

MOHALL LANSFORD SHERWOOD
BOARD OF EDUCATION PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR MEETING – February 13, 2024
MLS BOARD ROOM/STEM ROOM – 7:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Thurstan Johnson, President; Matt Undlin, Vice President; Vance Undlin, Andrew Grondahl, Roger Hutchinson, and Sheldon Ackerson. ABSENT: Terry Savelkoul. ADM: Keith Campbell, Janet Asheim, and Heidi Newgard. OTHERS: Trevor Savelkoul.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 a.m. by President Johnson. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion made by Mr. Ackerson, second by Mr. Matt Undlin to approve the January 9th, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. M/C. Motion made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Hutchinson to approve the January financial reports and payment of the accounts payables as presented. M/C.

ADM. REPORTS:

- A. Mrs. Asheim, Elementary Principal: Update was given on the Elementary Para Training during the Professional Development Day. There are 2-6th graders who will be going on to the Junior High Spelling Bee. NCEC completed our Elliot evaluations for our teachers. Later today Mrs. Asheim will be sitting in on a standards based webinar. Family Activity night is scheduled for tonight. NAEP Testing will begin next week for the elementary. The planned professional development for March includes communication training to be conducted by Jessica Brooks. Currently working on the Best In Class – Pre-K application again this year with Mr. Campbell. Current elementary enrollment for PK-6th is 175 students.
- B. Mrs. Newgard, High School Principal: Update was given on the Junior High and High School. Standards based grading will be used more as a tool specifically to give more effective feedback on how students are doing. Fargo Davies HS continues to be very supportive and helpful to us. We have established a great partnership with them and they have been great to work with through the implementation process. NCEC provided a lot of great and positive feedback. They stated that we have a lot of amazing things going on here in our school. Mrs. Newgard gave a proud 'shout-out' to our students. NHS rased just under \$2,000 for a local family following a house fire. Then again, on their own they did another fundraiser to donate funds to a student in a neighboring district who had been in a car accident. MAV-Hour, the HS SPED Club, is currently doing one for a student who recently had to have an unexpected surgery. It is great to see our students taking the initiative to want to help out and give back to those both in and around the the surrounding communities. Our website company, Blackboard was

previously bought out by FinalSite. We have been working on the transition to the updated platform of the new owners. It may look a little different, but much of the information is still the same. NFHS streaming of the Boys BB on Saturday was a technical glitch, it was scheduled.

- C. Mr. Trevor Savelkoul, Athletic Director: It would still be nice to have someone interested/being willing to step in and fill in for shot clock, book, or announcer occasionally. Girls BB just finished up. Boys BB districts will be starting soon. Cody Beaver is lined up to work on taking trainings for this spring. Brief discussion was made regarding the number of camers that we own, vs. NFHS owns.
- D. Mr. Campbell, Superintendent: Update was given by Mr. Campbell. The Board will need to complete the Business Manager and Superintendent evaluations by the March Board meeting. We have begun working on next year's preliminary budget. For enrollments we are about the same as where we were last year. Preliminary state funding for next year, unfortunately there is no new money so we will be down. Concerns were brought up regarding spots in the gymnasium floor, that it is towards the end of its life.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Activity Committee:
 - a. NEW MUSIC UNIFORMS: Music department is looking to purchase new uniforms. They have raised \$1,500 and are asking for \$3,000 to assist with their purchase. The Music Boosters will pay the remainder of the the \$5,700 total estimate. Motion made by Mr. Matt Undlin, second by Mr. Ackerson to approve giving the Music Department \$3,000 towards purchasing new uniforms. M/C.
 - b. PROCEDURE FOR MOVING UP STUDENT ATHLETES: Procedure to move up student athletes was recommended to be used if there is a need to move up younger athletes in the future. The coach that wants/needs students to move up would be expected to go the AD who holds the 'Annual Application to Move Up.' This would form would involve and require written consent of the parents.
 - c. PURCHASING SCHEDULE FOR UNIFORMS: Update was given that AD Trevor Savelkoul would work on coming up with a staggered purchasing schedule for uniforms. Preliminary discussion was made regarding some improvements with the printing that the newer uniforms are meant to last at least twice as long before showing any wear and tear, at least for basketball uniforms.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. SCHOOL CALENDAR – CALENDAR B: School Calendar B has been the overall preferred choice according to staff feedback. It is very simiar to this year's school calendar, however there is a longer Christmas Break. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled

to be on 1 day vs. 2 separate days. Discussion and concerns followed regarding having P/T conferences on a Wednesday right before a 4-day weekend. Parents will still have the option to meet with the teachers on a different day if necessary. Discussion regarding the effectiveness of virtual days vs make up days on a Saturday or in May/June. Motion by Mr. Matt Undlin, second by Mr. Grondahl to approve the School Calendar B for the 2024-2025 School Year as presented. M/C.

- B. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTION DATE – JUNE 11th: Recommended date of our annual School Trustee Election is Tuesday, June 11th, 2024. Motion by Mr. Hutchinson, second by Mr. Vance Undlin to approve the School Trustee Election date as presented. M/C.

C. RESIGNATIONS:

- a. Mr. Randy Remyse, Tech Coordinator has submitted his letter of resignation notifying the board that his last day will be June 30, 2024. Motion was made by Mr. Matt Undlin, second by Mr. Vance Undlin to accept the resignation of Mr. Remyse effective June 30th, 2024. M/C.
- b. Mr. Bruce Johnson, Route Bus Driver has provided a verbal resignation that his last day will be May 23, 2024. He has informed Mr. Campbell of his intentions at least 3 times. Motion made by Mr. Matt Undlin, second by Mr. Grondahl to accept Mr. Bruce Johnson's resignation effective May 23, 2024. M/C. Suggested that the Transportation Committee help look into the routes and possible solutions to assist in refilling this position. The current position requires two endorsements along with your CDL. Mr. Campbell shared a little about the process of getting certified and that the school will help pay for it.

D. HIRING:

- a. Cody Beaver, Head Track Coach. Motion made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Hutchinson to hire Cody Beaver for Head Track Coach. M/C.
- b. Ben Aasen, Assistant HS Track Coach. Motion made by Mr. Grondahl, second by Mr. Ackerson to hire Ben Aasen as Assistant HS Track Coach. M/C.
- c. Christa Scott, Assistant JH Track Coach. Motion made by Mr. Hutchinson, second by Mr. Matt Undlin to hire Christa Scott for Assistant JH Track Coach. M/C.
- d. No other applicants for assistant baseball or assistant softball coaches at this time.

- E. PEARSON FUNDS – INVESTING OPTIONS / AUTHORITY: Rath & Mehrer informed us that we could invest the funds into a CD, and recommended that we will want record of board approval authorizing the superintendent and business manager the authority to invest those funds on an annual basis. Motion made by Mr. Hutchinson,

second by Mr. Ackerson to allow the superintendent and business manager the authority to invest Pearson Funds into higher interest bearing accounts. M/C.

- F. APPROVAL OF 4-YR OLD PROGRAM: We are seeking approval for our ability to continue having a preschool program for the next two years. This is not Best In Class (BIC), this is just the ability to have and offer a preschool program. Motion was made by Mr. Ackerson, second by Mr. Hutchinson to approve the two-year renewal of the 4-year old program. M/C.

G. TUITION WAIVER & OPEN ENROLLMENT REQUESTS:

- a. Glenburn School District (2 students), Tuition waiver and open enrollment. Motion made by Mr. Vance Undlin, second by Mr. Grondahl to approve the tuition waiver for the 2 students from the Glenburn School District. M/C. Motion made by Mr. Ackerson, second by Mr. Matt Undlin to approve the open enrollment for the 2 students from the Glenburn School District. M/C.
- b. Kenmare School District (1 student), currently enrolled here under an approved tuition waiver and has submitted an open enrollment application. Motion made by Mr. Matt Undlin, second by Mr. Grondahl to approve the open enrollment application for the 1 student from the Kenmare School District. M/C.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 12th, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. Motion was made by Mr. Hutchinson, second by Mr. Ackerson to adjourn the meeting. M/C.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Thurstan Johnson, President
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