

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, Miller School District #29-4 was held on Monday, April 8, 2013, in the Junior/Senior High School Library. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by David Fremark, President of the Board. Other members in attendance were Natalie Bertsch, Kurt Pfeifle, Cindy Rombough, Michael Runge, Connie Schroeder and Tim Zacher. Also in attendance were Mike Ruth, Superintendent, Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Tammy Caffee, Elementary Principal.

Motion by Zacher, second by Bertsch to approve the agenda as amended. All voting aye.

Motion by Bertsch, second by Rombough to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 11, 2013 and minutes of the special meeting on April 2, 2013. All voting aye.

Motion by Runge, second by Pfeifle to approve the Cash Transactions Report for March 2013, as presented (include report). All voting aye.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Zacher to approve claims presented and have warrants drawn for same (list bills). All voting aye.

Bryan Breitling, LaDonna Wharton, and John Carr, representing On Hand Development Corporation, and Ron Blachford, Miller City Mayor, were recognized and gave a brief presentation in regards to plans for the elementary building.

Steve Schumacher, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, reported that Dakota STEP testing will be taking place this week. There will be eighteen students participating in a Regional Math Contest in Aberdeen. Parents have been invited to preview a bullying documentary and students will be viewing the documentary later this month. An assembly regarding seatbelt safety and alcohol awareness will also be held later this month. Jr./Sr. Prom is scheduled for April 20th and a spring play, directed by three senior girls, will be held sometime this spring.

Tammy Caffee, Elementary Principal, stated that Dakota STEP testing for the elementary will be held this week and next week. TIE Conference will be held in Rapid City. Plans are for the Kindergarten through 2nd grade to have ipads next year.

Mike Ruth, Superintendent, reported on the National AASA Convention he recently attended in Los Angeles, California. He expressed his appreciation to the board for the opportunity to attend. Mr. Ruth also wanted to recognize the following for Rustler RahRah's: Lee Sivertsen and Drew Beilke-Honorable Mention, for All Conference Boys Basketball, Jansen Hunter and Jamie Mentzer for All Conference Girls Basketball, Cassandra Coss and Macee Fanning for outstanding solo awards at USD Jazz Festival, and FFA results as follows: Bowdle: Crops 1st – Clayton Keck – 1st, Ag Mechanics 1st – Tanner Cain – 1st, Dairy Foods – Brooke Joy – 1st. Little "I" : Nursery/Landscape – 1st. Miller: Nursery/Landscape – 1st - Caitlynd Krosch – 1st, Vet Science – 1st – Leanne Koeck – 1st. Groton: Crops – 1st, Ag Mechanics – 1st. Proficiency Awards: Agriscience – Tara Parmely competing for 1st, 2nd or 3rd, Diversified Crop Production – Tara Parmely, Forage Production – Sam Simons, Outdoor Recreation - Colton Ketelhut, Swine Production – Sam Simons. State Degrees: Sam Simons, Caitlynd Krosch, Kyle Clements, Kirstyn Fiala, Johannes Gimbel. Johannes Gimbel selected in top four Star Farmer candidates.

Discussion was held on the elementary building update, alternative calendar, FY 14 budget update and the upcoming school board election on April 9th.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Runge to approve the use of the Miller School facilities for the 2013 Summer Recreation Clinic Programs as presented. Salaries/benefits will be paid from the clinic registration fees with no cost to the district. All voting aye.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Bertsch to authorize membership in the SDHSAA for the 2013-2014 school year. All voting aye.

Motion by Bertsch, second by Schroeder to approve the request from Desiree Yeigh to waive the fees for use of the theater for a piano recital. All voting aye.

Motion by Runge, second by Rombough to approve the use of school vehicle and classroom for driver's education training.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Runge to approve the request from the Miller Swim Club to waive the fees for use of the armory and exercise equipment from May 20-31 for preparation for upcoming season. All voting aye.

Motion by Zacher, second by Rombough to approve Payment Application #11 to JDH Construction Inc., Tellinghuisen, Inc., Grazzini Bothers and Company, Tri-State Floors and Equipment, Steinbrecher Painting Inc., Combined Building Specialties, Total Fire Protection Inc., Smith Plumbing Inc., Custom Sheet Metal, G & R Controls, Inc., and Engelstad Electric Co., in the amount of \$241,789.25. All voting aye.

Motion by Runge, second by Rombough to enter into Executive Session for the express purpose of personnel matters at 8:03 PM. All voting aye.

President Fremark declared return to regular session at 8:18 p.m.

Motion by Zacher, second by Rombough to accept the resignation, with commendation, of Gayle Vrooman as assistant girls basketball coach.

Motion by Schroeder, second by Bertsch to approve the work agreement for Dwight Aymar as a part-time custodian in the amount of \$11.50 per hour.

Motion by Pfeifle, second by Runge to approve the contract for Sara Gates as a business manager in the amount of \$9,375.00 for the remainder of fiscal year 2013.

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The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the junior/senior high school library.

Motion by Zacher, second by Rombough to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. All voting aye.

David Fremark, President
Board of Education

Mike Ruth
Supt.