

BYRON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #531
BYRON, MINNESOTA
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
Monday, March 16, 2020

Chair Sharon Kreitinger called the regular meeting of the Byron Board of Education to order at 6:02 p.m. in the Byron District Administration and Community Services Board Room. Members present were: Sharon Kreitinger, Chris Schmit, Tessa Olive, Craig Fuchs, Harvey Bergh, Mark Chilson, and Jan Reed. Superintendent Dr. Joey Page was also present. Guests present were: Abe Rodemeyer, Deb Brown

Attendance at tonight's board meeting will be limited to comply with CDC guidelines.

Pledge of Allegiance

No public forum.

Motion by Tessa Olive, seconded by Chris Schmit to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mark Chilson, seconded by Chris Schmit to approve the consent agenda including: Communications; February 18, 2020 regular minutes, March 2, 2020 organizational meeting minutes; General Fund checks, Student Activity Fund and Wires upon recommendation by the treasure; donations from Amy O'Connor and Staci Kinsley; open enrollment agreements as presented; certified staff contracts for Makayla Manning and Tara Simonis; support staff contracts for Chelsey Kleitsch-MS Administrative Assistant to Principal and Tim Kunkel-DACS Custodian, Project Kids Student Assistants Katherine Schou, Seth Lampat, and Elle Prigge; long term substitute teacher contract for Kevin Nelson, Jason Rizzo, and Ruth Scrabeck; child care leave of absence for Kameryn Paukert from approximately September 3, 2020, through September 25, 2020, and Brandon Vogen from approximately October 26, 2020, through November 25, 2020; medical leave of absence for Paul Fischenich half days through the end of the 2019-20 school year; resignations of Stephanie Faubion, Nora Olson, and Sarah Sperling; approve Right of Entry for Construction of roundabout on 10th Avenue and 7th Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent, Dr. Joey Page noted that we will reschedule some of our community referendum presentations. Patrick Gordon will be with us by phone.

Byron Public School District 531 formed an American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC). The committee met and discussed how Byron Public School is meeting the needs of our American Indian students and families. The committee issued a vote of concurrence, indicating support for what Byron Public Schools is currently providing. AIPAC Chairperson Kat Louttit stated she is in support and appreciates the committee and district's work. Motion by Tessa Olive, seconded by Harvey Bergh to approve the vote of concurrence. Motion carried with the following

voting in favor of: Sharon Kreitinger, Chris Schmit, Tessa Olive, Craig Fuchs, Harvey Bergh, Mark Chilson, Jan Reed and the following voting against the same: None.

Patrick Gordon shared an update on the ZED facility plans. The original ZED facility project projection/tax impact was run in April 2019 for 7 districts based on a projected 4.13% bond rate; six districts had already approved this ceiling amount/tax impact through a vote. A new run on the project/tax impact was done in February 2020 based on a newly projected 2.65% bond rate; also \$475,000 in capitalized interest was eliminated with this run by changing the payment schedule. Regardless of reduced interest, 6 or 7 districts involved, or 20/25 year term--the deposit to the construction fund remains the same at \$15,716,060 throughout any plan (doesn't affect scope of plan). ZED is approved via MDE to look at a possible 25-year lease term if needed. The six district models (either 20 years or 25 years at the 2.65% bond rate) have lower individual tax impacts than the original proposed 7 district model (from April 2019 at 4.13% bond rate for 20 years). If we went to a 6-district plan, there is no increased tax impact to residents from what was already approved. Total plan costs including principal and interest were shared.

Attendance for tonight's board meeting was limited to comply with CDC guidelines. Reports were provided from Malia Schroeder, Byron High School Principal, Jessica Denter, CIA Director, Elementary Student Council, Jordyn Howe, Elementary Student Council, the High School Student Council Rep, and Todd Lechtenberg, Director of Finance. They will present at a later date.

The board discussed possibly teleconferencing future board meetings. This will be pursued more.

Superintendent, Dr. Joey Page shared his Report. Graduation rates came out last week with great rates from Byron. The Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association (MESPA) recognized Abe Rodemeyer, Intermediate School Principal, with the 2020 MESPA Division Leadership Achievement Award for MESPA's Southeast Division. Principals are responsible for a school's instructional, school culture, and resource leadership. The award honors principals whose exemplary leadership and sustained efforts have made noteworthy contributions to the operation of effective school learning programs, improving education, their communities, and their profession. Referendum meetings have been scheduled. A few have been cancelled due to CDC guidelines. If it becomes prolonged, we will look at a way to do live broadcasts of these meetings. Our administrators have been working overtime to make sure our teams are planning to get everything together. He is very proud of the work that has been done by everyone to put us in the best position moving forward. Our website is continually changing as things are updated. Harvey Bergh asked Dr. Page to share with the staff how appreciative the board is for all they have done.

Harvey Bergh presented the Byron City Council update. He thanked Mark Chilson & Tessa Olive for taking over in his absence. The City Council will have a Highway 14 meeting the end of April. Byron had 83 fire calls in 2018 and 110 in 2019. They had 269 EMT calls in 2018 and 324 in 2019. There will be a public hearing for 3 ½ Ave

NW street project (1st road that comes south by the bus garage). They are going to redo the sidewalks and street. Homeowners may be charged \$2400 per lot. Will hold another public hearing for 2nd St NW, Barbaree Lane SE and Country Club Road SE. Work on the roundabout on 7th St NE and 10th Ave NE will begin the middle of May. This summer they are going to open up the wading pool. Due to the School District Special Election, the Byron City Council meeting has been moved to May 13.

Motion by Chris Schmit, seconded by Tessa Olive, to close grades 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 for further Open Enrollment in the 2020-2021 school year. Kindergarten and 6th will be closely monitored. They also discussed possible closing 6th grade at a later date.

The School Board considered initial staffing needs for the 2020-2021 year. Dr. Page noted that options were presented at the March work session regarding staffing needs. Motion by Mark Chilson, seconded by Chris Schmit to approve adding 4 elementary teachers and reopen 4th grade. Motion carried unanimously

Motion by Craig Fuchs, seconded by Jan Reed to designate Deb Brown as Election Clerk for the School District Special Election. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chris Schmit, seconded by Harvey Bergh to approve a Resolution to Establish Ballot Board. Motion carried with the following voting in favor of: Jan Reed, Mark Chilson, Tessa Olive, Sharon Kreitinger, Chris Schmit, Craig Fuchs and Harvey Bergh and the following voting against the same: None.

Motion by Craig Fuchs, seconded by Jan Reed to approve Resolution to Appoint Election Judges. Motion carried with the following voting in favor of: Jan Reed, Mark Chilson, Tessa Olive, Sharon Kreitinger, Chris Schmit, Craig Fuchs and Harvey Bergh and the following voting against the same: None.

Motion by Tessa Olive, seconded by Chris Schmit to approve policy revisions to 419 Tobacco-Free Environment, 534 Unpaid Meal Charges, 535 Animals in Schools and Classrooms, 613 Graduation Requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tessa Olive, seconded by Chris Schmit to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Brown
Executive Assistant