

Regular School Board Meeting
I.S.D. 547, Parkers Prairie Public Schools
Thursday, August 10, 2017, 7:00 p.m.
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 Chairman Steve Inwards at 7:03PM. Board members present: Judy Moeller, Glenn Cornish, Sheryl Myers, Scott Wagner and Jeff Samuelson. Absent: Lyle Oeltjenbruns. Student Board members present: Megan Dreger and Kaylee Esterberg. Administration present: Superintendent Tom Ames, Secondary Principal Carey Johnson and Elementary Principal Steve Radtke. Also present: Tom Myers, Linda Bates, Roger Rewitzer and Tammy Larson.

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

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

A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to approve Hand Payable checks totaling \$85,803.98; Wire transfers totaling \$120,103.73; Board Payable I checks totaling \$137,187.20; and Board Payable II checks totaling \$66,095.12.

Superintendent Report:

- **Principal Reports:**
 - Principal Johnson presented updates to the Student Handbook. A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Wagner for the following change to the handbook: “Perfect Attendance: Students who are in attendance each school day, both in the morning of the day and in the afternoon of the school day, are eligible for Perfect Attendance award at the end of the school year. Students who are habitually late to school (tardy) for any reason, or have missed more than 30 minutes at any point during a school day, may be considered ineligible for the perfect attendance award.”
 - Principal Johnson provided information on the upcoming school year.
 - Principal Johnson extended a thank you for all of the hard work on the baseball field and tennis courts.
 - Principal Johnson reported on new course offerings for the school year.
 - Principal Radtke stated that Back to School packets have been picked up or mailed. Back to School night is August 30th.
 - Principal Radtke provided an enrollment number of 268 for the upcoming year. He has provided tours for several families who have recently enrolled.
 - Principal Radtke thanked Roger Rewitzer and the custodial staff for all of the work done in the Elementary school this summer
 - Positions have been posted for Panther Kids Club openings and a Para-Professional position.
- Chairman Inwards gave a report on the Facilities Committee Meeting held on July 27, 2017. This was a brainstorming session with several ideas for improvement.
- Superintendent Ames reported on Summer Projects. The chimney repair at the Elementary has been moved to June 2018.
- The Board discussed a letter from Representative Mary Franson regarding “Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students.” No action was taken on the matter.
- A discussion regarding the District Weighting Policy was held. A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Cornish and carried, to table the issue.

- A discussion regarding continuation of selecting a Valedictorian and Salutatorian was held. Principal Carey Johnson stated that 2/3 of schools she has spoken to no longer select these positions. Many schools have moved to an Honors program.
- Chairman Inwards reported that the Teacher Negotiations Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Six dates have been set for negotiations. The Union will bring the first proposal.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

- A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATIONS was introduced by member Myers, seconded by Wagner 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:
 - Leaf Valley Game & Fish Conservation Club for a donation of \$5,000 in support of the Baseball Field Project.
- A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Samuelson and carried, to approve the contract with Lakes Country Service Cooperative for a three year renewal of the Health & Safety contract. The rate for 2017-18 is \$6,250.
- A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Myers and carried, to hire Heather Odden Larson as a community expert to teach 7th grade computer for the 2017-18 school year.
- A motion was made by Myers, seconded by Cornish and carried, to set the Public Levy Hearing for Thursday, December 14, 2017, at 7:00PM.
- A motion was made by Moeller, seconded by Myers and carried, to renew the Plato Courseware Secondary Academic License Agreement.
- A motion was made by Cornish, seconded by Moeller and carried, to allow a transfer from the General Fund to the Food Service fund, to eliminate any negative balance.
- A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Wagner and carried, to hire Andrew Herder as a junior high football coach.
- A motion was made by Samuelson, seconded by Cornish and carried, to adjourn at 8:35pm.

Judith A. Moeller, Clerk _____

Tammy Larson, Recorder _____