



**DeSmet School District #20**  
**Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**  
**6:00 pm, March 14, 2022**  
**In the School Library**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**Board Trustees present:** Emmett Anderson, Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster, Board Chairman, (attending electronically)

**Board Trustees Absent:** Emily Villegas

**Others Present:** Matthew Driessen, (Superintendent) Freyja Hughes, (District Clerk,) and community member Laura Zumfe.

**I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** - Aaron Foster called the meeting to order at 6:05pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

**III. Recognition of Students and Staff**

**IV. Board Correspondence**

**V. Review of Minutes** - The board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on February 22nd, 2022. A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the minutes, and seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, Heather Burgad, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**VI. Review of Warrants** - A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the warrants from January 31, 2022. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Emmett Anderson, Heather Burgad, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**VII. Review of Budget Reports/Revenues** - Freyja Hughes reviewed budget reports with trustee attendance.

**VIII. Review of Petty Cash & Students Activity Account** - Freyja Hughes indicates that as of

February 28th, 2022, the Petty Cash balance is \$712.00, and the Special Projects/Student Activities Account balance is \$14,528.40.

**IX. Business Manager's Report** - Nothing new to add at this time.

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

**A. Approve/Disapprove: Flex Fund Levy Amount** - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the proposed amount of \$29,900 for a Flex Fund Levy. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**B. Approve/Disapprove: Adult Ed Fund Levy Amount** - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the proposed amount of \$11,000 for an Adult Education Levy. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, and Synthia Wendell. Voting against the motion was Aaron Foster. Aaron Foster expressed the desire for more research to be conducted to determine community interest prior to the next school year. The motion passed.

**C. Approve/Disapprove: Transportation Fund Levy Amount** - A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the proposed amount of \$126,613 for a Transportation Fund Levy. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**D. Approve/Disapprove: Tuition Fund Levy Amount** - A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the proposed amount of \$174,726 for a Tuition Fund Levy. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**XI. Personnel Report -**

**A. Approve/Disapprove - Stacy Bateman as a Track Coach (\$1200 Stipend)** - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the hiring of Stacy Bateman as a Track Coach with a stipend of \$1200. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**B. Approve/Disapprove - Caitie Bloom as a Track Coach (\$1200 Stipend)** - A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the hiring of Caitie Bloom as a Track Coach with a stipend of \$1200. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**C. Approve/Disapprove - Hire of Christina Wekkin (BA+7) as a Kindergarten Teacher, 1.0 FTE, salary of \$38,710,** - A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the

hiring of Christina Wekkin (BA+7) as a Kindergarten teacher, 1.0 FTE, with a salary of \$38,710. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Voting in favor of the motion were: Heather Burgad, Emmett Anderson, Synthia Wendell, and Aaron Foster. Voting against the motion were none.

**XII. Committee Updates**

**a. Redevelopment Committee** - Mr. Driessen relayed that Parks & Recreation would prefer to sell the ball park property rather than lease it. The board will work with Mr. Driessen to draft a response in regards to the property. The subject of solar panels was discussed, with Mr. Driessen's calculations proposing a savings of \$6900 per year for the district. The board expressed an interest in the acquiring of solar panels if they receive more concrete estimates for future costs/savings.

**b. Strategic Plan Committee** - Nothing new to add at this time.

**c. Negotiations Committee** - Nothing new to add at this time.

**XIII. Upcoming Meetings** - The regular scheduled board meeting has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 19th, 2022, due to school being out for the date of Monday, April 18th, 2022.

**XIV. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda -**

**XV. Adjourn** - There being no further business, Heather Burgad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes transcribed by:

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Freyja Hughes, Business Manager/District Clerk

Approved By:

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Aaron Foster, Board Chairman