

Regular School Board Meeting November 13, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 32 was held on Monday, November 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 Cynthia Nord at 6:00 p.m.

II. Agenda Changes – Under Individual Action; Add #13, #14 and #15. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson, to accept agenda changes. Motion approved unanimously.

III. Chairperson's Announcements

A. Good Things Happening

1. Blackduck School applied for and received a \$719.00 grant offered from the Beltrami Area Service Cooperative to provide attendance incentives. This year our attendance team decided to focus on improving individual students' attendance rather than focusing on overall school-wide attendance. Students chosen to be a part of this program were students and families with a history of chronic, poor school attendance and have agreed to meet with the School Based Interventionist to set an attendance goal. If the student's goal is met (mainly an improvement in attendance compared to last school year) they will receive a prize in May that they previously chose. For example, some students have picked out gaming headsets, earbuds, and toys to earn if they meet their goal.
2. The Senior Class trip was Saturday Oct 28th. The seniors went to the Mall of America for a fun filled day.
3. Lisa Mitchell's class would like to thank the Hines Pumpkin Patch for their generous donation of pumpkins for their Prek Classes!
4. Five Students from Ms. Pickett's Career Explorations class have been participating in a program offered by Sanford in Bemidji. The program is called Sanford MedX and it is a healthcare career exploration program offered to 8th-12th grade students in the Bemidji region and surrounding schools. MedX offers a behind-the-scenes glimpse of a variety of health care careers. The sessions include hands-on activities, tours, and presentations. The students attend once a month on a Tuesday evening to explore different careers in healthcare. To date, they have toured the Radiology and Surgery departments. Their next Medx session is scheduled for November 14th in the field of nursing.
5. Mollie Exner's class went over to the new woods shop on October 27th! She talked to Mr. Berg about wanting to make little pumpkins with her students out of wood.

He said, “come on over!” So they headed over! Mr. Berg paired all her kids with a high school student and made sure they were safe with their safety glasses. Her kids absolutely loved the visit!

6. Jeremy Berg will be receiving a "tool kit" worth \$1,500 of tools from Stanley/Black and Decker. Elaine Hoffman, Director of the NCVCC, heard about this through ACME and got him signed up - - and he was selected. Most of the items are things like tape measures, hammers, saw blades of all kinds, and there's a miter saw included too. Very nice amount of usable stuff. Six of the North Country teachers received this award.

B. Open Comments from General Participation - None

IV. Meeting Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approve Treasurer's Report
3. Approve October bills
4. Approve donations.

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

C. Items for Individual Action

1. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien, to accept the bid from Bessler-Wiebolt for the electric on the 2023/24 Building Trades Home. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by K. Gross to accept the bid from Baggenstoss Plumbing for the plumbing on the 2023/24 Building Trades Home. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by G. Mystic to approve the MSBA model policy revisions for policies #413, 416, 506 & Complaint Form, 507, 515 Form, and 620. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson, to hire Mark Kingbird, Sr. as Jr. High Girl's Basketball Coach for the 2023/24 season. Level III, Year 1, \$2,538. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to hire Andrew Nissen as the Head Wrestling Coach for the 2023/24 season. Level I, Year 4, \$4,633. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Motion was made by T. Anderson, seconded by G. Mystic to close Blackduck School to open enrollment for the remainder of the 2023/24 school year. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by T. Anderson, to approve the dissolution of the current wrestling cooperative with Blackduck, Kelliher, and Cass Lake-Bena Schools. Motion approved unanimously.
8. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by T. Anderson, to enter in a new wrestling cooperative with Blackduck, Cass Lake-Bena, Kelliher, and Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig Schools. Motion approved unanimously.
9. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson to approve the purchase of concrete services with Complete Concrete Works, Inc., in the amount of \$7,200. Motion approved unanimously.
10. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by G. Mystic, to approve the purchase of football jerseys from BSN Sports in the amount of \$5,862.10. Motion approved unanimously.
11. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by T. Anderson, to hire Alex Chiglo as half-time Senior High Knowledge Bowl Coach for the 2023/24 season. Level IV, Year 6, \$1,150.50. Motion approved unanimously.
12. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien to approve naming our football field after Jerry Sonnek. Motion approved unanimously.
13. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by T. Anderson, to advertise for a second Jr. High Boys Basketball Coach for the 2023/24 season. Motion approved unanimously.
14. Motion was made by J. Lien, seconded by T. Anderson, to hire Madison Steen as a Cook effective November 14, 2023. Year 3, \$15.98 per hour, 7.5 hours per student contact day. Motion approved unanimously.
15. Motion was made by G. Mystic, seconded by J. Lien, to hire Ashley Kaushagen as a HS EBD Para effective November 20, 2023. Year 3, \$15.98 per hour, 7.5 hours per student contact day. Motion approved unanimously.

C. Items for Discussion – None

V. Reports

- A. Principal's Report provided by Sue Frank.
- B. Enrollment Report
- C. H.S. Dean of Students Report provided by Peter Bahr.

D. Superintendent Report provided by Mark Lundin.

VI. Communications – None

VII. Future Meetings

- A. Regular School Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. December 11, 2023.
- B. Truth in Taxation at 6:30 p.m. December 11, 2023, in the HS Media Center.
- C. 2024 MSBA Leadership Conference, January 11, 12, 2024, at the Mpls. Convention Center.

VIII. Motion was made by G. Lien, seconded by G. Mystic to adjourn at 6:29 p.m. Motion approved unanimously.

Chairperson

Date

Clerk

Date