



DeSmet School District #20
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:00 pm, October 17th, 2022
In the School Library

Trustees Present: Aaron Foster (Board Chair,) Heather Burgad (Vice Chair,) Laura Zumpfe

Others Present: Matthew Driessen (Superintendent), Freyja Hughes (District Clerk), Keith Burgad

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order, and the pledge of allegiance was recited at 6:03pm.

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

Aaron wishes for the Thursday Thoughts to address Title forms that went out to all students.

III. Recognition of Students and Staff

Mr. Driessen indicated that representatives from AHD Fire visited the school this past week, and spoke to the students on fire prevention. In addition, Mrs. Aho and Mrs. Bloom had an assembly for the student houses this week, and there was a volleyball game for fun between some students and staff. Mr. Driessen is pleased with the camaraderie between staff members. This week, the school also had a math night for students and parents, and Booster Club had a family fall celebration and chili feed. Coming up in a couple weeks is the school's trunk-or-treat.

IV. Board Correspondence

V. Review of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Heather Burgad from 9.26.22, and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Review of Warrants

The warrants were reviewed with trustee attendance. A motion to approve the warrant list was made by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Business Manager's Report

Freyja reviewed the budgets with trustee attendance, and reviewed the bank statements and activity for the Student Activities and Petty Cash accounts.

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

A. Addendum to Handley Transportation Contract

Mr. Driessen discussed the addendum to the Handley Transportation contract, which reduces the district's rate paid to Handley due to no students riding a bus this year. A motion was made by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe to approve the addendum to the Handley Transportation contract.

B. Recognition of Don Snavely

Mr. Driessen and the board took a moment to recognize the passing of Don Snavely, a previous trustee from 2014-2015.

C. MTSBA Board Policy Management

The board has elected to table this item for a later date.

D. 6600 Padre Ln (Grey House) Update

Mr. Driessen has indicated that he is gathering estimates for repairs on the house to compare with the insurance company's proposed payment for the damages.

E. Land Sale Update

See section X-a.

F. WYE Housing Development

Mr. Driessen discussed the new housing that is going to be built in DeSmet and Frenchtown School Districts over the next several years. The board discussed ideas of how this may affect student enrollment and how this potential enrollment increase could be accommodated for and absorbed by the district.

IX. Personnel Report

X. Committee Updates

a. Redevelopment Committee

The board wishes to check in with Brian Walker, and discussed the land sale with attached documents from Kaleva Law

[\[PDF of Field Agreement of Sale\]](#)

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- b. Strategic Plan Committee
- c. Negotiations Committee
- d. Financial Committee
- e. Safety Committee

XI. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Monday, November 14th (Strategic Plan)
- b. Monday, November 21st

XII. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda

XIII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe to adjourn the meeting at 7:17pm.