

## Regular School Board Meeting March 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, March 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

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

Members absent: Rachel Larson

I. Meeting was called to order by J. Lien at 6:00 pm.

II. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by G. Mystic to remove #4 from the consent agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

### A. Good Things Happening

1. The sr. high choir took three groups to ensemble contest in Bagley on Wed., Feb. 28. Two ensembles double starred and one missed a double star by one point! All students worked very hard and looked great and very proudly represented Blackduck School! A bus of choir students also will be taking our annual trip to the Bemidji show choir concert on Fri., March 8!
2. Small but mighty, the Drakes Speech Team is young and driven in 2024, with 10 of the 17-member team first-year varsity competitors. Even with small numbers and a young team, they have enjoyed tremendous success already this season, so far winning 67 individual awards and 2 team awards this season. They've attended 5 junior high tournaments thus far and completed the junior high season last Thursday. They've also competed in 8 varsity tournament and will host the 9th of the season here at home this coming Saturday. Blackduck also has the honor of hosting the subsection 29A tournament on April 4th. It's been a very positive season so far and the coaches are confident that the success will continue right through the MSHSL State Tournament!
3. Community Education is in the middle of some March Madness! Multiple events are scheduled for the month of March!

-Magic Tricks for Kids was a lot of fun! Kids learned several magic tricks to impress their family and friends! Along with the art of performing magic! Next magic class will be on April 2nd.

-Friday, March 1st was the first Elementary Movie Night, with about 50 kids attending! A big thank you to Meghan Kein, Destinee Benson, Rocky

Vigilanti and Aunika Sundvall for helping make the night a huge success. Several have asked for it to be a monthly event.

-Lego Night had 12 students creating a variety of items from a mansion, to trees and people, and even a 6 x 6 truck! A repeat of Lego night has been planned for April 9th. Thank you to Nancy Sydow for supervising this event.

-Elementary Open Gym will be held Sunday, March 10th from 4:00pm-6:00pm.

-St. Patrick's Day STEM Night will be on Tuesday, March 12th. Tara Erickson will lead the students through some activities using Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical skills. STEM activities are always great fun for the kids and they show amazing levels of creativity!

-Kids' Game Night will be held in the library on Tuesday, March 19th and Tonya Anderson will have a variety of board games for the students to play!

-March Madness finishes out with Card Magic Tricks for Kids will be held on Tuesday, March 26th! Evalyn Benson has a variety of card tricks up her sleeve to teach to the students!

Firearm Safety has been scheduled with the Minnesota DNR for Classroom instruction on April 23, 24, 25 from 4:00-6:30 each day and Field Day testing on Saturday, April 27th at the Battle River Shooting Club in Kelliher.

Upcoming events in April are

Magic Tricks 2.0 4-2-24

Lego Night 4-9-24

Coding Mice with Robin Mistic 4-16-24

Paint and Stencil tray with Lily Hadrava on Tuesday, April 28th.

\* We are still working to schedule an ATV Field Day in April/May

\*\*55 Alive classes have been stalled due to lack of local instructors, we currently have a call into the Minnesota Highway Department for some options.

4. There has been a lot of quality learning in the bands 3rd quarter. The elementary band has been learning their first large-scale work entitled "Dragon Slayer" by composer Rob Grice. The middle school band members have been increasing their skills with each individual achieving growth and working to prepare some fun material for the spring concert. In the high school band we have been working on some very challenging material for our upcoming contest. This work has brought about substantial growth for all of our members and is a significant accomplishment for such a young band!

5. We would like to recognize Alivia Szydel and her dedicated group of coaches! Alivia took third at the state wrestling competition on Saturday, March 2nd and

couldn't have done it without the amazing support of her coaches and teachers here at Blackduck. Great job, Alivia, we can't wait for next year!

B. Open Comments from General Participation -none

IV. Meeting Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

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

Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by C. Nord to approve the consent agenda items. Motion approved unanimously.

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the third reading of MSBA policy #606.5, Library Materials. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by C. Nord, seconded by K. Gross to approve the Notice of Desire to Negotiate from Blackduck Public School Confidential Employees Association. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by K. Gross to approve a one year proposal for audit and review services with Brady Martz. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Items for Discussion - none

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 April 8, 2024.

