

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on May 17, 2021 at the Unified District Office. Those present were Rosemary Neaderhiser, Juanita Morris, Jeremiah Van Doren, Rani Pecenka, Robert Miller, Ray Swearingen and Warren McDougal; Administrators Craig Gantenbein, Steven Kimmi and Curtis Nightingale; Superintendent Pam Irwin, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 7 guests.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted. Motion by Ray Swearingen, seconded by Warren McDougal. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen to adopt the consent agenda, approval of April 19 and May 10, 2021 minutes, and checks 63021 through 63133 totaling \$335,236.68. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rosemary Neaderhiser to enter executive session for 10 minutes with 4 guests in order to address items from the floor regarding personnel. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 6:05 p.m.

The board reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to contract with Opaa! for food service management beginning with the 21-22 school year. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Jeremiah Van Doren to co-op with Minneapolis for JH Wrestling. Seconded by Rosemary Neaderhiser. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve the 21-22 fee schedule as amended. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal to approve/deny the out-of-district applications as recommended by principals. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ray Swearingen that the board enter executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel inviting Principal Kimmi to attend. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 7:30 p.m.

The board reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Gary Sechrist of KASB presented a session on board goals.

Motion by Warren McDougal that the board enter executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel, inviting Principal Kimmi to attend. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 9:30 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:00 p.m.

Motion by Warren McDougal that the board reenter executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel with Mr. Kimmi present. Seconded by Ray Swearingen. The board entered executive session at 10:00 p.m. Mr. Kimmi left the meeting at 10:10 pm.

The board reconvened at 10:30 p.m.

Motion by Rani Pecenka to accept the resignations of Brin Snyder as Bennington Title Aide, Cathryn Wenthe as Tescott Assistant Play Director and Judy McCready as Bennington bus driver and custodian, bus driver effective at the end of the school year and custodial as of September 30, 2021. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rani Pecenka to hire Clay Mettlen as Bennington JH/HS principal for the 21-22 school year. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Rani Pecenka to hire Heather Chamoff as Bennington Elementary Teacher , Alexis Murillo as Bennington At-Risk Coordinator, and Alexis Corbett as Tescott At-Risk Coordinator. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to hire Bennington Coaching/Activity Positions as recommended for the 21-22 school year. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Warren McDougal that the board enter executive session for 10 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Jeremiah Van Doren. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 10:40 p.m.

The board reconvened at 10:50 p.m.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier  
Clerk of the Board