

UNITED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 07
Regular School Board Meeting
December 9, 2020
Virtual and In-Person

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

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

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

A motion was made by Brown 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 11-30-2020 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Casavant 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 Brown to approve paying EOM bills numbered 37472-37489, totaling \$16,941.00 and bills numbered 37490-37557, totaling \$129,672.30. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Casavant and seconded by Burkhart to approve open enrollment application #9 for the 2020-2021 school year. This was already one of our students that moved out of our district. Motion carried.

Covid 19 Update: Per Governor Burgum and NDHSAA we may have 300 fans in our gym for our home events. 75% of vouchers will go to the home crowd and 25% will be for visiting team. We are now streaming our games on NFHS and the district is covering the cost so our patrons will not have to pay to watch DLB home events. A motion was made by Casavant and seconded by Brown to offer 75% of vouchers to home fans and 25% to visiting team. Fans must have a voucher in order to purchase a ticket for admission. Motion carried.

Principals Report: Mrs. Kranz- Update on distance learners and on Friday during the assembly the staff will be recognizing students who have been responsible distance learners throughout the first semester. Staff donated money to buy gifts for the Angel Tree and student council went shopping for 11 students. Students are collecting non-perishable items for the food pantry. On December 6th, families were invited to come to school to pick up treats and do a scavenger hunt for Christmas lights. 65 families that pre-registered also received a board game. Santa and Mrs. Clause made an appearance. Nearly 300

people attended. Star Lakers were chosen for demonstrating responsibility. Congratulations to Dominic J., Henry O., Andrea K., Luke R., Wesley K., Brea W., and Collin A. Mid-year evaluations were completed for teachers employed three years or less. Students made decorations for the elderly in assisted living at Edgewood and Trinity Nursing Home. Mr. Brown- Junior High will operate on a normal bell schedule for semester exams and the distance learners will come in at 11:55 to take their exams. JH will only be testing in Math, Language, Social Studies and Science. The Laker Time classes participated in door decorating competition and trophies were awarded for the best JH and HS door. More JH distance learners returned to our building during December to prepare for semesters. Mid-year evaluations were completed for teachers who have been here 3 years or less. Mr. Medalen- 13 seniors took the Work Keys exam with Mrs. Schaefer this month. The student council spearheaded a Laker Time competition to raise funds for the food pantry. The students raised \$3532.00 and the LT raising the most money was rewarded with a trip to Dairy Queen for treats. Congratulations to Mr. Larson and his students. The remainder of the students were treated to ice cream at our building. Students had fun decorating doors during Laker Time. Update on sports.

Superintendent report: Enrollment is up by 2 for a total of 671. 35 students are still distance learning with 3 students in quarantine and there are no staff out currently. Our taxable valuation increased so we did not have to increase taxes. Audit report was handed out. Mike Axness will donate a 10 x 20 insulated building to the school if we move it. Thanksgiving Fun Day was on Wednesday, November 25th with games, treats and movies for the students. It is also the opportunity to get extra help on homework that is late. Staff was very appreciative of the stipend and would like to thank the board.

President Buri wanted to thank all the administration, teachers and staff for all the extra work this year to keep everything going without a hitch.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Des Lacs.

Meeting adjourned 7:44 p.m.

Jody Askvig, Business Manager

Brenda Buri, Board President