

UNITED PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 07
Regular School Board Meeting
February 21, 2024

Members present Brend Buri, Chad Brown, Jayme Burkhart, and Amy Ralph. Josh Sundsbak was absent. Also present were Superintendent Christopher Bachmeier, Business Manager Jody Askvig, Dean-of-Students/AD Scott Medalen, Elementary Principal Kayla Andersen, Asst. Elementary/JH Principal Josh Brown, Cody Hansen, Austin Miller, Boyd Rakness, Michelle Berg, Jarrod Nelson, Sarah Nelson, Kayla Goetz, Brandi Buee, Justin Buee, Austin Moen, and Steve Ibach.

President Buri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Delegations: Some of the wrestling coaches and parents attended to express concern about the size of the wrestling room and to try to deal with more wrestlers and keep them safe during practice. Other delegates attended to discuss raising funds for bus issues/bus barn. She is letting us know she is willing to help.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Burkhart 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 1-31-24 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Burkhart to accept the reports 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 to approve paying EOM bills numbered 40525-40531, totaling \$10,678.26; GF bills numbered 40532-40581, totaling \$70,471.21; Student Activity bills numbered 30247-30292, totaling \$15,698.88; Hot Lunch bills numbered 10053-10069, totaling \$20,148.08 and Hot Lunch ach bills numbered 1300-1305, totaling \$14,120.96 as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made Burkhart and seconded by Ralph to approve the Fire Protection Agreement with Burlington Rural Fire Protection District as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Brown and seconded by Burkhart to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar with the first day of school being August 21, 2024, and the last day of school being May 22, 2025, as presented. Motion carried.

Principal report: Mrs. Andersen- Elementary hosted Family Night which included literacy, math and steam activities with help from the Magic City Discovery Center and had 56 families attend. Discussion on oral spelling bee, the 100th day of school, wellness week, and 5th grade students to MSU for the science open house. Received a Reading Grant for next year and received a grant for 28 strider bikes for KD students. Mr. Brown- Finalists of our spelling bee are headed to the Ward County Spelling Bee on February 28th and Math Counts attended the regional Math Counts competition at MSU on February 14th and they took 1st place. Two students qualified for state Math Counts in Bismarck. Mr. Medalen- All the seniors are CPR certified and we will start on other grades going forward. Discussion on Rotary lunches, FCCLA competitions, Aspire students to MSU, Variety show, Academic Olympics and sports updates.

Superintendent report: Enrollment figures presented. Discussion on wrestling space concerns: Solution that is the most feasible is moving the existing weight room to the mezzanine and moving another wrestling space to that area, which will double the space they presently have. We will continue to look at options, but this is the solution for now. Need to start getting quotes for a bus barn and look at how we will pay for it. We need to get our buses out of the elements to cut down on maintenance issues. Graduation discussion: We have 6 valedictorians, but only 5 would like to speak at the ceremony. The seniors still would like a keynote speaker. To cut time, we will not have the choir perform during the ceremony and will limit the time of each speaker.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m. in Des Lacs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Jody Askvig, Business Manager

Brenda Buri, Board President