

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SCHOOL BOARD

Regular

Garretson School

7:30 p.m.

April 9, 2007

Present:

Darla deWit

Don Wagner

Todd Tilberg

Darryl Nelson

Jeff Storment

Robert Arend, Superintendent

Rod Fischer, Business Manager

Also present: Karn Barth, Ryan Van Zee,
Dorothy Williamson, Jacki Liester, Kathi
Brady, Tana Clark, Heidi Fink, Michelle
Heitkamp, Mary Tilberg, Tim VanderWerff,
Jodi Gloe

The meeting was called to order by President deWit at 7:30 p.m.

Action 07122: President deWit called for any additions to the Board agenda.

Superintendent Arend noted addition “m” under New Business, diesel fuel quotes received 4-9-07, motion by Wagner, second by Tilberg, to approve the agenda as amended, motion carried.

Action 07123: Motion by Nelson, second by Storment to approve the March 12, 2007 regular meeting minutes, motion carried.

Action 07124: Motion by Tilberg, second by Wagner to approve the April, 2007 claims, motion carried.

Financial Report

The Business Manager presented a financial report of receipts, disbursements and cash balances for the month of March, 2007 as listed below:

Receipts: Taxes, \$37,706.47; County Sources, \$2,737.70; State Aid, \$127,438.00; Federal Sources, \$13,349.28; Interest, \$3,690.38; Misc., \$14,709.71; Sales, \$17,801.97; Bank Franchise Fees, 213,453.72.

Expenditures: Verified Claims, \$121,200.96; Salaries; Instructional Staff, \$100,000.66; Guidance, \$3,286.64; Library, \$2,996.22; Office of Principal, \$10,324.15; General Administration, \$5,723.53; Business, \$6,948.27; Central, \$20,266.35; CoCurricular, \$10,470.60; Special Education, \$19,325.03; School Lunch, \$9,872.71; Payroll Grand Total, \$189,214.16.

Cash Balances, March 31, 2007: General Fund, \$520,517.90; Capital Outlay, \$165,114.75; Special Education, \$125,316.03; Pension Fund, \$152,043.62; Bond Fund, \$195,332.27; Nutrition Services, \$12,688.29; Flex Account, \$774.45.

Trust and Agency Fund: Club and Class Accounts, Receipts, \$17,801.97; Expenditures, \$19,995.58; Cash Balance, \$44,311.36; Imprest Account Expenditures – Alltel, \$51.30, Service; Xcel Energy, \$4,683.96, utilities; Region II Music, \$40.00, entry fees; Norinda Sandbulte, \$33.50, meal reimb.; Britany Bruggeman, \$10.00, timer; Travis Donelan, \$5.00, timer; Todd Fink, \$34.00, referee; Lance Gibson, \$59.00, referee; Sawyer Gibson, \$5.00, timer; Sydney Gibson, \$15.00, timer; Kaitlin Gnadt, \$10.00, timer; Mandi Halverson, \$10.00, timer; Brandi Hansman, \$10.00, timer; Tad Heitkamp, \$51.00, referee; James Howe, \$35.00, timer; Ashley Hulscher, \$40.00, timer; Maddie Johnson, \$40.00, timer; Lindsay Luke, \$5.00, timer; Koty Matthiesen, \$15.00, timer; Tim Nelson, \$42.00, referee; Emily Nolz, \$10.00, timer; Erica Ode, \$50.00, timer; Breonna Overson, \$10.00, timer; Sam Quaintance, \$15.00;

timer; Chrissy Rash, \$20.00, timer; Tina Sandbulte, \$5.00, timer; Mary Schotzko, \$5.00, timer; Chris Smith, \$10.00, timer; Amber Steckler, \$5.00, timer; Kayli Stensland, \$5.00, timer; Shea Stoltenberg, \$60.00, timer; Terry Stoterau, \$24.00, referee; Michael Valleck, \$15.00, timer; Justin VanDeBerg, \$35.00, timer; Loren VanDeBerg, \$68.00, referee; Shane VanDeBerg, \$10.00, timer; Austin VanHove, \$10.00, timer; Ryan Van Zee, \$822.71, travel reimb.; Chase Ward, \$30.00, timer; Jordan Westhoff, \$35.00, timer; Courtney Westhoff \$5.00, timer; Magan Whetham, \$30.00, timer; Amber Williamson, \$10.00, timer; Mark Williamson, \$56.00, referee; Sam Williamson, \$72.00, scorer, Travis Williamson, \$10.00, timer; ABSD, \$35.00, reg. fee; Child & Adult Nutrition, \$520.91, food; Garretson School District, \$15.00, reimb.; Verizon, \$112.54, service; BP, \$98.36, fuel; Region II Music, \$150.00, entry fee.

Action 07125: Motion by Storment, second by Nelson to approve the March financial reports, motion carried.

Mrs. Barth talked about the recent student led conferences. Mrs. Barth then discussed staffing needs for 2007-2008, specifically “looping” and it’s benefits, the combination classroom and projected elementary student numbers.

Dr. Van Zee gave a brief report on the high school and middle school parent teacher conferences. He noted the middle school had a 95% conference attendance. Dr. Van Zee told the Board about the science fair project winner, created by Adam Halverson and Anthony Winterton. Dr. Van Zee told the Board of the fine job Adam and Anthony had done.

Supt. Arend reported on the following:

- a) Prairie Lakes Co-op is advertising for a director. They are also working on the 2007-2008 copy paper order.
- b) The current status of the educational funding lawsuit and a preliminary hearing will be held in Hughes County, SD court April 10, 2007.
- c) Provided a history of the 29-90 ITV Consortium. He stated the Board of Directors voted to eliminate the 29-90 Consortium Director due to rising costs.
- d) ASBSD special awards for board members, school districts and community members. ASBSD also provided sample resolutions for the Board to consider.
- e) Special Education analysis for 2005-2006 with local student numbers and costs compared to statewide student numbers and costs.
- f) Garretson Dollars for Scholars Foundation now has a 9 member Board of Directors, elected officers and established by-laws.
- g) SDHSAA proposals acted on at the recent Athletic Directors conference.
- h) Legislation from the 2007 legislative session affecting education.
- i) Kieffer Flooring will be here in 2 weeks to inspect the artificial turf.

The vehicle mileage report was reviewed.

Business Manager Fischer reviewed the two bids for the “comfort station”. He noted due to some confusion in the building specifications that all bids should be rejected and new specifications be written and the building be rebid. It was suggested that professional help be used to write new specifications.

Action 07126: Motion by Tilberg, second by Nelson to reject all “comfort station” bids, motion carried.

Action 07127: Motion by Wagner, second by Tilberg to approve the 2005-2006 audit from Quam & Berglin CPA, motion carried.

Superintendent Arend stated that the District has received approval from the State of SD Dept. of Education approving our technology plan from July 2007 to June 2010. The Board wished to thank the technology committee on it’s hard work.

Mary Lou Nelson has notified the District of her intent to retire following the completion of the current school year and wishes to have her contract paid in full May, 2007.

Action 07128: Motion by Storment, second by Nelson to approve Mary Lou Nelson's retirement in May, 2007 and to fully pay her contract balance in May, 2007, motion carried. The Board also wanted to thank Ms. Nelson for her many years of service to the Garretson School District.

Action 07129: Motion by Nelson, second by Storment to amend the school calendar and add 3 days to the current calendar, (May 21, 22, 23, 2007), motion carried.

Action 07130: Motion by Wagner, second by Tilberg to offer the Delta Dental insurance program for students in the 2007-2008 school year, motion carried.

Action 07131: Motion by Wagner, second by Nelson to offer contracts to certified staff, classified staff and administration on April 27, 2007 and have the signed contracts due back on or before May 11, 2007, motion carried.

Action 07132: Motion by Storment, second by Wagner to approve Julie Mueller's request to attend the National Science Fair competition in Albuquerque, NM, May 14-18, 2007, motion carried. The Board wished to congratulate Adam Halverson, Anthony Winterton and Mrs. Mueller on a job well done.

Superintendent Arend read a thank you from Dean and Kris Sands and the Janie Lundberg family.

Superintendent Arend reviewed quotes for resurfacing the parking lot/playground.

Action 07133: Motion by Wagner, second by Nelson to allow Highway Improvement Co. to resurface the playground and parking lots at a cost of \$14,405.93, motion carried.

Tana Clark talked about the various playground surfaces the District has had and asked consideration for resurfacing the playground with a rubber playground area. The Board had questions regarding the surface and Mrs. Clark will gather additional information and present it to the board at a later date.

Discussion was held regarding drivers education for 2007.

Action 07134: Motion by Wagner, second by Storment to approve summer drivers education with a limit of 40 students at a cost of \$150.00 per in district pupil and \$175.00 per out of district pupil, motion carried.

During open forum Tana Clark spoke as a parent of her concern of the student/teacher ratio for the 2007-2008 kindergarten class.

At 9:37 p.m., the Board took a ten minute recess.

Action 07135: Motion by Storment, second by Wagner to enter executive session at 9:47 p.m. to discuss staff negotiations, motion carried.

The Board came out of executive session at 11:43 p.m.

Action 07136: Motion by Nelson, second by Tilberg to adjourn at 11:44 p.m., motion carried.

Approved by the Garretson Board of Education this _____ day of _____, 2007.

President

Business Manager