

FERTILE-BELTRAMI PUBLIC SCHOOL

Independent School District #599
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
8:00 p.m., January 11, 2022
Fertile-Beltrami School Library

The Board of Education of Independent School District #599 met in regular session at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 2022. The following were present: Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch, Paul Stromstad, Ryan Opdahl, April Swenby, Jessica Vanderplaats, Principal Messick, Dean Hitchen, and Superintendent Clarke.

Visitors: Twylla Altepeter, Merrilee Forgit

Chairman Erickson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Election of Officers

Stuhaug nominated/moved Erickson for chairperson, Stromstad seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Erickson nominated/moved Rasch, for vice-chairperson, Strem seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Stuhaug nominated/moved Strem for clerk, Rasch seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Stromstad nominated/moved Opdahl for treasurer, Strem seconded, nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast. UC

Opdahl moved, Swenby seconded to set the board appointments and committees as follows:

Board Appointments:

Minnesota State High School League – Paul Stromstad
Legislative Liaison – Paul Stromstad, April Swenby
Pine to Prairie Vocational Board – Matt Erickson
Polk County Family Services Collaborative—Ryan Opdahl

Board Committees:

Staff Development – Paul Stromstad, Kylie Strem
Technology – April Swenby, Kylie Strem, Nathan Rasch
Community Education – Matt Erickson, Nathan Stuhaug
Transportation – Nathan Stuhaug, Ryan Opdahl & Matt Erickson
Facilities – Nate Rasch, Kylie Strem & Matt Erickson
Negotiations – Nathan Stuhaug, Nathan Rasch & Matt Erickson
Policy/Meet & Confer – Ryan Opdahl, April Swenby & Nathan Rasch
Discipline – Nathan Rasch, Kylie Strem & April Swenby.
Covid Committee—Matt Erickson, Nathan Rasch, Ryan Opdahl. UC

Stuhaug moved, Strem seconded to designate the Fertile Journal as the official school newspaper and the Red River State Bank of Fertile and the PMA Financial Network, Inc. as the official depositories. UC

Strem moved, Opdahl seconded to delegate the authority to make electronic transfers to the Superintendent, the bookkeeper will initiate electronic transfers upon approval of the superintendent. UC

Opdahl moved, Rasch seconded to set the school board meetings and informational meetings for Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 p.m, March mtg on Monday (due to Township Elections), Informational Meetings- the 4th Tuesday of each month. UC

Stuhaug moved, Stromstad seconded to set the board per diem as

\$85 per meeting, \$100 for meetings over 4 hours & board chair stipend of \$500. UC

Rasch moved, Opdahl seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting Regular Meeting, December 14, 2021, Covid Committee meeting December 14, 2021, Negotiations 12-21-21, and Negotiations 1-6-22. UC

Strem moved, Stromstad seconded to approve the agenda as presented/amended. UC

The following made public comments: none.

Cash balances for December were reviewed.

Rasch moved, Stuhaug seconded to approve payment of the January bills in the amount of 736,653.73 for checks 65672-65747. UC

Dean Hitchen reported on the following: Winter concerts, Winter Sports records, Elem wrestling and YBA.

Principal Messick reported on the following: Random Student of the Day award, AIW, E-learning day.

Superintendent Clarke reported on the following: Currently, FB is under the 100 employee threshold for OSHA Mandate, Secure West Entrance project timeline, Laser Engraving machine, Voluntary Pre-K application.

Member Swenby 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 Strem and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Strem, Swenby, Opdahl, Erickson, Rasch, Stuhaug, Stromstad.

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Stuhaug moved, Stromstad seconded, to authorize the continued use of the 2021 check signature plate until a new one can be obtained. UC

Opdahl moved, Swenby seconded to approve a notice of assignment for Shelley Rice- C Team Girl's BB. UC

Stromstad moved, Strem seconded to accept a STEM grant donation from Ultima Bank in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase Lego Robotics kits, Bandsaw, Macbooks, and printer. UC

Discussion: Negotiations with teaching staff is ongoing, School Board Retreat.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 8:00 p.m., February 8, 2022

Chairperson Erickson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

_____ Chairperson _____ Clerk