

MANDAN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Mandan, North Dakota

October 4, 2021

S C H O O L B O A R D M I N U T E S

A regular meeting of the Mandan Public School Board was held on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bosh Froehlich Room, Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave NW. Members present: Rick Horn, Caroline Kozojed, Ross Munns, Sheldon Wolf, Marnie Piehl, Lori Furaus, & Darren Haugen. Others present: Mike Bitz; Superintendent of Schools, Jeff Fastnacht; Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Ryan Lagasse; Business Manager, Deb Bendish, Wade Meschke, Krystal Jordan, Jen Reuter, Kim Messmer, Annette Kary, LynnDee Fenster, Kara Blaskowski, Darci Strinden, Laura Doll, Rachelle Oster, Hattie Johnson, and Tanya Jahner

Members absent: Dr. Tim Rector and Kama Hoovestol

President Wolf called for any changes, additions or deletions to the agenda as presented. There were none.

Moved by Ms. Kozojed, seconded by Mr. Haugen to approve the agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

President Wolf asked if there was anyone in attendance at today's meeting who was not on the agenda but wished to speak to the Board under Item III – Public Communications. There was no response.

Mr Wade Meschke explained how Roosevelt was awarded the Blue Ribbon Award. Some staff members from Roosevelt were present as well. Mr. Meschke along with Kim Messmer will be meeting with the Secretary of Education in November to receive this award. Dr. Bitz, Jeff Fastnacht congratulated them on this accomplishment. President Wolf along with all other Board members present congratulated and thanked them for all they have done and continue to do.

Dr Bitz invited Board Members to attend the NDSBA Convention on October 28th and 29th. Registration deadline is October 13, 2021.

President Wolf reviewed the consent agenda, which included the September 20, 2021 regular board minutes and the September 20, 2021 budget hearing minutes.

Moved by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Munns, to approve the consent agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Lagasse reviewed the 2021-2022 General Fund and Revenue budget.

Moved by Ms. Furaus, seconded by Ms. Piehl to approve the 2021-2022 General Fund and Revenue budget. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Lagasse presented that we had good bid openings for the Lakewood Elementary site. Seven bidders were submitted with Weisz & Sons coming in as the lowest bidder. Mr. Lagasse recommended going with Weisz & Sons.

Moved by Mr. Horn, seconded by Mr. Munns to approve the Lakewood Site lowest bidder of Weisz & Sons. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Lagasse noted that we had one bidder on the sale of excess property at the Lakewood site, Verity Homes. Mr. Lagasse would recommend the Board enter into negotiations with Verity Homes to review their site plans.

Moved by Ms. Kozojed, seconded by Mr. Haugen to enter into negotiations for the sale of excess property at Lakewood with Verity Homes. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Bitz presented that the Park District is tentatively buying 11.35 acres east of the Starion Sport Complex, with the intent to put it into a paved parking lot. Mandan Park District is asking for \$249,197.60 to be put into the joint facility fund and they would match that amount for the parking lot.

Moved by Ms. Furaus, seconded by Mr. Munns to approve the transfer of building dollars to the Joint Facilities Fund. On a roll call vote, all members present voted Yes. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Lagasse proposed the consideration of a \$.50 per hour wage increase for all Classified and Professional Staff due to the difficulty of finding and retaining staff members at this time.

Moved by Ms. Kozojed, seconded by Ms. Piehl to approve the salary adjustment for Classified and Professional Staff. On a roll call vote, Mr. Horn abstained, all other members present voted Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

The regular board meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Future Meeting Dates:

Policy & Personnel	October 12	5:30 p.m. Brave Center
Regular School Board	October 18	5:30 p.m. City Hall
Student Achievement	October 25	5:30 p.m. Brave Center
Regular School Board	November 1	5:30 p.m. City Hall

ATTEST

Sheldon Wolf, President

Ryan Lagasse, Business Manager

DATE September 20, 2021

Debra Bendish, Recorder