

**BOARD BRIEFS  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 553  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, MONDAY, JULY 27, 2015**

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

**ATTENDANCE & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM-** All School Board Members except Adams (arrived at 6:05) plus Superintendent B. Novak, M. Maki. Visitors T. Ekren and C. Vandermay of the press.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES-** Approved.

(Adams arrived.)

**BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND APPROVAL OF BILLS-** Approved.

**STAFF/STUDENT PRESENTATIONS AND/OR VISITOR'S COMMENTS**

**BUILDING HAPPENINGS & REPORTS- Superintendent/Community Ed-** Meetings; **Business Manager-** Historical Water Usage, Historical Heat Usage, Eide Bailly Audit Letter, Historical Electric Usage; **High School Principal-** High School Happenings; **Elementary Principal-** Elementary Happenings; **Activities Director-** Sports Start 8-10-2015; **School Board-** Meetings.

**OLD BUSINESS-**

**SECOND READING OF POLICY #400.9L – FEES, ADMISSIONS, ETC-** Approved.

**SECOND READING OF POLICY #533L – WELLNESS POLICY-** Approved.

**SECOND READING OF POLICY #524L – INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY POLICY-** Approved.

**SECOND READING OF POLICY #427 – WORKLOAD LIMITS FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS-** Approved.

**CONSENT ITEMS- CONTRACTS-** Lakeland Mental Health- 2015-2016, LCSC Renewal- 2015-2016, LCSC Caring Connections- 2015-2016, M-State PSEO- 2015-2016; **MEMBERSHIPS-** Minnesota School Board Association, Minnesota Rural Education Association. Approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OUT OF DISTRICT BUS REQUESTS-** 111<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wadena– Stop at M-State, Nitche Lake Road, Perham, 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N. #5, Perham, 565<sup>th</sup> Ave, Deer Creek, Co Hwy 19, Bluffton, 4<sup>TH</sup> Street, Bluffton. Approved.

**AWARDING FOR GAS/DIESEL CONTRACT FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR-** Cenex/Coop Services. Approved.

**AWARDING FOR MILK BID FOR 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR-** Awarded to Land O Lakes/Dean Foods. Approved.

**REVIEW OF LOCAL LITERACY PLAN-** Tabled until August.

**ELEMENTARY HANDBOOK REVISIONS-** Approved.

**HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK REVISIONS-** Approved.

**K-12 2015-2016 GOALS-** Approved.

1. The K-12 staff at New York Mills Public Schools will support personalized learning in order to provide well rounded academic, citizenship and character development opportunities. These opportunities will include but are not limited to the following:
  - Providing differentiated instruction
  - Identifying essential learning outcomes
  - Using research and evidenced based best practices
  - Offering a diverse variety of courses and opportunities
  - Providing character education programs for all students

2. The K-12 staff at New York Mills Public Schools will be proactive in implementing current technologies that enhance and support a digital learning community. These opportunities will include but are not limited to the following:
- The use of Apps
  - Offering on-line programs and courses
  - The use of personal devices
  - Smartboards
  - Document Cameras
  - Providing Technology Training opportunities

**OVERNIGHT TRIP FOR FFA-** Approved.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS-** Elementary BET- 7/14/2015.

**PERSONNEL CONSENT ITEMS-** APPOINTMENTS- T. Baune- Elementary Teacher, G. Esala- .5 FTE Elementary Teacher; RESIGNATIONS- L. Rudolph- Jr High Volleyball, N. Huntley- Housekeeping/Kitchen helper, D. Reed- Custodian; LANE CHANGE REQUEST– B. Dunrud; STAFF ASSIGNMENTS- Coaches as per attachment. Vote- u/c.

**ADJOURNMENT–** 6:51 pm.

**UPCOMING**  
**Workshop – August 17, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**  
**Regular Meeting – August 24, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.**

