

UNITED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 07
Regular School Board Meeting
November 18, 2020
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, Dean of Students/AD Scott Medalen, Assistant Elem Principal Kayla Andersen and JH Principal Josh Brown.

Board president Buri called meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Casavant to accept the Activity report as of 10-31-2020. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Casavant and seconded by Burkhart to pay EOM bills numbered 37304-37316 totaling \$16,450.57 and bills numbered 37317-37368, totaling \$85,969.61 and bills numbered 37369-37471 totaling \$114,000. Motion carried.

Covid 19 update. Governor declared a mask mandate for all buildings. Inside our buildings it does not matter if we are 6 feet apart, we still must wear our masks. If we are outside students may take a mask break if they are 6 feet apart. Before the mask mandate 80% of our students were wearing masks and now, we are at 100% participation. In the elementary they give mask breaks during the day. There are no activities in our buildings until further notice. It has been a very small percentage of our elementary and high school students that have tested positive. We have more students distant learning now and we should see many returning after the Thanksgiving break.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Sundsbak to approve the Superintendent evaluation as presented. Motion carried.

Principal report: Mrs. Andersen-Elementary had 94% attendance rate for Parent Teacher Conferences. Elementary celebrated World Kindness Day and the 5th and 6th grade classrooms are writing to pen pals. Working to boost staff morale in the building. Mr. Brown- Finally have a routine down to get our students going into quarantine set up in distance learning with thanks to our teachers for making the transition easy. Shout out: to all of the staff for dealing with constant changes/unknowns we have had and their willingness to help out in the building; to Wendy and Kyla for willingness to help out ANYWHERE in the building; to students for all working together and going with the flow. Mr. Medalen- Thanks to the office, teachers and paras as they continue to stay as "connected" as possible during these times. P/T conferences were postponed in the HS. Emma Buee participated in NW Music Festival

at MSU on October 30th and 31st. Sports update: Volleyball ended their season placing 2nd in Regionals. We had 3 players on All District and All Region teams- Z. Reed, A. Hughes and A. Wille. Have been working on the fall coaches' evaluations. Wrestling and JH GBB had already started practices and JH had played two games when they shut down all sports. GBB and BBB had not started yet. Will be a challenge to get games in with the shortened seasons.

Superintendent report: Enrollment is up 2 from last month and our final numbers were up 2 from last year which helps our funding. ESSER Ed Corps and Resiliency Grants have helped with our budget. There is also a chance we would be able to get more funds in the future. Northwest School Leaders say the biggest challenge is the shortage of staff for most schools. Shout out to Carrie for covering the office and everywhere else she was needed when Jody and Lannette were out. Semester test schedule has been given to teachers and all distance learners must take tests in person.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:16 p.m.

Jody Askvig, Business Manager

Brenda Buri, Board President