

Regular School Board Meeting
I.S.D. 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools
Thursday, February 13, 2014 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 7:03 p.m. Board members present: Steve Inwards, Mary Peterson, Judy Moeller, Jeff Samuelson, Lyle Oeltjenbruns and Glenn Cornish. Absent: Sheryl Myers. Administration present: Superintendent Tom Ames, Secondary Principal Carey Johnson and Elementary Principal Darla Harstad. Also present: Student Board Member Spencer Pomeranz, Jen Marquardt, Karen Amundson, Roger Rewitzer and Nancy Euteneur.

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

A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the minutes from the January regular board meeting.

A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve Hand Payable checks totaling \$123,420.67; Wire transfers totaling \$401,053.51; Board Payable I checks totaling \$179,811.16; and Board Payable II checks totaling \$18,838.57.

Superintendent Report:

- Principal Reports:
 - The elementary received a \$500 McDonald's grant for wellness which will be used for Paws for Fitness and Family Fun Night.
 - Congratulations to the drama on their dinner theatre and thank you to all involved with the production.
 - Speech is off to a great start.
 - Tonight is Financial Aid night at the high school.
 - SnoDaze is this week.
- The Parkers Prairie 2013 MN Student Survey Report was presented.
- Board members reported on the Annual Leadership Conference.
- The Board was updated on preschool in the news and on the long-term positive results.
- *The Smartest Kids in the World and How They Got That Way* by Amanda Ripley is being used for professional development. Books were handed out to Board members.
- An overview of MN public school district reorganizational options was presented.
- Options for program sharing with Eagle Valley for 2014-15 were discussed.
- Community Education Advisory member Peterson reported on their meeting to consider an annual donation of \$1,000 per year to the Panther Boosters for youth activities. Also discussed were gardening and knitting classes, rental agreements, and summer rec positions being posted.
- Information on exploring the feasibility of solar as a school energy source was given. There may be grants available and Parkers Prairie will pursue this option.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS was introduced by member Cornish, seconded by Moeller 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:

- **Parkers Prairie Panther Boosters - \$300 for the Volleyball Program, \$300 for the Close Up Trip, and \$1,300 for the Costa Rica Spanish Trip.**
 - **Brian & Ronda Hemquist -\$750 for improvements to the gym sound system.**
 - **Midwest Bank - \$750 for improvements to the gym sound system.**
 - **Grandma Andrine Wilke Family for a donation of \$160 in support of School Readiness and \$160 for the Elementary Media Department.**
 - **Carl & Aune Lind Family Foundation - \$1,500 for the Close Up Trip to Washington DC.**
 - **Parkers Prairie Lions Club - \$500 to the Speech Club.**
 - **McDonald's Corporation for awarding the Elementary School a McDonald's Balanced, Active Lifestyles Grant in the amount of \$500.**
- **Principal Johnson handed out a proposal of how to spend the \$25,000 of Celebrate My Drive funds. The students would like to update the media center, making a commons area with \$21,500. The Parkers Prairie Ambulance & Fire Department will receive a \$2,500 donation for Operation Graduation and \$1,000 would go to the Parkers Prairie Pool Fund. A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Peterson and carried, to approve the proposal.**
 - **A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the Union 70 Contract for 2013-14 and 2014-15.**
 - **A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Moeller and carried, to approve the contracts for confidential employees, Karen Amundson and Lisa Nori, for 2013-14 and 2014-15.**
 - **A motion was made by Peterson, seconded by Oeltjenbruns and carried, to approve The MSHSL Foundation Application Grant for Student Participation. The request this year is for financial support to help cover the cost of shared sports transportation expenses.**
 - **A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Peterson and carried, to approve the seniority lists.**
 - **A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the shared wrestling and football agreements with Eagle Valley School District for 2014-15 and 2015-16.**
 - **A motion was made by Moeller seconded by Peterson and carried, to approve hiring Marla Colton as a paraprofessional for the remainder of this year.**
 - **A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve the contracts with AC Entertainment and Michael Graves Magic for Prom and AC Entertainment for SnoDaze.**
 - **A motion was made by Samuelson seconded by Moeller and carried with Cornish abstaining, to approve the purchase of two 7-passenger replacement vans in the amount of \$12,500 each.**
 - **A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Oeltjenbruns and carried, to approve the proposed Board committee assignments. There are no changes at this time.**
 - **The school calendar for 2014-2015 was handed out and discussed. A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Peterson and carried, to approve the calendar for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to adjourn at 9:48 p.m.