



Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8th, 2022—7:00PM
Saunemin Grade School Cafeteria

Members Present

Helen Brown
Eric Johnson
Marcie Rich
Brandon Sancken
Bill Stevenson

Members Absent

Mary Ludwig via zoom
Tasha Bunting via zoom

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM by President, Eric Johnson. Roll call was answered as indicated, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Others present included Superintendent Mr. Gary Doughan, Assistant Principal Michael McDermaid, Teacher Cynthia Palen, Teacher Karen Froelich, Teacher Mrs. Masching.

Public Recognition

The Public did attend to discuss mask mandates. Members of the public included Jason Durham, Jennifer and Michaela Standridge, Niki Dransfeldt, Angie and Austin Moore, Kaley McDonald

Motion to approve/consent agenda from January 11, 2022 meeting:

- a) Minutes from the January 11th, 2022 meeting:
Motioned by Sancken and Seconded by Rich
Aye: Rich, Sancken, Brown
Abstain: Stevenson, Johnson
Motion carried 3-2

- b) Payroll, Bills and Financials for the month of January 2022
Motioned by Brown and Seconded by Rich
Aye: Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Brown, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

- c) Treasurer's Reports for January 2022
Motioned by Rich and Seconded by Sancken
Aye: Rich, Sancken, Brown, Stevenson, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

Superintendent's Report

The Seniority List is part of your packet for your review.

Next year's school calendar is included in your packet.

Dental and Vision insurance renewals are included. Nothing has changed with those renewals from last year.

The Union approached me asking if the sick bank language in the contract could be changed to include non-certified staff. We currently have a non-certified staff member who has used all of her sick time, and the staff would like to be able to donate sick time to her. The Union members voted on it and agreed to open it to include non-certified staff.

You will see the milk renewal contract included in your packets. CloverLeaf Farms has been our milk vendor for many years.

The State Bank of Saunemin is now the State Bank of Graymont, and while we may not need to take a vote on doing business with them, last spring when the board reorganized, it voted to use the State Bank of Saunemin as its Depository of Funds. With the change, you should probably vote to update that for our records.

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

- Junior High Basketball has ended
- One more 5th/6th grade tournament. 4th graders a part of the team. This opportunity will help them grow skills and be a part of a team.
- Girls' Volleyball is doing well. 8th graders have a 7-3 record. 7th grade team is made up of primarily 6th graders.
- Scholastic Bowl will be starting soon. Snow days pushed start dates back.
- No major discipline issues to report. Teachers primarily handle issues.
- Junior High students have been put on warning that a zero tolerance policy is in place for inappropriate comments or jokes that go too far. All policies and expectations were made clear at the beginning of the year with the reading of the handbook. Mr. McDermaid reminded everyone again of those same rules.
- Will be starting a Breakfast Club for at-risk boys in the 4th-8th grades who are frequent fliers in the office. The hope is Mr. McDermaid can connect with these boys and help them to start the day on the right foot.
- A Breakfast Club for the girls will also be looked into. Currently there are not frequent fliers in the office among the girls.

Action Items

- a) Approve Resignation of Alicia Acosta
Moved by Rich and Seconded by Sancken
Aye: Sancken, Brown, Stevenson, Rich, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

- b) Approve Employment of Abby Thetard
Moved by Sancken and Seconded by Rich
Aye: Brown, Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

- c) Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar
Moved by Brown and Seconded by Stevenson
Aye: Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Brown, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

- d) Approve Dental and Vision Insurance Renewals
Moved by Sancken and Seconded by Rich
Aye: Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Brown, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

- e) Approve Memorandum of Understanding to extend sick bank to non-certified staff
Moved by Sancken and Seconded by Rich
Aye: Rich, Sancken, Stevenson, Johnson
Nay: Brown
Motion carried 4-1

- f) Approve renewal of Milk Contract with Cloverleaf Farms for 2022-2023
Moved by Brown and Seconded by Sancken
Aye: Sancken, Brown, Stevenson, Rich, Johnson
Motion carried 5-0

- g) Approve Designation of Depository with State Bank of Graymont
Moved by Sancken and Seconded by Brown
Aye: Brown, Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Johnson

Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session *to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, student disciplinary cases.* 5 ILCS 120/2 (c),(1),(2)

Moved by Sancken and Seconded by Rich to adjourn to closed session at 8:10 p.m.

Aye: Brown, Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Johnson

Motion to Return to Open Session at 6:33

Moved by Brown and Seconded by Sancken

Aye: Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Brown, Johnson

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Moved by Sancken and Seconded by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Aye: Stevenson, Rich, Sancken, Brown, Johnson

Motion Carried 5-0

Eric Johnson

Saunemin Community Consolidated School District #438

School Board President

Brandon Sancken

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