

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District 2364 was held on July 19, 2021 with the following members present: Paul Gregory, Aaron Radermacher, Jacob Rooney, Nichole Szczesniak, Pat Thieschafer, and Superintendent Patrick Walsh.

Absent was Paul Weller.

Also present: Lara Dahl, Rick Gossen, Shannon Gossen, Steve Guzy and Randy Olson (Bonanza Valley Editor).

Motion by Nichole Szczesniak, seconded by Paul Gregory and carried to approve the agenda.

Request to Address the Board was from Juli Bohmer. Ms. Bohmer requested decision makers to consider facts and logic behind any COVID decisions. She provided factual data, numbers and statistics from the Minnesota Department of Health.

Motion by Jacob Rooney, seconded by Aaron Radermacher and carried to approve the following general consent items: Minutes from June 21, 2021, bills as presented, wire transfers, student activity accounts, donation from Belgrade Commercial Club, and the following personnel items: Sean Biehn, Steve Guzy, Michelle Herickhoff, Michele Peterson, Katelynn Schumacher, contracts for 2021-22 coaches/advisors.

#### JULY BILLS

01 General Fund	\$	241,463.19
02 Food Service Fund		138.50
03 Transportation Fund		6526.76
04 Community Ed Fund		2227.48
07 Debt Redemption Fund		408,194.39
08 Trust		200.00
21 Student Activities		1937.08

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$	2,369,808.44
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Superintendent Walsh presented to the Board of Education, staff who've achieved tenure or continuing contract status with the district.

Mr. Walsh showed excitement toward the Summer School Grant that was received, and how there is already a full bus of students going to the Twins game. He also discussed the three year contract with Resource Training.

Elementary Principal Gossen updated the Board of Education on conversations had with staff regarding the new literacy program. Mr. Gossen also discussed plans during the building project process, including the Bayer Built training for Kindergarten through fifth grade, and the middle school group, school within a school.

The Board of Education discussed budget and finance, buildings and grounds, and transportation committee updates.

Mr. Gossen presented the 2021-2022 Literacy Plan that was submitted to MDE. This is a required report to satisfy the Read Well by Third Grade initiative at MDE. Mr. and Mrs. Gossen are very excited about the new curriculum and to see scores go up with the LTRS program.\*

Member Aaron Radermacher introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2364 LONG-TERM FACILITY  
MAINTENANCE TEN YEAR PLAN**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of District No. 2364, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. The School Board of School District 2364 has approved the Long-Term Facility Maintenance Ten Year Plan for its facilities for 2021-2031. The various components of this plan are attached.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Paul Gregory and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Radermacher, Rooney, Voss, Gregory, Szczesniak, Thieschafer

Absent: Weller

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared: Passed & adopted

Motion by Nichole Szczesniak, seconded by Pat Thieschafer and carried to approve the second reading of Policy 709- Transportation.\*

Steve Guzy, Buildings & Grounds supervisor updated the Board of Education on summer projects. Projects included pickle ball court, new shed to blend in, the roof did get done, East lot parking begins on Monday, July 26, and the sales of the elementary equipment.

Motion by Aaron Radermacher, seconded by Jacob Rooney to approve the agreement with Paynesville SD.

Member Jacob Rooney introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEASE  
PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATES**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of District No. 2364, as follows:

1. Enclosed the Lease-Purchase Agreement with SCB Public Finance. It is the recommendation of the superintendent to approve the agreement as presented.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Aaron Radermacher and, upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Radermacher, Rooney, Voss, Gregory, Szczesniak, Thieschafer  
Absent: Weller

And the following voted against the same: None

Whereupon said resolution was declared: Passed & adopted

Motion by Scott Voss, seconded by Nichole Szczesniak and carried to approve the following reorganization activities of the Board of Education of Independent School District #2364 for the 2021-2022 school year:

- Name the Belgrade Observer and the Bonanza Valley Voice as the official newspapers.
- Allow the business manager to pay bills in advance of the school board meetings if it results in discounts or prevents service charges.
- Name Josie Dingmann, Jesi Halvorson, Holli Bromenshenkel, Deanna Johnson and Lara Dahl as census takers.
- Keep school board salaries at \$660 for directors, \$820 for the chairperson, \$715 for the treasurer, \$740 for the clerk plus \$42 for special meetings and \$11 for the vice chairperson when he/she officiates as chairperson.
- Name the superintendent as approving official and the board chairperson as hearing official for the hot lunch program.
- Allow the use of imprest funds to pay for employee expenses to attend meetings and functions in advance. The amount is \$5,000.
- Designate the Central MN Credit Union as official school depository and allow the superintendent and business manager to make investments in other institutions as they deem necessary and to allow electronic transfers.
- Set the mileage reimbursement rate at \$.50 per mile.
- Set the commencement date for the Class of 2022 as Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the BBE High School.

Member Pat Thieschafer introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL COUNSEL.\***

WHEREAS, from time to time circumstances arise which require consultation with legal counsel;

WHEREAS, the School Board reserves the right to hire any legal counsel to its choice for any particular matter:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 2364 as follows:

1. That the Superintendent and the School Board Chairperson by and hereby are authorized to contact legal counsel from time to time as needs require.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Nichole Szczesniak and upon vote being taken thereon the following voted in favor thereof:  
Radermacher, Rooney, Voss, Gregory, Szczesniak, Thieschafer

And the following voted against the same: None  
Absent: Weller

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Motion by Aaron Radermacher , seconded by Jacob Rooney and carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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Nichole Szczesniak, Clerk

\*Placed on file in the office of the Superintendent.