



DeSmet School District #20
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:00 pm Monday, December 19th 2022
In the School Library

Trustees Present: Aaron Foster, Heather Burgad, Laura Zumpfe

Trustees Absent: Emily Villegas

Others Present: Matthew Driessen, Freyja Hughes, Lindsey McGee

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 6:05pm.

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

Freyja has included a proposed Election Resolution for the upcoming May 3rd School Election. A motion was made by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Recognition of Students and Staff

- A. Mr. Driessen relayed that Jo Beth, RN with A-Plus Healthcare is resigning.
- B. Mr. Driessen also relayed that Michelle Mullis had a very successful holiday concert last week, and that Gabby Goodell, Lindsey McGee, and the booster club have all put together holiday festivities that the staff and students are all enjoying.

IV. Board Correspondence

Addressed further in the agenda, please see IX-a.

V. Review of Minutes

A motion was made to approve the 11.14.22, 11.21.22, 11.28.22, and 11.30.22 Minutes by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Review of Warrants

A motion was made to approve the November and December Warrants by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Business Manager's Report

Freyja reviewed the budget reports, petty cash, and student activity accounts with trustee attendance. She indicated that there were no new updates with the ongoing audit. Freyja discussed that Superintendent Matthew Driessen has provided evaluation forms for his roles as Principal and Superintendent to the board and the leadership team at DeSmet, to be turned in to the District Clerk's office prior to his evaluation with the

board. Ms. Hughes relayed that the following trustee positions would be open for the upcoming school election:

Two trustee positions, each for a 3-year term

One trustee position, for a 1-year term (finishing a 3-year term)

Ms. Hughes relayed that trustee election forms could be found at the front office as well as in the clerk's office.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

A. Discuss: RFQ for Solar Panels

Mr. Driessen relayed that an RFQ will run on Sundays this month to get bids from contractors for installing the solar panels on our rooftop.

B. Discuss: Resolution for sale of land

Mr. Driessen relayed that there will be need to be a resolution for a land sale, but that this resolution has not been drafted yet. No action was taken at this time.

C. Discuss, possible action on: Flood Update, quote on heater

Mr. Driessen relayed that Matt Hall has submitted a quote for a heater in the art room which previously had water damage following a frozen sprinkler pipe, and that the heater, and that the proposed cost was \$1935. A motion was made to approve the bid by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Discuss: Meadowlands subdivision at Wye

Mr. Driessen relayed that there will be a subdivision going in that will affect the population within DeSmet School District that would likely increase the school population by about 528 students. Currently, the district is running with an enrollment of 130 students. The current school at present can only accommodate about 225 students. Mr. Driessen is recommending the formation of a School District Improvement Committee to start looking at options and ideas to adapt to the oncoming increase. The board agrees that it would be prudent to prepare for this new subdivision and expected increase in enrollment.

E. Discuss, possible action on: Resolution for Lamar Permanent Easement

A motion was made to approve the proposed resolution for Lamar's permanent easement by Heather Burgad and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion carried unanimously.

IX. Personnel Report

A. Discuss: Request for increase to Ellie Michels hourly wage

The board and present members of the school acknowledged the receipt of a request by Caitie Bloom to increase the wage of Ellie Michels. The board and present company had expressed their gratitude and appreciation for Ellie Michels and additionally staff member Samantha Lotton, praising their work ethics and contributions to the school's day-to-day.

The board elected not to take any action regarding wages at this time, and intends to further discuss this at a later date, after the spring ANB and budget amounts are more accurate, and also to maintain a timeline more aligned with negotiations.

- B. Approve/Disapprove: Addition of Kodi Lynn to the sub list
A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve Kodi Lynn to be added to the sublist, pending a background check, and seconded by Laura Zumpfe. Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve/Disapprove: Ellie Michels as Girls' Basketball Head Coach, to be paid at a rate of \$21.45/hour, not to exceed \$1,200.
A motion to approve Ellie Michels as Girls' Basketball Head Coach, to be paid at a rate of \$21.45/hour, not to exceed \$1,200 was made by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Approve/Disapprove: Caitie Bloom as Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, to receive a stipend of \$800
A motion to approve Caitie Bloom as Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach, to receive a stipend of \$800 was made by Laura Zumpfe and seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion carried unanimously.

X. Committee Updates

- A. Redevelopment Committee
- B. Strategic Plan Committee
- C. Negotiations Committee
 - a. Mr. Driessen relayed that Dave Lucky has agreed to help with negotiations again, and is looking to begin around January.
- D. Financial Committee
- E. Safety Committee

XI. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Monday, January 23rd
- B. Monday, January 30th (Strategic Plan)

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

XIII. Adjourn

The board unanimously motioned to adjourn, and the meeting was closed at 7:34pm.