

**UNITED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 07**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**March 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, Dean of Students/AD Scott Medalen, JH Principal Josh Brown, 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 Casavant and seconded by Brown to edit the agenda and remove item 10. "Petition to negotiate" from the agenda. Motion carried.**

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

**A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Brown to accept the Activity report as of 2-28-2021 as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**A motion was made by Burkhart and seconded by Casavant to pay EOM bills numbered 37679-37694, totaling \$9,483.03 and bills numbered 37695-37740, totaling \$85,192.36 as presented. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Casavant to approve open enrollment #6 for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Casavant and seconded by Burkhart to accept the resignation of Laurie Johnson effective 5-20-2021. Motion carried. Board would like to thank Laurie for her 17 years with the district and wish her well on her retirement.**

**A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Brown to discuss the resignation of Alexandria Houston.**

**A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Brown to accept the resignation of Alexandria Houston effective 3-17-2021 with \$2000.00 liquidated damages fee and we will report her to ESPB for breach of contract. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Sundsbak to accept the Superintendent's evaluation as presented. Motion carried.**

A motion was made by Casavant and seconded by Sundsbak to have discussion on bus proposals. We will Lease through United Community Bank (2 years) with Superintendent Bachmeier having the authority to sign the lease. Motion carried. A motion was made by Casavant and seconded by Burkhart to accept Quote A from Hartley's School Buses Inc. for a 2022 Blue Bird Vision 77 passenger bus with a gas engine for \$86,450.00 as presented to the board. Motion carried.

Covid-19 Update: Discussion on changing our mask mandate in the Pk-3<sup>rd</sup> grades and when outside and in PE classes. Still wear masks on the buses. Masks will be optional at the prom. We will revisit the thought of having Grandparents Day at our April board meeting. Graduation will be back to how we have had it in the past. A motion was made by Sundsbak and seconded by Burkhart to change our mask mandate in our Covid-19 Health and Wellness Plan: 1. All students in our district will continue to be required to wear a mask when riding the school bus. 2. Students in Preschool through Third grade will be recommended but not required to wear masks when in the building. 3. Students in grades Fourth grade through Twelfth grade will continue to be required to wear masks when in the building and when they cannot socially distance. 4. All students will be recommended, but not required to wear a mask when outside for recess. 5. All students will be recommended but not required to wear a mask when they are in physical education class. 6. All students will be recommended, but not required to wear a mask when they are outdoors for any class. 7. All staff will be required to wear a mask when in the buildings and when they cannot socially distance. Motion carried.

Principal report: Mrs. Kranz- There are 4 distance learners at the elementary school. Todd Wolf from Bismarck taught the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders chess and each class received two chess sets that boosters purchased. Burlington Fire Department taught a CPR class for staff on February 17<sup>th</sup>. The February early out looked at ways to make the building more Welcoming; looked at data to determine improvements for reading and made changes to the report cards to make them explanatory for parents. The afterschool program through Full Steam Ahead started up again in February with students participating in "Drumbeats" and in March will be doing "Creative Cooking". Thank you to Kristi Snyder for organizing "Lakers Have a Heart Month" with proceeds going to the Salvation Army and Humane Society. Each organization received \$2250.00 donation. The organization "Blessed Pets" received 450 cans of cat food. Mrs. Reiter's class raised the most money. With a grant from Horace Mann, the elementary had a speaker on how to be resilient and how to handle mean kids. Star Lakers for teamwork were B. Clouse, A. Hernandez, N. Duchainne, O. Skar, E. Beeter, C. Roedocker and L. Christensen. March is reading month and on Friday, March 12 elementary will have the next AR party. Mr. Brown- Mr. Kuhnenn will take Jake S, Ava B., Brayden N., and Nick F to Science Olympiad on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to Brynn H. for qualifying for the State Spelling Bee and will compete online on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The following JH students qualified for State Math Counts on March 25<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.: Jake S., Eli M., and Jacy H. On March 25<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend MSU Nursing "Scrubs Event". Observations are getting finished for end of year evaluations. Mr. Medalen- Students have preregistered for classes for the 2021-2022 school year and we will have a schedule soon. Tim Smith held Hunters Safety in Burlington in February. March 2<sup>nd</sup> the Juniors took the ACT Test. FFA has been going to judging competitions. March 10<sup>th</sup> we had a speaker about Distracted Driving for all students. Congratulations to DLB Cheerleaders for winning District Cheer Award. GBB and BBB are done for the year and JH BBB will be done this next week. Congratulations to the 4 wrestlers that placed at state: Gunner R.- 8<sup>th</sup> place; Weston W.- 5<sup>th</sup> place; Carter M.- 8<sup>th</sup> place and Cale I.- 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Track began March

**8<sup>th</sup> and Softball and Baseball will begin March 22<sup>nd</sup> with Golf beginning March 29<sup>th</sup> and there will be new NDHSAA guidelines for spring sports out soon.**

**Superintendent report: Discussion/updates on enrollment figures, Legislative news, and CREA news. We will keep our CLC program through the REA and want to thank Deb Schwandt for doing a great job running the program. Negotiations must be wrapped up by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Brenda and Josh will be the board representatives for negotiations. Will be holding interviews for the English position next Monday and Tuesday and Social Studies position will be the following week. The Elementary teachers have been moving internally for the next year and we will post the open positions once we are done with internal shifts. The Hayley Sundsbak Memorial Tournament was in Des Lacs last weekend and was a very successful tournament. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped and to our custodians that did a great job getting our building ready for Monday morning.**

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m. in Des Lacs.**

**Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.**

**Jody Askvig, Business Manager**

**Brenda Buri, Board President**