

Regular School Board Meeting
I.S.D. 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools
Thursday, September 8, 2016 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 Lyle Oeltjenbruns at 7:03 p.m. Board members present: Lyle Oeltjenbruns, Jeff Samuelson, Sheryl Myers, Judy Moeller, Ray Caauwe and Glenn Cornish. Absent: Steve Inwards. Student Board Member present, Hunter McDaniel. Administration present: Superintendent Tom Ames, Secondary Principal Carey Johnson and Elementary Principal Steve Radtke. Also present: Jennifer Marquardt, Karen Amundson, Roger Rewitzer and Melisa Brever.

A motion was made by Caauwe, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the updated agenda.

A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the minutes from the August regular board meeting. A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Moeller and carried, to approve the minutes from the August 19th special meeting.

A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve Hand Payable checks totaling \$80,043.18; Wire transfers totaling \$113,273.69; Board Payable I checks totaling \$39,927.89; and Board Payable II checks totaling \$45,892.83.

Superintendent Report:

- The status of capital projects completed was presented.
- **Principal Reports:**
 - Thank you to the elementary teaching staff for their hard work preparing for the new school year.
 - Back to school night was well attended.
 - Teachers and Title 1 staff are being trained on FAST (a reading screening system). The 2nd-6th grade students have all been screened on reading fluency.
 - Kindergarten parents are thankful there are two sections this year. Thank you Superintendent Ames and School Board.
 - The vision for PPHS was shared – best teaching staff, students focused on work completion, PLC focus, every student-every day-career bound. This fall had the best student and staff attendance since 2011-12.
 - Enrollment is up and the first three days have been positive.
 - Panther Hour and REACH are new programs this year at the high school.
- The enrollment as of September 6, 2016 was 280 at the elementary and 270 at the high school.
- Attorney Christian Shafer provided a Harassment and 504 training to all staff during workshops.
- It is a challenge to be hiring now as there is a shortage of applicants for the jobs available.
- A letter from the county auditor was read regarding property in Otter Tail County that possibly belongs to District 547. More information will come as questions are being answered.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve hiring Chad Knapp as an assistant to the junior high football coaching staff.

- A motion was made by Caauwe, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the maternity leave of Heather Lovrien for twelve weeks, from approximately January 5, 2017 to April 3, 2017.
- A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the maternity leave of Katie Heidelberger for 6-8 weeks from approximately January 28, 2017 to beginning or mid-March 2017.
- A motion was made by Caauwe, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the shared wrestling coaching recommendation with Bertha-Hewitt and Verndale as follows: Bill Wagner, head coach, Mike Barthel, assistant coach and Marshall Willis, junior high coach. If numbers warrant an additional assistant coach, Mike Arvidson is recommended.
- A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Cornish and carried, to adopt and certify the Proposed 2016 Payable 2017 Property Tax Levy for the maximum amount.
- A motion was made by Caauwe, seconded by Moeller and carried, to approve the Elementary field trip and fund raising activities as presented. A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the High School field trip and fund raising activities as presented.
- A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the REACH Program and the hiring of Michael Martin for five hours per week.
- A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Caauwe and carried, to approve hiring Jennifer Lego as a paraprofessional at the high school.
- A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the renewal of the Southwest MN State University Student Teaching Contract, 2016-2019.

A motion was made by Caauwe seconded by Samuelson and carried, to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Judith A. Moeller, Clerk

Karen Amundson, Recorder