

Regular School Board Meeting March 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

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

Members absent: Rachel Larson

I. The meeting was called to order by C. Nord at 6:00 p.m.

II. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by K. Gross to add balcony curtains and board pay to items for discussion. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. The choirs will be going on our annual concert to see the Bemidji Show Choirs perform on Friday, March 17
2. Maximus Katsoulis Spells His Way to Washington, D.C.
When Maximus Katsoulis successfully spelled *soirée*, he became the Multi-Region State Champion and earned an all-expense paid trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.
Maximus, an 8th grader from Blackduck High School, stated “studying was very important” as he prepared for the Spelling Bee. He spent about 48 hours studying for this event. The words turned out to be a fun challenge for Maximus as he worked his way through 15 rounds of difficult words against nineteen other talented spellers from throughout the state. A few additional words that Maximus mastered included cauterize, trepanation and sheldrake.
3. Timberline Classic Youth Basketball Tournament
The 3rd grade youth basketball tournament was held at Blackduck on February 25th. Twelve teams participated in the tournament including Blackduck, Red Lake, Kelliher, Cass Lake, Bagley, and Bemidji. The boys division and girls division had six teams each. Blackduck Youth Basketball would like to thank all of the parents, coaches, officials, fans, custodians, and high school students that volunteered to make this tournament possible. We would also like to thank Timberline for sponsoring the 3rd grade tournament. The next tournament will be March 11th at Blackduck for 4th and 5th grade.
4. The elementary staff & students celebrated Dr. Seuss’ birthday the week of February 28th–March 3rd with a week full of fun activities. Each day of the week

had a different dress-up theme. The kitchen staff served a green eggs & ham breakfast to 378 students and 154 parents on Dr. Seuss' birthday. Thank you to the Student Council Members who helped serve the breakfast. On Friday, classes participated in Drop Everything And Read for 20 minutes. Each class was given cookies to eat during their D.E.A.R. time. Thank you Nancy Sandeen for baking the cookies. Jackson Londo and Sophia McVeigh won the "Guess How Many Fish in the Bowl" contest and received a \$15.00 gift certificate to pick out a book from the Book Fair. Congratulations to both of them.

5. Mr. Gross would like to thank our awesome custodians for building a bike storage rack. The bike rack has been built upstairs above the elementary gym. Now we have space to store over 60 bikes on the wall. The custodians have also built new shelving that will come in handy for extra storage space. Thank you for supporting our elementary bike fleet. The students truly appreciate it!
6. Chelsey Nilson's 4th grade social studies classes have been collecting postcards in order to learn about the cities and states in our country. So far we have collected postcards from 45 states, 1 from Washington D.C., 1 from Ellis Island, 1 from Canada, and 1 from Mexico. We have gotten 140 total postcards as of March 7th, with more on the way! It has been a much bigger success than I ever imagined! We are still hopeful to receive postcards from the last 5 states!
7. Congratulations to Alivia Szydel for her 4th place at the State Wrestling Tournament. Also, Alivia is going to State for BPA (March 9 -11)

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
4. Approve board agreement & an open enrollment for the 2022/23 school year.
5. Approve donations

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

B. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by G. Mystic to accept Peggy Humeniuk's request for retirement at the end of the 2022/23 school year. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by T. Anderson to hire Irina Yagilnicky as a Translator effective February 7, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson to hire Giizhik Wagner as a Special Ed Paraprofessional effective March 9, 2023, Step 4. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by K. Gross to purchase Genie 19' Slab Scissor Lift for 15,795.00. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to change the time of regular school board meetings to 6:00pm. Motion approved unanimously.
6. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by T. Anderson to hire Andy Feddema as HS Social Studies teacher beginning 2023/2024 school year, BS+30 Step 8. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson to accept the resignation from Nate Lien as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach effective March 9, 2023. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Items for Discussion

1. Balcony curtains were discussed – no action taken
2. Board pay was discussed – no action taken

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 10, 2023.

