



DeSmet School District #20
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
6:00 pm, April 19th, 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: Aaron Foster (Board Chairman,) Emmett Anderson, Heather Burgad, and Synthia Wendell

Board Trustees Absent: Emily Villegas

Others Present: Matthew Driessen, (Superintendent) Freyja Hughes, (District Clerk) Vicki Richards, (Secretary) and Cody Munson (Teacher).

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- Mr. Driessen relayed that two teachers will be attending the Ron Clark Academy this week for professional development. He also indicated that the leadership team had recently returned from a conference in Chicago, which he felt was a big success.

IV. Board Correspondence

V. Review of Minutes- The board reviewed the minutes from the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on March 14, 2022, as well as the Special Board Meeting on March 30, 2022. A motion was made by Heather Burgad 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 Heather Burgad to approve the warrants from March. The motion was seconded by Emmett Anderson. 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's Report-

A. Approve/Disapprove: Non-Tenured Teachers

- a. **Gabrielle Goodell, 1.0 FTE, 3rd Grade-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of Gabrielle Goodell as a 1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Stacy Bateman, 1.0 FTE, 5th Grade-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of Stacy Bateman as a 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Jacob Cronin, 1.0 FTE, Music/Specials-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of Jacob Cronin as a 1.0 FTE Music/Specials Teacher. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Lindsey McGee, 1.0 FTE, K-1-** A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the renewal of Lindsey McGee as a 1.0 FTE K-1 Teacher. The motion was seconded by Emmett Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Approve/Disapprove: Newly-Tenured Teachers

- a. **Caitie Bloom, 1.0 FTE, Counselor-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of Caitie Bloom as a 1.0 FTE Counselor. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **Jackie Tunis, 1.0 FTE, 2nd Grade-** A motion was made by Synthia Wendell to approve the renewal of Jackie Tunis as a 1.0 FTE 2nd Grade Teacher. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Cody Munson, 1.0 FTE, Middle School ELA/Social Studies-** A motion was made by Synthia Wendell to approve the renewal of Cody Munson as a 1.0 FTE Middle School ELA/Social Studies Teacher. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **Carly Aho, 1.0 FTE Title Director-** A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve the renewal of Carly Aho as a 1.0 FTE Title Director. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve/Disapprove: Existing Tenured Teachers

- a. **Beth Vibbert, 1.0 FTE, 1st Grade-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of Beth Vibbert as a 1.0 FTE 1st Grade Teacher. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Kris Gardner, 1.0 FTE, 4th Grade-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of Kris Gardner as a 1.0 FTE 4th Grade Teacher. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- c. **Maggie Marmon, 1.0 FTE, 6th Grade/SPED-** A motion was made by Synthia Wendell to approve the renewal of Maggie Marmon as a 1.0 FTE 6th Grade/SPED Teacher. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion passed unanimously.
- d. **David Feeley, 1.0 FTE, Middle School Math/Science-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve the renewal of David Feeley as a 1.0 FTE Middle School Math/Science Teacher. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. **Bridget Lambert, 1.0 FTE, K-8 SPED-** A motion was made by Synthia Wendell to approve the renewal of Bridget Lambert as a 1.0 FTE K-8 SPED Teacher. The motion was seconded by Emmett Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.
- f. **Kelli Ebbs, 1.0 FTE, Art/Library-** A motion was made by Synthia Wendell to approve the renewal of Kelli Ebbs as a 1.0 FTE Art/Library Teacher. The motion was seconded by Heather Burgad. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Approve/Disapprove: Adjustment to the Office Manager Matrix- Instead of electing to adjust the district's entire matrix, the board recommended for Vicki Richards to go up an additional step on the matrix from what her expected step for the upcoming year was to be, with her proposed hourly rate at \$16.20. Heather Burgad proposed a motion to place secretary Vicki Richards two steps above her current placement on the matrix, giving her an hourly rate of \$16.20. Synthia Wendell seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

E. Discuss: Teacher Appreciation Week (May 2-6)

XI. Personnel Report

- A. Approve/Disapprove: Caitie Bloom Summer School stipend of \$2200-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve a summer school stipend in the amount of \$2200 for Caitie Bloom. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Approve/Disapprove: Jackie Tunis, Summer School Supervisor stipend of \$2700-** A motion was made by Emmett Anderson to approve a Summer School Supervisor stipend in the amount of \$2700 for Jackie Tunis. The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Approve/Disapprove: Teacher Staff, \$100/day for two weeks only, Curriculum Pacing Guides- A motion was made by Heather Burgad to approve stipends in the amount of \$100/day for curriculum pacing guides, for the following list of teachers:

- a. Lindsey McGee
- b. Christina Wekkin
- c. Beth Vibbert
- d. Jackie Tunis (Part-Time w/ Summer School)
- e. Gabrielle Goodell
- f. Kris Gardner (\$500 extra as Program Director)
- g. Stacy Bateman
- h. Maggie Marmon
- i. Cody Munson
- j. David Feeley
- k. Jacob Cronin
- l. Kelli Ebbs
- m. Bridget Lambert

The motion was seconded by Synthia Wendell. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Committee Updates

a. Redevelopment Committee -

- i. Ball Field Lease- Mr. Driessen relayed that the district is awaiting a letter from Bea to purchase land, and shared his vision for DeSmet as a community center.
- ii. Solar Panels- Mr. Driessen is gathering proposals for solar panels, and will provide updates as more information becomes available.
- iii. Sprinkler System- Mr. Driessen relayed that a sprinkler system is being installed at the school, and that places for grapes and garden beds were laid out in advance, to accommodate for the sprinklers prior to installation.
- iv. 6660 Padre Ln Water- It was discovered that the 6660 Padre Ln property that was previously used as a rental had water damage, possibly due to a burst pipe, although the cause is so far unknown. Administration has been working with the school's insurance company as well as a restoration company to mitigate the damages as much as possible.
- v. Greenhouse Installation- Mr. Driessen relayed that the greenhouse is currently being reinforced to withstand strong winds.

b. Strategic Plan Committee -

- c. Negotiations Committee -** Synthia Wendell expressed her content with the district's agreements during negotiations thus far, and that the mediator has been pleasant to work with so far.

XIII. Upcoming Meetings - Monday, May 16, 2022

XIV. Comments of Guest & School Board Members on Items Not on the Agenda- It was discussed that Emily Villegas is agreeable to serving another year on the board, if needed.

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 7:55pm.

Minutes transcribed by:

Freyja Hughes, Business Manager/District Clerk

Approved By:

Aaron Foster, Board Chairman