

GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT 26-4
MARCH 12, 2024
UNAPPROVED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

The Gregory School District 26-4 Board of Education met March 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm in the high school conference room. The following board members were present: Karen Timanus, Cara Hull, Todd Schweigert, Jason Frasch, and Katie Bolander.

Other officers and persons present: Sara Anderson, Superintendent, Kevin Myrmoe, Business Manager, Patty Connealy, Gregory Times-Advocate, Ryler Stevicks, and Amy Keiser.

The meeting was called to order by Karen Timanus and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Mr. Jared Opp presented the Gregory Good News on different events that are happening in the music department. The Gregory School District hosted the small group band contest for the first time on February 28th. Everything with the contest went great, and all of the staff was very helpful in getting the school ready and running the contest. Opp reported that he heard many compliments on our school and community. The Gregory students who performed at the small group contest did very well. Dinner and a show will be Tuesday, March 26th at 6:30 pm at the auditorium. Large group band and choir contest is in Chamberlain on March 20th. All State Band is in Pierre on March 22nd and 23rd. Eli Barreto will be participating at that event.

It was moved by Hull and seconded by Frasch to approve the March 12, 2024 agenda. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bolander and seconded by Hull to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 regular board meeting. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

It was moved by Timanus and seconded by Hull to approve the financial reports, bills and governance. Check Number 47179, payable to Mitchell School District in the amount of \$573.60 will be voided. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENT AND BALANCE

2/1/2024	General Fund	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Trust and Agency	Food Service	Drivers Ed Pre School	Scholarship Fund
Beginning Balance	\$827,553.62	\$2,025,698.90	\$621,332.46	\$89,187.80	\$195,572.84	\$28,831.81	\$129,445.04
Receipts:							
Taxes	54,687.17	55,263.51	34,499.76				
Utility Taxes							
Interest	2,221.62	4,768.66	1,126.14				
PreSchool/Drivers Ed						180.00	
Trust & Agency				24,420.72			
Scholarship Fund							27.44
Food Service					18,452.21		
<u>Other Revenue</u>	6,192.67	2,851.17	839.44				
County Sources							
Apportionment	758.45						
State Sources							
State Aid	179,541.00						
State Apportionment	32,082.18						
Bank Franchise Tax	33,201.49						
Federal Sources							
Title/REAP							
ESSER III L.L.							
IDEA/Preschool							
IDEA/PreSchool							
Fruit/Veggie Grant	1,628.21						
Total Revenue	310,342.79	62,883.34	36,465.34	24,420.72	18,452.21	180.00	27.44
Expenditures	308,634.23	7,426.85	64,681.64	18,225.56	26,648.41	2,258.07	0.00
Ending Cash Balance	\$829,262.18	\$2,081,155.39	\$593,116.16	\$95,382.96	\$187,376.64	\$26,753.74	\$129,472.48
2/29/2024							

CAPITAL OUTLAY DEBT

QZAB LOANS

\$426,000.00

CERTIFICATE

\$225,000.00

LED LIGHTING PROJECT

\$205,156.00

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Superintendent Anderson stated that there will be a pep rally for the boys' basketball team on March 13th at 8:15 am before they head out to state. There will be a sendoff for the team as they head to Aberdeen. Gregory will play De Smet in the first round on Thursday, March 14th at 6:00 pm. The middle school band participated at the Tri-City Music Festival in Chamberlain on March 11th. Large group band and choir contest is in Chamberlain on March 20th. The middle school play will be performed March 22nd and 23rd. All State Band is March 22nd and 23rd in Pierre. March 25th is the high school Gregory Invitational Track Meet. There is an early dismissal at 1:30 pm on March 28th, and no school on March 29th and April 1st for Easter Break. April 6th is the 5th-8th vocal contest and 3rd-8th piano contest in Gregory. Prom will be on April 6th. Tin had been delivered and installed at the school for the hail damage repair. Anderson will look to get an update on how much more is to be done before the project is completed. Service agreements with various vendors are being looked into, especially for the HVAC system. The Gregory School District used to be in a service agreement with Johnson Controls for the HVAC system and will look at getting on one again. Different Perkins reports are due at the end of the month are being completed. CORE had a regular meeting.

Cara Hull gave an update on the current legislative session.

Jason Frasch reported on the latest meeting that Mid-Central Cooperative held.

Old Business:

An annual election will not be conducted because there was not a contested vacancy on the school board. This is required to be noted in the school board minutes per SDCL 13-7-30. Two petitions were submitted for the two vacancies. Cara Hull and Amy Keiser will be sworn in for 3-year terms at the July school board meeting.

New Business:

It was moved by Schweigert and seconded by Hull to approve hiring of Wilson Santiago, head golf coach, for the 2023-24 school year at an extra duty pay rate of \$4,862.00. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

It was moved by Timanus and seconded by Frasch to approve termination of Jared Schmitz effective February 22, 2024. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bolander and seconded by Frasch to approve hiring of Elsa Coc Reyes, custodian, at an hourly rate of \$15.00 for the 2023/24 school year. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bolander and seconded by Frasch to approve resignation of Wendy Stukel, math instructor and senior class advisor, at the close of the 2023-24 school year. Yes: All Present. Motion carried. The board thanked Mrs. Stukel for her years of service to the Gregory School District.

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It was moved by Schweigert and seconded by Hull to approve executive session for negotiations, SDCL 1-25-2(4). Yes: All present. Motion carried. Entered executive session at 6:14 pm. Exited executive session at 7:13 pm. No motions made upon exit.

The school board discussed the opt out for the Gregory School District. When the current opt out was initially passed, it was to pay for three additional elementary teachers. At the time, \$160,000 was enough to pay for the three additional teachers. Currently, \$160,000 is not enough to pay for the three additional teachers. With the increase in the number of elementary students, an additional elementary teacher may need to be hired. The increase of the opt out to \$275,000 is to cover the expense of the three additional teachers that were hired initially as well as if another teacher is hired. If a fourth teacher is not hired, the board will only request what is needed to pay for the three additional teachers and not the entire \$275,000. This opt out will be for three years.

It was moved by Hull and seconded by Frasch to offer the following resolution:
The GOVERNING BOARD of Gregory School District 26-4 do state that the above said board is unable to operate under the tax limitation measure currently in statute for the general fund. We therefore OPT OUT of such tax limitation in the amount of \$275,000 starting with calendar year 2024 taxes payable in the calendar year 2025. This opt out will be for 3 years, which will be through taxes payable in the calendar year 2027. This action has been taken by the board and approved by at least a two-thirds vote of the board.

This decision may be referred to a vote of the people upon a petition signed by at least five percent of the registered voters in the district and filed with the governing body within twenty days of the first publication of this decision.

Unless this action is referred to a vote of the people and reversed by such vote, this resolution authorizes the county auditor to spread an excess levy to raise tax dollars in the above stated amount.

Upon roll call vote: Karen Timanus - Yes; Todd Schweigert – Yes; Jason Frasch – Yes; Cara Hull – Yes; Katie Bolander– Yes.

Resolution passed by unanimous vote.

It was moved by Schweigert and seconded by Timanus to adjourn the board meeting at 7:17 pm. Yes: All present. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

Karen Timanus, President

Kevin Myrmoe, Business Manager