

Regular School Board Meeting February 8, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Members present: Brian Merrill, Jacob Lien, Cynthia Nord, Kurt Gross, Grant Mystic, and Superintendent Lundin.

Members absent: Rachel Larson

I The meeting was called to order by Cynthia Nord at 7:00 p.m.

II. Agenda Changes – none

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. We applied for and were awarded a grant of \$600.00 through the Beltrami Area Service Collaboration to provide attendance incentives. We decided to spend the money on purchasing gift cards from Timberline Sports and The Blackduck Movie Theater. Students who miss one day or less in the quarter will have their name entered in a drawing to win one of 40 gift cards to be given away at the end of second, third, and fourth quarters.
2. Blackduck Spelling Bee was held on January 20th. It was live streamed on the Blackduck YouTube channel. The last four spellers represented all four grades, 5th through 8th. Congratulations to Aubree Henriksen who won for the second year in a row. She advanced to the Regional Spelling Bee on February 3rd. Thank you to Jeff Weaver and Jesse Carey who set up the room and the live streaming.
3. The One Act Play: "I'm Herbert," took 1st place at the subsection 29A competition last week. The cast of the play includes Kaydre Gullette and Calvin Bloomquist and the crew is Nevaeh Hassel and Lauren West. Many thanks to Jesse Carey, new assistant director for the technical expertise that made Blackduck's play stand out amidst the difficulties of performing a virtual play. "I'm Herbert" is in section 8A competition this week: Tuesday-Thursday with 7 other 8A schools.
4. For the tenth year in a row, students at Blackduck Elementary School participated in Hoops for Heart. Twenty-nine students worked together to collect over \$970. Grades K-6 learned basketball skills while learning how nutrition and physical activity can help them live longer, healthier lives. Hoops for Heart is a program that teaches students important heart-healthy habits and how staying physically active is fun. Mr. Gross would like to thank all the students, teachers, and parents who participated in Hoops for Heart. This year Brandi and Kylie Bercier each collected \$120. They will earn a movie in the gym and have P.E. all day long.

5. Congratulations to Britta & Austin Proulx who welcomed a baby girl, Blake Virginia, on January 28th.
6. Congratulations to BHS Business Professionals of America members who competed in Region competitions virtually this year. Blackduck BPA did a fantastic job! Advancing to State are Haley Patel, Sadie Stroeing, Riley Rockensock and Faith Miller. Way to go girls!
Haley Patel- 1st place in Computer Networking Technology. Sadie Stroeing & Riley Rockensock- 1st place in Podcast Production Team. Faith Miller- 3rd place Human Resource Management.

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 G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to approve the consent agenda items. Motions approved unanimously.

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by B. Merrill to accept the Desire to Negotiate with the Blackduck Education Assn. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to accept the Desire to Negotiate with the Blackduck School Bus Drivers Assn. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by B. Merrill to accept the Desire to Negotiate with the AFSCME union. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to hire Jesse Carey as the half-time Assistant Speech Coach for the 2020/2021 season. Level II, Year 1, \$1,528. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to approve renovations to the Building Trades Shop not to exceed \$50,000. Motion approved unanimously.
6. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by B. Merrill to approve an unpaid medical leave of absence for a High School Teacher for the 2021/2022 school year. Motion approved unanimously.

