

**BOARD BRIEFS
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT- at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM- All School Board Members plus Superintendent B. Novak, J. Brockway, M. Young-Lecoustre, M. Maki, Visitors J. Sorensen, T. Irons, S. Leslie, K. Wacker, M. Robertus, A. Huwe, W. Wegscheid, K. Stafki, J. Zesbaugh and G. Crowe of Ehlers, Kelly Jones of Vercon and C. Vandermay of the press.

SETTING THE AGENDA TO DETERMINE THE ORDERS OF THE DAY- Approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES- Approved.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS- Approved.

PRESENTATIONS-

Introduction of New Teaching staff: Stephanie Leslie– Sped, Kasey Wacker– English, Michelle Robertus– Instrumental Music, Audrey Huwe– English and Spanish, Whitney Wegscheid– Speech Pathologist, Kim Stafki– Nurse.

Bond Refunding and LOR- Jodie Zesbaugh and Greg Crowe with Ehlers.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BUILDING REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2014A- Refunding of bonds eligible for refunding. Approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A NEW BOARD APPROVED REFERENDUM AUTHORITY- Approved.

BUILDING HAPPENINGS & REPORTS- Superintendent/Community Ed- Meetings: MDE 2014 Back-to-School Leadership Conference; Safe Routes to School, Freshwater, Anti Bullying, Fall Workshop Days, Website work group; **Business Manager-** Meetings: Area business managers, Fall enrollment projection, Upcoming School Nutrition Program Review; **High School Principal-** 2014-2015 Schedule, Seventh and Ninth Grade orientations, New Teacher Orientation, Testing Update; **Elementary Principal-** Anti-Bullying Law, Open House, Minnesota Reading Corp; **Activities Director-** Fall Sports Numbers, Homecoming week- October 6; **School Board-** LCSC Board Meeting Report– Rachel, Board Workshop- 8/11/2014.

OLD BUSINESS- None.

CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS/AGREEMENTS- ISD #549 – Gifted/Talented Instructor; **DONATIONS-** Farmers and Merchants State Bank- \$120 from Eagles Check sales, NYM Lions- \$500 for suicide prevention education, Womenade- \$4000 for student needs assistance. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS- 505th Avenue Perham, Endres Avenue Bluffton, 450th Street Perham, 110th Street, Verndale (stop at MState Wadena), Co Hwy 8 Perham, Main Street Bluffton, Hwy 10 Perham, 340th Street. Approved.

BUS ROUTES FOR 2014-2015- Approved.

MINNESOTA RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP- Approved.

EARLY ENTRANCE TO FIRST GRADE- Approved for one student.

ELEMENTARY GOALS- Approved.

Goal #1: (Student Achievement) The elementary staff will establish an active professional learning community that utilizes 21st Century skills and the best research/evidence based practices in order to challenge, inspire, and engage all learners and ensure that all students reach their full potential by setting personal goals that promote self-motivation, social, and academic achievement.

Goal #2: (Assessments) The elementary staff will increase student achievement by maximizing the use of assessments by analyzing, interpreting and sharing assessment data to guide and inform instructional decisions.

Goal #3: (Behavior) The elementary staff will consistently teach, model, and reinforce positive character traits by working together to foster an environment of respect and responsibility and will work to increase community awareness of our students who display positive character traits.

Goal #4: (Technology) The elementary staff will plan developmentally appropriate activities that provide students with opportunities to utilize technology skills as they accomplish curriculum objectives and will view technology as an educational tool to be used creatively, responsibly, and collaboratively for teaching and learning in order to solve problems and to access, analyze, present, and communicate information.

HIGH SCHOOL GOALS- Approved.

Goal #1: The high school staff will continue to communicate and build relationships with students, parents, and the community. This will be identified by:

- Timely feedback for students with weekly grade updates
- Accommodating students with appropriate and timely interventions
- Deficiency reports at mid-quarter and midterm with a plan for improvement
- Parent –teacher conferences
- Teacher to parent personal communication as needed

Goal #2: The high school staff will improve the current level of instruction in all academic areas by clarifying essential learner outcomes for each course. This will be evident through clear course expectations, appropriate use of technology, rigorous academic tasks, and “research based best practice” to prepare students for the next level of learning.

Goal #3: In serving the whole child, the high school staff will work towards more collaboration and collegiality among staff. This will be identified by:

- Meeting in Professional Learning Communities (PLC) twice a month using the PLC protocol, which focuses on student progress toward proficiency on essential learner outcomes.
- Monthly department and grade level meetings.
- Monthly staff meetings.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS- Elementary BET- July 23, 2014

PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS- APPOINTMENTS- K. Wacker- .5 FTE High School English, R. Genoch- Bus Driver, C. Kawlewski- Jr High Volleyball, B. Dunrud- Head Girls Basketball Coach, T. Baune- Long Term Sub 9/15-11/26, L. Rudolph- Assistant Volleyball, K. Wacker- 9th Grade Advisor, M. Robertus- 9th Grade Advisor, RESIGNATIONS- J. Sorensen- Asst. Speech Coach, K. Steeke- Cleaner, L. Miller- Para; CONTRACT CHANGES– M. Hendrickx- Add .5 hours, A. Dittmann- Decrease .5 hours. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT–at 7:28 pm.