

## NORTH BORDER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 15, 2021

### SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the North Border Public School Board was held on Monday, February 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Border School-Pembina. Members present: Jeff Watts, Jared Hanson, Amber Dunnigan, Mason Peters, Shannon Cosley, and Jared Johnson. Others present: Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Brian Wolf, Principal Nick Amb, Principal Justine Gruenberg, Principal Phil Leitner, Principal Jonathan Moquist, and Business Manager Kendra Trupe.

Members Absent: Jeni Carrier

The meeting was called to order by President Watts at 6:35 p.m.

There was no public participation.

Ms. Cosley motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of the resignation of Shon Horgan as Head Wrestling Coach and addition of Little Guy Wrestling. Ms. Dunnigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peters motioned to approve the Consent Agenda including the regular meeting minutes of January 18, 2021, January bills, January Financial Report, the hiring of Elisa Ratliff – Science (W) for 2021-2022 school year, Jonathan Schiltz – Golf (P), David Clason – Track (W), Jason Tryan – Volunteer Golf, the resignation of Shon Horgan – Head Wrestling Coach at the completion of the season, and the Pledge of Assets. The board thanked Shon for his 25 years of coaching. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent Wolf reported that current enrollment is at 293; 77 in the Walhalla Elementary, 100 in the Walhalla High School, 65 in the Pembina Elementary, 51 in the Pembina High School, and 19 Pre-K students in Walhalla and 16 Pre-K students in Pembina. He reported that the school received \$2750 for the second quarter from the Early Childhood Grant and that the rest of the COVID related grant money was received. He read thank you cards from the Laurie Longtin family and Brian Wolf family. He updated the board on the school funding.

Principal Gruenberg reported on: the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration; CIA fundraiser for Valentine's Day (600 cookies sold); no spelling bee for this year due to COVID; plans for reading month activities; how great the smart boards have been for indoor recess days; professional development on February 10; ND State Assessment in April; and thank Mrs. Mathison for doing Valentine's songs with the elementary for Eagle Vison.

Principal Amb reported on: the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school celebration; MTSS; professional development on February 10; and the positive comments regarding the YouTube Live Stream.

Principal Moquist reported on: Claire making the All-State Silver Team; Snow Week – February 22-26; upcoming Academic Olympic competitions coming up for junior high and high school; and the curriculum mapping they have been working on during professional development days.

Principal Leitner reported on: Miriam getting Honorable Mention for the All-State Team; April 10<sup>th</sup> being the date for prom; the class schedule for 2021-2022; financial literacy class and a possible related grant; the girls Regional play in game on Friday, February 19; the 2001 state champ boys basketball team being honored at the game February 26; the mask policy going pretty well; and that regionals will still be played at the Betty.

The board discussed two possible rough drafts of the school calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. No motion was made.

Mr. Johnson motioned to keep the mask mandate for the district and to be readdressed at the next school board meeting. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peters motioned to approve the open enrollment request as submitted. Ms. Dunnigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Dunnigan motioned to approve the transfer of \$85,000 from the general fund to the building fund retroactive to June 30, 2020, as presented, seconded by Mr. Johnson. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hanson motioned to set the annual school election for June 8, 2021. Ms. Cosley seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

The Superintendent evaluation was discussed. No motion was made.

Mr. Peters motioned that Pursuant to NDCC Section 15.1-16-10, the Board of North Border School District recognizes as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hanson motioned that the school board, having accepted the description of an appropriate negotiating unit, has on file a dated petition from the North Border Education Association, which contends that it represents a majority of the teachers within the negotiation unit. The Board will meet on February 25, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. to consider the petition and to determine the question of representation. Ms. Dunnigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Johnson motioned to only allow North Border students and community members use of the gym for Little Kid Wrestling. Ms. Dunnigan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Peters motioned to go into executive session to discuss negotiation strategy. Mr. Hanson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, motion passed unanimously. The executive session began at 8:00 p.m. and was attended by Mr. Watts, Mr. Hanson, Ms. Dunnigan, Mr. Peters, Ms. Colsey, Mr. Johnson, Superintendent Wolf, and Business Manager Trupe. The executive session was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The next regular board meeting will be March 15, 2021 in Walhalla at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Peters motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey Watts, President                      Kendra Trupe, Business Manager