

*****08-09 MINUTES*****

St. Regis School

August 13th, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Dunlap.

>>>Board Roll Call<<<

H = Here

A = Absent

P = Partial

H- Ken Jasper
H- Shelly Dunlap
H- Jolie Skelton
P- Tina Dockter
H-Jackie Sanford

H- Patty Kero, Superintendent
H- Don Almquist, Principal
H-Tina Hill, Clerk

>>>Visitors<<<

Visitors (according to Sign-in sheet): Cindy Feasel, Diane Gingerich, Anna Getz

>>>Public Forum<<<

The chairman made the following statement, "Public Forum is an opportunity to discuss items that are not on the agenda. These items may not be voted on by the board, however. Also, a reminder that individual's right-to-privacy laws usually exceed the public's right-to-know, therefore prohibiting any discussions of individual performance during the public forum section, or any other time during the meeting."

>>>Minutes<<<

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to approve the amended minutes of the June 9th meeting.

Motion Carries 4-0

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve the minutes of the July 9th meeting.

Motion carries 4-0

>>>Old Business<<<

1. Policy 4330F – Facilities/Resource Use – 2nd Reading - Tabled

2. Clerk duties & salary - Tabled

3. Approval of Handbooks

Principal Almquist presented his changes to the student handbooks.

In regards to attendance, the Board would like a list presented of the students with attendance problems. This list should be given at the meeting following letters being sent home.

Trustee Dockter joined the meeting at this time.

The Board would like to see the entire handbook with changes.

4. Approval of Activity Code - alcohol rule

The recommendation by the Administration is upon the first violation, the student will be suspended from the activity for 20 school days, upon the second violation the student will be removed from activities for the remainder of the school year.

There was some discussion between the Board and the audience about the length of time and the continuance of the punishment to the next school year. It was determined that the punishment should remain within the school year and not carry forward. The student would still be allowed to practice, but not travel.

Cheerleading needs to be added to the code as an activity. Also, the Board does not feel that students should have to provide their own meals. It was suggested that the Administration bring forward a suggestion for the dollar amount allowed per meal.

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Skelton to accept the recommendation with the recent changes for the alcohol policy.

Motion Carries 5-0

5. Budget Approval

The reason for shifting mills between bus depreciation and transportation is due to rising fuel costs.

The Technology level does not expire, and the District does not need to run a new levy for this as long as the amount needed does not increase from \$29806. The Building reserve levy will expire after this year, and therefore a levy needs to be on the election.

The Clerk will research the encumbrances that are included in the budget in order to bring the level of reserves to the accurate stage.

>>>New Business<<<

1. Job Description - Athletic Director

Principal Almquist presented the Athletic Director job description

A motion was made by Trustee Jasper and seconded by Trustee Skelton to accept the athletic director job description

Motion Carries 5-0

2. Hiring Coaches / Extracurricular Activities

The following is the list of Coaches recommended for hire by the Athletic Director

HS Football Head Coach – Dan Noonan
HS Football Assistant Coach – Jim Martin
JH Football Head Coach – Kevin Managhan
JH Football Assistant Coach – Tim Palmer
HS Volleyball Head Coach – Cindy Feasel
HS Volleyball Assistant Coach – Julie Burklund
JH Volleyball Head Coach – Jennifer Pruitt
Fall Cheerleading Head Coach – Cori Miranda

There were no applicants for JH Volleyball assistant coach. Assistants are always pending numbers.

A motion was made by Trustee Sanford and seconded by Trustee Skelton to hire the above list of coaches.

Motion Carries 5-0

3. Extended Service Warranty for Tractor - Tabled

4. Renewal of Out of District Students

The confidential list was presented to the Board and it is required by law to approve the renewal each year.

It was suggested that the policy be changed in order to reflect this requirement.

A motion was made by Trustee Skelton and seconded by Trustee Sanford to approve students 1-7 to be admitted to St. Regis Schools for the 08-09 school year.

Motion Carries 5-0

5. Procedure for Approval of New Out of District Attendance – Policy 3141

Two families would like to have their families enrolled, and they live in Superior. It is the recommendation of the Administration that first the evaluation of the current students' and District needs be evaluated.

The Board reviewed this policy and it was found to be acceptable. A statement saying that the Board needs to approve this list annually should be added.

6. New Travel Reimbursement rate

Due to having a policy that states that the District will follow the State rate of reimbursement, acceptance of the new rate does not require a vote by the Board. However, the Board would like to be informed of the change.

>>>Information/Discussion Items<<<

A. Maintenance/Construction Update

1. Rental House – on hold due to other construction.
2. Basketball Courts – This will begin tomorrow. Check on the light schedule.
3. Office Remodel – Done on Sunday, Carpet on Monday. Done by Tuesday, Freedom Const. will finish by the end of the week
4. Skylight/Gutter – skylights and gutters will be completed by the end of the week.
5. Gym Floor – damaged by the strength-team. Minimal cost.
6. Painting – shop & cafeteria - done

B. Class Schedule

Superintendent Kero presented the class schedule for next year. GATE periods were taken out because the grant has not been officially approved. Close to the beginning of the school year. Bob will be done with the grant.

Trustee Jasper is concerned with the schedule not being an action item. He understands that Bob Vogul's training addressed this issue, but still feels like the Board needs to have some form of oversight on this issue.

Trustee Sanford feels that it should be left as an info item due to the administration having a better knowledge of how everything should work

Trustee Skelton stated that the first schedules that they had seen had a lot of holes. They would like to see more brainstorming sessions with teachers and administration.

Trustee Dockter feels the Board needs to have a say at some level, and also agrees with Trustee Sanford that the educators should have the final say.

Given the statements by the Board members, it should be noted that they all like this year's schedule. It is just the past that is influencing their position.

Superintendent Kero does feel the Board should have some involvement in the schedule by expressing their goals to the administration. She feels that she was hired to do these types of duties, and by striving to solve problems at the lowest level, Administration should be left to develop the schedule. The recommendation of the Superintendent is to not have the Board approve the schedule. The recourse that the Board would have in the event they did not agree with the schedule is to collectively move it to an action item.

Principal Almquist agrees with the Superintendent in regards to the schedule being an Administrative role.

The Board would like this item to be on an agenda as an action item in order to develop a procedure for future years.

C. Breakfast Schedule

The breakfast schedule was presented to the Board. The time scheduled for breakfast will be the same as last year. First period is longer than the others in order to allow time for students to eat.

The staggered times will allow for flexibility in the classroom. Teachers will be getting a free breakfast due to required duties during that time.

>>>Administrative Report<<<

Superintendent Kero gave her schedule for the month of July as well as her tentative schedule for August. The District received a \$10,000 grant for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable program. The Administration will be adding more information about this as it comes in. Due to the Superintendent's correspondence to staff and parents, she was notified of some scaffolding that was borrowed from the District 4 years ago that was never returned. The individual will be returning the scaffolding shortly.

Principal Almquist noted that a community member had volunteered to help with the Junior Football program. The proper paperwork and background check is being done.

>>>Set Next Meeting/Adjourn<<<

The next regular meeting will be September 10th at 6 p.m. in Room 107. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Dunlap at 7:40 p.m.

District Clerk

Board Chairperson