



DeSmet School District #20
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:00 pm Monday, February 20th 2023
In the School Library

Trustees Present: Aaron Foster, Heather Burgad, Laura Zumpfe, Synthia Wendell
Trustees Absent: Emily Villegas
Others Present: Matthew Driessen, Freyja Hughes (via phone,) Kezia Halverson

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

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

III. Recognition of Students and Staff

- A. Resignation of Bridget Lambert, effective June 9th, 2023
- B. Stacy Bateman to complete her master's program on May 5th, 2023.

IV. Board Correspondence

V. Review of Minutes

A motion was made by Heather Burgad and seconded by Synthia Wendell to approve the 1.23.23 Minutes and 2.8.23 Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

VI. Review of Warrants

A motion was made by Heather Burgad and seconded by Synthia Wendell to approve the warrants written since the last board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Business Manager's Report

- A. Review of Budget Reports
- B. Review of Petty Cash & Students Activity Account
- C. Discuss: Audit updates
[\[Newland and Company Planning Communication Letter\]](#)
- D. Trustee Seats for Election: Last day to file Declaration of Intent is 3.23.23
Two trustee positions, each for a 3-year term, two candidates have filed
One trustee position, for a 1-year term (finishing a 3-year term), no candidates have filed

VIII. Superintendent's Report

[\[pdf of Superintendent's Report\]](#)

- A. Approve/Disapprove: Increase Starting Wage for Food Service Worker by \$1 (from \$12.50 to \$13.50)

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Synthia Wendell

Motion carried unanimously

- B. Approve/Disapprove: Boys and Girls Club

[\[pdf of LOA Proposal\]](#)

[\[pdf of Proposed Schedule\]](#)

Kezia Halverson discussed a proposed schedule for the Boys and Girls Club to run during the summer months with the board. No formal action was taken at this time, although the board verbally approved of the proposed schedule.

- C. Discuss/Possible Action On: \$500 Stipend/mo. for Health Care

No formal action was taken at this time.

- D. Approve/Disapprove: Long Term Substitute for Counseling

No formal action was taken at this time, although the board verbally supported the hiring of a long-term substitute for Counseling when needed.

- E. Discuss: ANB Count: 134

Elementary count 106, Middle School 28

- F. Discuss/Possible Action On: ESSER Expenses

Mr. Driessen and Ms. Hughes discussed ESSER expenses that have been made to date as well as planned uses of ESSER funds with the board.

IX. Personnel Report

[\[Current Sub List\]](#)

- A. Approve/Disapprove: Addition of Cameron Oliver to the Sub List

1st: Synthia Wendell

2nd: Heather Burgad

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approve/Disapprove: Addition of Sami Tandy to the Sub List

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Synthia Wendell

Motion carried unanimously.

- C. Approve/Disapprove: Addition of Noreen Anderson to the Sub List

1st: Heather Burgad

2nd: Synthia Wendell

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Committee Updates

- A. Redevelopment Committee
- B. Strategic Plan Committee
- C. Negotiations Committee
- D. Financial Committee
- E. Safety Committee

XI. Upcoming Meetings

- A. Monday, March 27th

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

XIII. Adjourn

A unanimous motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Minutes Typed/Transcribed by Freyja Hughes, District Clerk:

Minutes Approved by Aaron Foster, Board Chair:
