

UNITED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 07
Regular School Board Meeting
February 10, 2021
Virtual and In-Person

Members present Brenda Buri, Brett Casavant, Josh Sundsbak, Chad Brown, and Jayme Burkhart. Also present were Superintendent Christopher Bachmeier, Business Manager Jody Askvig, Elementary Principal Sue Kranz, Assist. Elementary Principal Kayla Andersen, Dean of Students/AD Scott Medalen, JH Principal Josh Brown, and Amy Ralph.

Board President Buri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Sundsbak to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Casavant to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Burkhart to accept the Activity report as of 1-31-2021 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Casavant to accept the financial report for the General fund, the Building fund and the Hot Lunch fund as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Burkhart for EOM bills numbered 37621-37632, totaling \$14,465.09 and bills numbered 37633-37678 totaling \$59,426.59 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Burkhart to approve open enrollment #13 for the 2020-2021 school year and forms numbered 1-5 for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Sundsbak to approve the 2021-2022 calendar. First day of school will be August 17, 2021 and the last day of school will be May 19, 2022 as presented. Graduation will be Sunday, May 22, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in Des Lacs. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Burkhart to accept the resignation of Toni Bennett effective 5-20-2021. The board thanked her for 39 years in our district. Enjoy your retirement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Casavant to accept the resignation of Steve Files effective 5-20-2021. The board thanked Steve for his 33 years in our district. Enjoy your retirement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burkhart and seconded by Brown to accept the resignation of Robert Schwartz effective 5-20-2021. Good luck on your new endeavors. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Burkhart and seconded by Sundsbak to hire Jacob Dahl as our Spanish instructor for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

Covid-19 update: We currently have 34 distance learners and will have 14 students return at the end of this week. Superintendent is making recommendation that we keep our mask expectations going forward. This makes close contact cases lower. Some staff members have been able to get vaccinated. Vaccination will be voluntary and not a requirement. NDHSAA are encouraging fans to only go to their games during District and Regional tournaments. No parents or fans will be allowed to go by the locker rooms with no door decorating, food in locker room and no hospitality room. No entrance from the bottom door at the auditorium. All games will be streamed.

Principal report: Mrs. Kranz The elementary school only has 4 distance learners currently. The school Spelling Bee Champions was Ashton Kruse and the runner up was Owen Hanson. The 3rd through 6th grades have completed the Student Engagement Survey. Our ELL students completed the WICA assessment on January 21st. Thank you to Peace Lutheran Church for their donation to help cover school supplies costs for families in need. Burlington raised money for "Lakers have a heart month" with proceeds going to the Salvation Army and the Animal Shelter. Thank you to Kristi Snyder for organizing the activities. February is for Families month. Students were sent home with a choice chart of activities to do with their family throughout the month. The elementary has taken over the clothing sales from the booster club and held a fundraiser at Panera on January 13th. Mr. Brown- The JH crowned Brynn Hanson as the 7th grade Spelling Bee Champ and Hanna Hall as the 8th grade Champ. Mrs. Quam had 15 students participate in the Math Counts competition which was online, and we are waiting for results. Snow Fun day will be Friday, February 12th. On March 25th, MSU Nursing Department will be hosting a scrubs camp at the dome and are inviting 8th grade students from the surrounding area to be introduced to a variety of areas in healthcare. Mr. Medalen- Mrs. Schaefer gave the Work keys exam to 8 students on January 27th. The NHS had their induction ceremony on January 28th. The FFA contests are through zoom this year. Sanford Health presented a Career Day online with 17 of our students taking part. February 9th and 11th the teachers discussed course overviews for the schedule for next year. Friday, February 12th will be Snow Fun Day and will be an opportunity for students to catch up on missing work. Updates on winter sports.

Superintendent report: Current enrollment for district is 673. Updates on some of the Legislative issues and the Negotiation Seminar attended by Mr. Bachmeier and Brenda Buri. We are looking for sub bus drivers and possibly a route driver for next year. Thank you to the Gravseth family and for friends of Karla Roussel for contributing to the DLB School Foundation with memorials.

March 6th we will have a notice of at-large position on the board for the June election.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00 p.m. in Des Lacs.

Meeting adjourned 8:49 p.m.

Jody Askvig, Business Manager

Brenda Buri, Board President