

**Regular School Board Meeting
I.S.D. 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools
Thursday, December 10, 2015 7:00 p.m.
High School 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 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Steve Inwards, Sheryl Myers, Glenn Cornish, Lyle Oeltjenbruns, and Jeff Samuelson. Absent: Ray Caauwe and Judy Moeller. Student Board Member present: Riley Springer. Administration present: Superintendent Tom Ames, Secondary Principal Carey Johnson and Elementary Principal Steve Radtke. Also present: Jennifer Marquardt, Karen Amundson, Scott Peterson, Tammy Larson, Elizabeth Wippler, Shelby Sowers, Nolan Hart and Damian Gonzalez.

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

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Oeltjenbruns and carried, to approve the minutes from the November regular board meeting.

A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Oeltjenbruns and carried, to approve Hand Payable checks totaling \$16,882.13; Wire transfers totaling \$132,227.51; Board Payable I checks totaling \$89,840.80; and Board Payable II checks totaling \$39,923.12.

The Truth in Taxation Meeting was held with information regarding how property taxes and levy calculations are computed.

Superintendent Report:

- **Principal Reports:**
 - **The School Readiness 4-Star rating expires the end of the month and forms have been completed to reapply for this rating.**
 - **Staff Development for both schools has focused on a growth mindset for students, being able to improve with hard work, vs. a fixed mindset.**
 - **Congratulations to all who were a part of the wonderful fall play performance “A Suessified Christmas”.**
 - **Congratulations to the band and choir teachers and students for the beautiful concert held on Monday night.**
 - **Reading scores are down significantly and there is a need to implement new strategies.**
- **The state budget forecast is projected as a surplus of approximately 1.9 billion over the next 19 months.**
- **Eagle Valley is planning to pair wrestling with Browerville-Long Prairie after this school year. A call was made to Superintendent Barry Johnson regarding the pairing of wrestling and track, and at this time, the future of track pairing is unknown.**
- **The Village has contracted with Parkers Prairie School for school based mental health and Michael Martin has been the provider. He has submitted his resignation as of December 22, 2015. A committee of Myers, Ames and Oeltjenbruns will try to meet with The Village on Monday or Tuesday to discuss the providers.**
- **The committees for Transportation, Union 70, Principal and Confidential Employees will be setting up meetings for negotiating.**

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to certify the final levy for 2015 Payable 2016 as follows:

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| General Ed | \$ 739,038.42 |
| Community Service | \$ 38,103.27 |
| Debt Service | <u>\$ 309,215.72</u> |
| Total | \$1,086,357.41 |

- A motion was made by Myers seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the Education Minnesota – Parkers Prairie School District contract for 2015-2016 & 2016-2017. Changes include a 4% increase in 2015-2016 and 1% increase in 2016-2017, insurance contribution increase from \$600/month to \$700/month, 6th Class Assignment to \$2,000/semester, summer teaching stipend \$30/hour
- The January meeting will be changed to Tuesday, January 19 because of a conflict with the MSBA convention.

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Oeltjenbruns, and carried, to adjourn at 8:26 p.m.

Judith A. Moeller, Clerk

Karen Amundson, Recorder