

Regular Meeting of the St. Paul Board of Education

7:30 PM

April 13, 2020

Board Room, St. Paul Public School

The St. Paul School Board met in regular session on April 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM. The following board members were in attendance: Shelly Hueftle: Present, Jason Meinecke: Present, Janelle Morgan: Present, Marty Mrkvicka: Present, Dan Scheer: Present, Philip Thede: Present.

This Regular meeting was held via Zoom, due to the coronavirus pandemic.

President Mrkvicka noted that notice of the meeting was properly published in the Phonograph Herald and/or in 3 public places, per policy.

President Mrkvicka noted that the Open Meetings Law is posted on the wall of the meeting room, on Facebook, and on the school website.

President Mrkvicka read the Americanism quote: "My country may long enjoy her independence and freedom if she will. It depends on her virtue." Sam Adams

President Mrkvicka asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. None were made, and the minutes were declared approved.

The motion to approve the bills as presented by Superintendent Poppert passed with a motion by Philip Thede and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve the credit card bill as presented passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Shelly Hueftle.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to pay Rasmussen Mechanical Services in the amount of \$2,727.41 for a heat pump, and Tri Cities (roof repair) in the amount of \$52,311.46 passed with a motion by Philip Thede and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to approve payment of the Building Maintenance Fund Bill from Younger Electric for \$2,386.50 (Legion ballfield bathroom heat) passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Jason Meinecke.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Superintendent presented the Financial Report.

Motion to hire Mr. Larry Fox as the Business Manager, effective May 1, 2020, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Philip Thede.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to appoint Larry Fox as the Treasurer of the school board and all school accounts effective June 1, 2020, passed with a motion by Shelly Hueftle and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Tentative dates for Prom, National Honor Society Induction and Graduation were discussed. One proposal was to hold prom on June 26, and graduation on June 28. Concern was mentioned about having prom so close to graduation, as many families plan receptions the day before graduation. This would mean three very busy days for the senior students. It was noted that there is no answer that will please everyone. Other options for graduation are July 5, 12 or 19. The 19th is most likely since July 5 and 12 are around holiday and GCA Days weekends. Another concern is scheduling the activities before the Seniors start to leave for their jobs, the military, or college. Setting the dates for these functions will be tabled until the next Board meeting, when more information about the pandemic is known. The Athletic Banquet will be scheduled by Athletic Boosters.

Motion to approve the Graduation Resolution for the Class of 2020, Sections 1-4, passed with a motion by Marty Mrkvicka and a second by Janelle Morgan.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Motion to adopt the revised 2020-21 school calendar as proposed, passed with a motion by Jason Meinecke and a second by Shelly Hueftle.

Hueftle: Yea, Meinecke: Yea, Morgan: Yea, Mrkvicka: Yea, Scheer: Yea, Thede: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

In the Principals Report, Mrs. Paider stated that nearly all packets of school work for students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade had been picked up. The packets contain work to be done at home. She stated that teachers must make contact with each student or their parents at least once a week. Teachers of grades 7-12 are keeping track of grades, the ineligible list, and students who are not participating as they should. Mrs. Hagen stated she is concerned about online schooling and grades of approximately 7 percent of junior high and high school students. She has been in contact with those students and has seen an improvement in engagement with the curriculum. Students without adequate internet at home can connect to school's internet by coming to the school's parking lot. In addition, the Education Foundation is willing to help with internet access if needed. The principals stated that they are hoping to have summer school, but are unsure if it will be able to happen, due to the state's Directed Health Measures. If held, the summer session will be extended as long as possible. Due to the pandemic, thirty-six instructional days were lost this year. Mrs. Schulte reported that meeting needs of special education students is one of biggest challenges for school districts at this time. She said that students' IEPs have been revised, and case managers have been in touch with all 79 kids/families involved in special education.

In his report, Superintendent's Poppert addressed options for grading school work for the 4th quarter. The Board decided to vote on this issue in May, along with procedures for advancing kids to the next grade in the Fall. Regarding the building, Mr. Poppert said that cement was poured at the WAC parking lot. Mrs. Paider thanked the paraprofessionals for their assistance in preparing the packets for the elementary students, so learning can continue while students are at home during the pandemic.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

Shelly Harrahill
Secretary