

Regular School Board Meeting
I.S.D. 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools
Wednesday, January 11, 2017 12:00 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 12:17 p.m. Board members present: Steve Inwards, Scott Wagner, Judy Moeller, Jeff Samuelson, Lyle Oeltjenbruns, Sheryl Myers and Glenn Cornish. Absent: None. Administration present: Superintendent Tom Ames, Secondary Principal Carey Johnson and Elementary Principal Steve Radtke. Student Board Members present: Hunter McDaniel, Megan Dreger. Also present: Karen Amundson, Tom Myers, Bill Wagner, and Linda Bates.

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

Organizational Business:

- Member Steve Inwards called for the election of officers. A motion was made by Myers to keep the current officers for 2017. Motion failed for lack of a second. Nominations for officers were made and are as follows: Chairperson-Steve Inwards, Vice Chair-Lyle Oeltjenbruns, Clerk-Judith Moeller, and Treasurer-Jeff Samuelson.
- A resolution was introduced by Myers, and seconded by Cornish, to approve designating all FDIC insured banks and savings associations in MN as official depositories for checking, savings, and investments for the 2017 calendar year. All voted in favor.
- A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to designate The Parkers Prairie Independent, LLC, as the official School District newspaper for calendar year 2017.
- A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to set the schedule for the 2017 Regular Board meetings as the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center with the following exceptions: Change the April meeting to Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. and the January meeting to Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
- A motion was made by Moeller seconded by Samuelson, to designate the law firm of Ratwik, Roszak & Maloney, PA. as the District's official legal counsel, with the Board chair, superintendent or their designees authorized to contact legal counsel. Motion carried.
- Board committee assignments will be completed at next month's meeting.
- A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Cornish and carried, to keep the Board meeting compensation the same as 2016. This is an annual amount, payable monthly. Compensation is \$1,080/year for directors, and the Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer is \$1,320/year. When in negotiations, an extra \$110/year will be paid to each negotiator.

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

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve Hand Payable checks totaling \$92,423.89; Wire transfers totaling \$130,356.40; Board Payable I checks totaling \$96,456.18; and Board Payable II checks totaling \$70,611.45.

Superintendent Report:

- Wrestling coach, Bill Wagner reported on the combined wrestling program.
- **Principal Reports:**
 - Elementary 4th graders will be taking the National Assessment of Educational Progress (Nations Report Card) on Tuesday, February 7th. Students are selected randomly for testing.
 - A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve a field trip for K-3 to the Runestone Museum in Alexandria. The only cost will be transportation.

- High School schedules are being worked on for next year.
- The spelling bee was won by Mia Lego for the 2nd year in a row.
- The junior class is looking at a shoe drive and selling food snacks/candles for additional fundraising.
- Discussion was held on the business manager position for 2017-2018 as Karen Amundson has indicated a desire to resign from her current assignment. A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to hire a new business manager and to hire Karen part-time to train and consult for FY17-18.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business

- A RESOLUTION FOR FACSIMILIE SIGNATURES was introduced by member Myers, and seconded by Oeltjenbruns. The resolution was unanimously passed and is now in full force and effect: BE IT RESOLVED: That Midwest Bank of Parkers Prairie as a designated depository of this School District be and it is hereby requested, authorized and directed to honor checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money drawn in this School District's name, including those drawn to the individual order of any person or persons whose name or names appear thereon as signer(s) thereof, when bearing or proposing to bear the facsimile signature(s) of any three of the following: chairperson, clerk, and treasurer.
- A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Myers and carried, to authorize Superintendent Tom Ames, Business Manager Karen Amundson and Payroll Clerk Lisa Nori, to make investments and electronic fund transfers for the district, to sign for and approve deposits and withdrawals from designated school district depositories as needed, and to pay normal monthly expenditures for the calendar year 2017.
- A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS was introduced by member Cornish, seconded by Samuelson 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 donation:
 - Hilltop Lumber, five boards for wood duck houses, value of \$150.
- A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve the childcare leave for Allison Beach, from late March through the end of the school year.
- A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Myers and carried, to approve hiring Phyllis Christopherson as the long-term special education teacher for Beth Welch for 6-8 weeks beginning late February.
- Information and statistics were shared regarding the possible natural gas conversion. A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve a 3-year commitment with Lake Region Energy Services beginning November 1, 2017 until October 31, 2020.
- A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve hiring Shannon Wicklund as an assistant speech coach for 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Oeltjenbruns, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to adjourn at 1:28 p.m.