session. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.
- XVI. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING** - Motion by Hunter second by Clifton at 9:19 pm to adjourn. Motion carried on roll call vote 5-0.