

## Regular School Board Meeting January 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, February 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members present: Cynthia Nord, Tog Anderson, Jacob Lien, Kurt Gross and Superintendent Mark Lundin.

Members absent: Rachel Larson and Grant Mistic

I. Meeting was called to order by J. Lien at 5:30 pm.

II. Agenda Changes – none

Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by K. Gross to approve the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. The District Spelling Bee was held on January 17<sup>th</sup> with the following students participating; Lucy Eason, Willow Lee, Elliot Ruffing, Alex Bellanger, Miley Hanks, Lincoln Keely, Blake Pierce, Wyatt Juelson, Hailey Davis, Anthony Nowak, Owen Boes, and Jace Knott. Willow Lee took third place, Blake Pierce took second place, and first place was Jace Knott. He will move on to the Regional Spelling Bee in Thief River Falls on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Mark Hall and Jean Loehlein for being our judges.
2. Students traveled with Ms. Pickett to Bemidji on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> to visit with Northwest Technical College (NTC) staff/students and Sanford Health to explore healthcare programs The day started at NTC, where students explored the various healthcare programs offered. They then transitioned over to Sanford Health where they met with various careers/departments.
3. One of our elementary teachers, Jon Holliday, was deployed to Kuwait on February 1<sup>st</sup>. His deployment will last through December 2024. An assembly, send-off, was held for him in the Elementary Gym on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. We all wish to thank him for his service to our country and wish him the best.
4. Winter Band Update:  
During the days before Christmas break, the high school band performed a 2 day "Holiday Hallway Tour" playing Christmas music for the elementary students in the elem. halls. The band students did a wonderful job bringing excitement to hundreds of younger students showing them something "bigger than life". During the winter months, the high school band helped pump up school spirit by performing several pep bands and a pep fest on Friday, Feb. 9th. The high school band is now focusing

on large group contest music and spring concert music. The elementary band began to rehearse right before the Christmas break and now meets each Wednesday and Friday morning with about 50 students participating.

5. Student Council had Snow Week Feb 5-10th. Coronation was on Tuesday February 6th with Our Snow Week Royalty. 7th graders Cora Lien and Mason Lundberg, 8th graders Kenzi Landis and Luke Mystic, 9th graders Beka Henriksen and William Dierkhising, 10th graders Bailee Nord and Jake Mystic, 11th graders Aubree Henriksen and Noah Holmberg. Senior Queen and King candidates were Chloe Cook and Levi Swedberg, Anika Binder and Markell Head and our Snow Week Queen was Shakyla Smith and King was Nick Swedberg. We had dress up days during the week that included Music Genre Day, Fake an Injury Day, Rhyme without Reason Day, and of course School Spirit Day. We Ended the week with Winter Formal on Saturday February 10th for 9th-12th graders. It was a Successful Snow Week!!

B. Open Comments from General Participation- none

#### IV. Meeting Agenda

##### A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's Report
3. Approve January bills

Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the consent agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

##### B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the 2024/25 school calendar. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by K. Gross to approve a Long-Term Substitute contract for Nancy Sydow. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by K. Gross to approve Jan Jason's request for retirement effective May 31, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the second reading of MSBA policy #606.5, Library Materials. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by K. Gross to approve a leave of absence for a K-12 teacher. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by T. Anderson to hire Kelly Stultz as 7-12 Principal effective July 1, 2024. Motion approved unanimously.

7. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the 2-year contract for the 7-12 Principal. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Items for Discussion

V. Reports

A. Principal Report provided by Susan Frank

B. Enrollment Reports

C. Superintendent Report provided by Mark Lundin

VI. Communications

VII. Future Meetings

A. Regular School Board meeting March 11, 2024.

VIII. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by T. Anderson to adjourn at 5:52pm. Motion approved unanimously.

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Chairperson

Date

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Clerk

Date