

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
7:00 p.m., February 9, 2016
Fertile-Beltrami School Conference Room

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 9, 2016. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Garth Kaste, Greg Bjerk, Dennis Hanson, Donna Genereux, Principal Messick, Dean of Students Asmundson, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Lori Messick, Brian Nelson

Chairman Kaste called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Hanson moved, Erickson seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016 regular board meeting, and Negotiation's Committee January 7, 2016, and Informational Meeting January 26, 2016. UC

Stuhaug moved, Bjerk seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

The following made public comments: none

Cash balances for January were reviewed.

Erickson moved, Hanson seconded to approve payment of the February bills in the amount of 269,381.19 for checks 2507-2516, and 57755-57857. UC

Teacher report: Brian Nelson described use of Pasco Technology use in Physics, EKG and blood pressure curriculum units, Lori Messick discussed Makerspace learning activities, and Coding for Elementary students.

Dean/AD: highlighted winter sports' records, 1 Act play competition, and Jr High play preparations.

Principal Messick reported on the following: I Love to Read Month activities, Quin Hasler is the Voice of Democracy winner and will represent the State of MN this spring in Washington, D.C., ongoing ACT test prep activities in classrooms.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: Garden Valley Tv streaming training will take place on Feb 19th, Affordable Health Care Act costs to District, Facilities updates- meeting with mechanical engineers and architectural firms to determine costs/potential projects.

Member Stuhuag introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND
POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFOR.

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board must reduce expenditures immediately, and

WHEREAS, there has been a reduction in student enrollment, and,

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditures must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers; contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the School Board of Independent School District No. 599, as follows:

That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of a reduction in enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Hanson and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Erickson, Bjerk, Stuhaug, Hanson, Kaste.

and the following voted against the same: none
whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Erickson moved, Bjerk seconded to accept letter of resignation with thanks for years of service from Yvonne Halvorson- Business Ed. UC

Stuhaug moved, Erickson seconded to approve a 3 year contract for Superintendent Brian Clarke. UC

Erickson moved, Bjerk seconded to approve a notice of assignment for Jill Peltier- paraprofessional. UC

Hanson moved, Erickson seconded to assign Stuhaug and Asmundson as the Fertile-Beltrami Representatives to the MN State HS League.

Creating an after school food service opportunity for student athletes was discussed, no further action taken at this time.

A request to have Principal Messick gather information on current offerings, enrollment in HS classes, and curriculum for the next board meeting was made.

No informational meeting was set for February.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Monday. March 7, 2016.

Kaste adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.. UC

_____ Chairperson _____ Clerk