



DeSmet School District #20
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:00 pm, November 15, 2021
In the School Library

Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees for DeSmet School District #20 met for a Regular Meeting in the school library.

Board Trustees present: Aaron Foster, Board Chairman, Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson and Emily Villegas.

Board Trustees Absent: Synthia Wendell

Others Present: Matthew Driessen (Principal), Christy McLaren (District Clerk), Tyson Watson, (Hulteng, Inc) and Jackie Tunis, David Feeley (Teachers)

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance - Aaron Foster called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Introduction/Comments of Guests on Items not on the Agenda

a. DeSmet Education Association (DEA) Discussion Opportunity - David Feeley states that the Trunk or Treat event organized by Ms. Tunis was a great success! The boys basketball games being hosted at the district have been well received so far by other teams. We have received many compliments on the new gymnasium. The face-to face parent conferences held last week went very well. The new grading standards were well received by the parents, however some parents still like the old grading system. Teachers are planning to fine tune the system so that the ELA grading system is even better in the future. The Smarter Balance Testing will begin in December.

III. Recognition of Students and Staff

- 1. SchoolStore.com** - The SchoolStore.com fundraiser this Fall raised \$3930 in gift cards for teachers to use for supplies in their classrooms. Another \$457.57 was earned for the school.

At this time, Aaron Foster moved to:

Item X. A. Discussion - Update on Budget - Tyson Watson of Hulteng, CCM

IV. Board Correspondence - None

V. Review of Minutes - A motion was made by Emily Villegas to approve the minutes from October 4 and October 18. The motion was seconded by Emmett Anderson. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

VI. Review of Warrants - A motion was made by Emily Villegas to approve the warrants from October 11th and October 25th. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

VII. Review of Budget Reports/Revenues - Christy reviewed the budget reports for each of the funds and fielded questions.

VIII. Review of Petty Cash & Students Activity Account - Christy indicates that as of 10/29/21 the Petty Cash balance is \$1000 and the Special Projects/Student Activity Accounts balance is \$10,940.31.

IX. Business Manager's Report - Christy discussed that the Builders Risk insurance through Liberty Mutual, for the construction was cancelled effective 11/1/21. The pro-rated premium for the new building additions will be \$3800.61 for 11/1/21 through 6/30/22. There will be an annual premium increase of \$7887.60 to the MSPLIP property policy of \$7887.60, which the district pays each June. Mr. Driessen and Christy have set the additional \$11,700 aside in the insurance budget to ensure the funds are available when these bills come due. Mr. Driessen is getting a quote from MSGIA (Shawn Bubb) so that we have a comparison for next year.

X. Principal Report (public comment is allowed before and after Board action)

A. Discussion - Update on Budget - Tyson Watson of Hulteng, CCM - Tyson Watson updated those in attendance on the status of the bond funding. Tyson indicates that bids on the storage facility are due on December 2nd. He has budgeted a total cost of \$250k for the storage facilities, but is hoping bids come in closer to \$180k. We are waiting for a fire hydrant to be installed on the property and the anticipated total costs are \$20k. The playground equipment has been purchased and should be delivered by mid-December. Installation is weather dependent, hopefully it will be installed by March at the latest.

B. Approve/Disapprove - TR-1's (Transportation Reimbursement) - A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the attached TR-1's. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

C. Approve/Disapprove - Policy #5045 Family Medical Leave - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve Policy #5045 Family Medical Leave. The motion was seconded by Emmett Anderson. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

D. Acknowledge - FP-14's (Out-of-District Agreements) - The following FP-1's were acknowledged by the trustees: # 122348933, #219739146, #132641190, #620804180.

E. Approve/Disapprove - FP-14's (Out-of- District Agreements) - A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the following FP-14: #610425115. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

F. Discussion/Approve/Disapprove - Update District Safe Return & Continuity of Service Plan - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to keep the District Safe Return & Continuity of Service Plan "as is". The motion was seconded by Emily Villegas. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

G. Executive Session - Personnel Issue - Aaron Foster indicated that the Board of Trustees would be entering an Executive Session at 7:08 pm as the "individual's privacy rights clearly exceed the public's right to know." The Executive Session ended at 7:25 pm.

XI. Personnel Report

A. Approve/Disapprove - Sublist - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the sublist with the addition of Karli Broell. The motion was seconded by Emmett Anderson. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emily Villegas, Emmett Anderson, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

XII. Committee Updates

- a. Redevelopment Committee** - Mr. Driessen is working with Juniper Davis on the possibility of leasing the Kestrel Court Property (baseball fields across from school). If the district were able to do this it would make it possible to utilize the property as the district track and field, a possible bus turn around and also secure it for future use.
- b. Strategic Plan Committee** -
- c. Negotiations Committee** -

XIII. Upcoming Meetings - The next Board of Trustee Regular Meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 13th at 6:00 pm in the library.

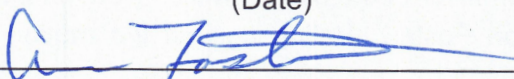
XIV. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda - Mr. Driessen mentioned that the Family Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 16th at

XV. Adjourn - There being no further business, Heather Burgad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Emily Villegasl seconded. All trustees voted "aye" in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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(Date)



Aaron Foster, Chair of the Board

Minutes scribed and typed by Christy McLaren, District Clerk

Christy McLaren