

Regular School Board Meeting  
I.S.D. 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools  
Thursday, November 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Parkers Prairie High School Media Center

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools, was called to order by Steve Inwards at 7:04 p.m. Board members present: Steve Inwards, Mary Peterson, Sheryl Myers, Judy Moeller, Jeff Samuelson, Lyle Oeltjenbruns and Glenn Cornish. Absent: None. Administration present: Superintendent Tom Ames, Secondary Principal Carey Johnson and Elementary Principal Darla Harstad. Also present: Jen Marquardt, Spencer Pomeranz, and Jared Sowers.

A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve the agenda.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve the minutes from the October regular board meeting with corrections.

A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Oeltjenbruns and carried, to approve Hand Payable checks totaling \$60,037.53; Wire transfers totaling \$125,783.87; Board Payable I checks totaling \$52,488.08; and Board Payable II checks totaling \$107,673.73.

**Superintendent Report:**

- **Principal Reports:**
  - C Johnson presented the 2013 MMR (Multiple Measurement) report & achievement gap.
  - High school workshop included Common Core training and a Plato Learning representative.
  - Celebrate My Drive results will be coming soon.
  - Marlene Schoeneck will be presenting on the paperless classroom at a TIES conference.
  - Elementary enrollment is up. K-6 is at 280 students plus 45 learning readiness students.
  - Elementary workshop included Common Core Training (English/Language Arts).
- 2013 Audit Report information was handed out to the Board.
- The MSBA Leadership Conference will be held January 16 & 17, 2014 in Minneapolis.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business**

- A **RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS** was introduced by member Cornish, seconded by Myers and passed unanimously.
  - WHEREAS, the District 547 School Board encourages the support of the district's educational programs through the funding and support of grant opportunities and donations that meet the goals and objectives of the school district;
  - WHEREAS, the school district will control and maintain all grants and donations to ensure that the interests of all students are met;
  - WHEREAS, the grants and donations listed below have been reviewed and approved by the administration of School District 547;
  - THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 547, State of Minnesota, to accept the following donations:
    - Miltona Lions Club - \$200 for the elementary playground.
    - Three Bose speaker systems for classroom use from an anonymous donor.

- **RESOLUTION CANVASSING RETURNS OF VOTES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION: Member Sheryl Myers moved the adoption of the following resolution:  
BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 547, State of Minnesota, as follows:  
It is hereby found, determined and declared that the special election of the voters of this school district held on November 5, 2013, was in all respects duly and legally called and held.  
As specified in the attached Abstract and Return of Votes Cast, at said election a total of 319 voters of the school district voted on the question of approving a capital project levy authorization for taxes payable in 2014 and thereafter for a school acquisition and betterment program (SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION 1), of which 238 voted in favor, 81 voted against the same, and there were -0- completely blank or defective ballots related to this question. Said proposition, having received the approval of at least a majority of such votes, is hereby declared to have carried.  
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.  
The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Mary Peterson and upon vote being taken thereon, all voted in favor, whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted. Entire resolution is on file at the district office.**
- **A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Myers and carried, to give the Transportation Committee, including Superintendent Ames, authority to purchase a van up to \$10,000.**
- **A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Myers and carried to approve the Student Overnight Trip Policy. The entire policy is available in the district office.**
- **A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Oeltjenbruns and carried to approve hiring Valerie Jahnke as a Panther Kids Club para professional. Peterson and Cornish voted against. First motion by Samuelson failed for lack of a second.**
- **A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve hiring Tammie Vorderbruggen as a special education para professional.**
- **A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve the fiscal year 2013 audit.**
- **A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Peterson and carried, to approve the audit proposal of Brian Koehn, CPA for the years ended June 30, 2014, 2015 and 2016.**
- **A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the appointment of Jared Sowers and Spencer Pomeranz as student school board members.**
- **A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve hiring Rodney Helling as the junior high boys' basketball coach.**
- **A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Peterson and carried, to approve an annual stipend of \$1,200 to be pro-rated, for the Panther Kids Club Coordinator, Mary Betterman, who has independent responsibilities. The Board thanked Mary for her work in this program.**
- **A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Moeller and carried, to approve the quote from Seating & Athletic Facility Enterprises, LLC to repair bleachers at the high school gym. The building committee will come back to the Board if they feel the price is too high.**
- **Resolution Designating Depositories – Member Peterson moved the adoption of the following resolution: Be It Resolved, that the official depository of the Parkers Prairie Public Schools be all FDIC insured banks and savings associations in MN for the 2013-2014 school year. The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Member Cornish and upon vote being taken thereon, all voted in favor and said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.**

**A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.**

**Judith A. Moeller, Clerk**